

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 16

All School

Founding Graduates Make History With College Acceptances

Congratulations to the Upper School! The Inaugural Graduating Class of 2022 has made history with St. Francis's first round of college acceptances! In fact, four early applicants have already submitted enrollment deposits to **Baylor, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Mizzou, and Princeton**. In addition, one senior will participate in a Christian gap year program called **Link Year**.

The remaining college decisions should arrive in March, and seniors have until May 1 (the National College Decision Day) to enroll. Thus far, they have received over \$1.2 million in scholarship offers and additional acceptances to the following universities:

Abilene Christian Univ.	Louisiana State Univ.	Texas A&M Univ.
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Loyola Univ. (Chicago)	Texas Tech Univ.
Arizona State Univ.	Lubbock Christian Univ.	Trinity Univ.
Austin College	Lynn Univ.	Univ. of Alabama
Colorado School of Mines	Marymount Manhattan College	Univ. of Arizona
Colorado State Univ.	Parsons School of Design	Univ. of Denver
Fordham Univ.	Saint Louis Univ.	Univ. of Houston
High Point Univ.	Sam Houston State Univ.	Univ. of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
Houston Baptist Univ.	Southwestern Univ.	Univ. of Oklahoma
Indiana Univ. (Bloomington)	Texas State Univ.	Univ. of Texas at Austin

Gala Online Auction Opens Wednesday!

We can't wait to see everyone at Gala! If you haven't yet, be sure to round out your tables and get your tickets!

- In order for our amazing reservations team to get you seated in the perfect spot, we ask you to **please register by this Friday, January 21**. [Click here](#) to get your tickets today!
- **The online silent auction starts at noon this Wednesday, January 19**. [Click here](#) to register and to browse for trips, sports tickets, home items, dining and spa packages, family experiences, and so much more. Several items are still being added and updated.

PS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days + Volunteers Needed!

Primary School Grandparents and Grandfriends Days are scheduled for February 10 and 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Crum Gymnasium on Couper Campus. Please [click here](#) to register your grandparents and grandfriends.

- On Thursday, February 10, we will host Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for all Primary II classes, Mrs. Oteiza's Tuesday/Thursday Pre-Primary class, and Mrs. Meriwether's Pre-Primary class.
- On Friday, February 11, we will welcome grandparents and grandfriends for all Primary I classes, Mrs. Britton's Pre-Primary class, Mrs. Lawhon's Pre-Primary class, and Mrs. Oteiza's Monday/Wednesday/Friday Pre-Primary class.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers to help at PS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days. **Please [click here](#) to sign up**. Thank you!

SFE Commemorative Cookbook—Submit Your Recipes Today!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's filled with good eats and drinks! Was there a particular dish or drink that was a hit with the holiday crowd? If so, we want to know! Please consider taking time to submit a recipe to help make our SFE commemorative cookbook one to cherish for all ages and stages. Opportunities to preorder are coming soon. [Click here to submit a recipe](#).

Special Delivery From St. Francis

Parents, you should have received a special package in the mail from St. Francis this past week! If you do not receive the package by tomorrow, January 17, please contact your division office.

Join Us for White Out Night This Friday

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School Girls' Basketball team as they take on Faith West Academy this Friday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym. We'll have plenty of swag and refreshments ready to help you support the home team. We hope to see you there!

Spirit Store: Items Added Recently!

Visit the 2021–22 online [Spirit Store](#). (Password: wolves)

- **We've recently added JOGGERS with pockets, beanies, and stock for youth quarter-zips.**
- In-stock items are pre-decorated, available for purchase online, and have a fast delivery time.
- While the global manufacturing supply chain continues to face challenges, we are slowly seeing the return of inventory. We appreciate your continued patience.

PRO TIPS!

- The store link works best with a Google Chrome browser, and will stay open and active until May.
- Families have two options for receiving purchases. (Delivery for both options will take around 10–14 business days.)
 - **Delivery to school to your student's homeroom teacher or advisor.**
 - **Shipped to your address.**

There are **no returns or exchanges**, so be sure to check out the size charts to order the correct size. Please email [Christie Crummel](#) to coordinate access to samples.

COVID Dashboard

St. Francis is updating the following COVID Dashboard weekly to track the number of active cases and total year-to-date cases for students and faculty/staff. This dashboard can also be found on the Parent Portal.

COVID Dashboard	
STUDENTS	FACULTY/STAFF
ACTIVE Cases	ACTIVE Cases
Total Active COVID+ Students	Total Active COVID+ Faculty/Staff
28	6
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
86	32

*Updated 1/14/22 at 9:00 a.m.

Support the Home Team!

The Athletics Booster Club invites you to come out and support our Wolves at this week's home games. We will be selling concessions at all games—most items are \$1. Exact change is much appreciated. [Click here](#) and scroll down to see the game schedule for the week.

Primary School

From the Division Head

In Primary School, we celebrate being *people for others*. This Friday, January 21, Primary School will be hosting the Barker's Pajamarama pajama party. Children may wear their pajamas to school on that day and will participate in special classroom activities and an ingathering to collect new pajamas and books for [Arms Wide Adoption Services](#). This organization provides pajamas and books to children in foster care to help create a warm and nurturing bedtime ritual. The pajama ingathering is named after Dianne Barker, head of Primary School from 1992–2008, who started the tradition of inviting students to wear pajamas to school once a year while collecting pajamas and books to donate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BARKER'S PAJAMARAMA

- The Primary School Barker's Pajamarama is this Friday, January 21.
- All Primary School children may wear pajamas to school on Friday, January 21.
- To participate in the ingathering, please place one pair of new pajamas and one new book in the plastic bag that came home in your child's blue tote.
- On the label attached to the bag, please indicate the age and gender of the child who should receive the pajamas and book. (Please try to coordinate the book and pajamas: For example, pajamas for a four-year-old girl should accompany a book that would likely appeal to a four-year-old girl.)
- Bags containing the pajamas and book may be brought to school this Tuesday, January 18, through this Friday, January 21.

Warmly,

Kenyetta Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

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Option to Watch Primary School Chapel Via Zoom

If your child is doing something special in Chapel and you can't make it, or if you would rather watch via livestream, here is the Zoom information that will enable you to join us:

- **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81805974118?pwd=eFVGQ1IIS1U4WTc3RzNJeEFDVm9Udz09>
- **Password:** pschapel

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 17

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* No school
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Tuesday, January 18

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.
 - *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering Begins*
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Wednesday, January 19

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering*
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Thursday, January 20

- *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering*
 - *2-Day Pre-Primary Pajamarama in Class: Students only*
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Friday, January 21

- *Primary School Pajamarama Ingathering Ends*
 - *Barker's Pajamarama Pajama Party (Students Only): Students may wear pajamas to school*
 - *White Out Night: 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball team vs. Faith West Academy*
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Monday, January 24

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
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Tuesday, January 25

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, January 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
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Thursday, January 27

- *Fathers and Friends for 2-Day and 5-Day Pre-Primary: 8:15 a.m.*

Friday, January 28

- *Fathers and Friends for 3-Day Pre-Primary: 8:15 a.m.*
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Monday, January 31

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you are having a nice weekend! This week, I wanted you to hear a bit about home practice. This is an extension of our classroom instruction and student learning. Please read below to see how this looks in first grade and across grade levels. Enjoy your Monday off in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Kindly,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

From the First-Grade Teachers

Now that we are back from the Christmas break, we want to draw your attention to the benefits of home practice in Lower School. Home practice reinforces the skills and concepts taught in the classroom and promotes retention and automaticity of the concept, skill, and content taught. When children complete home practice, they begin building both independence related to skills learned in class and positive work habits, which promotes self-sufficiency.

The types of home practice activities that are assigned in first grade include the following:

- Working with “snap” words in isolation
- Math skill practice
- DreamBox online math learning

These home-practice activities are similar in all of our Lower School grade levels.

Please remember that children should engage in 20 minutes of reading each night in addition to their home practice. Your child can listen to an adult reading a good book to

them or can read to you. Asking questions and having a conversation with your child about what was read is helpful in developing comprehension. Home practice helps children strengthen their academic skills. It is important to prioritize and practice daily so your child won't fall behind in academic areas. Maintaining consistency with home-practice routines will help encourage independence and prepare students for the years to come.

All the best,

Karen Shindler, Kim Wiley-Jules, Courtney Breeding, Laretta DuByne
First-Grade Teachers

Option to Watch Lower School Chapel Via Zoom

If your child is doing something special in Chapel and you can't make it, or if you would rather watch via livestream, here is the Zoom information that will enable you to join us:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87806314875>
- **Password:** chapel

This Thursday: Let's Get Loud at Lower School Night!

Lower School families are invited to cheer on our Upper School Varsity Boys' Basketball team this Thursday, January 20, in the Piney Point Gym. Join us for ice cream sundaes before the game and for a fun halftime performance. See the invitation below for details, and [RSVP here](#).



Join Us for White Out Night This Friday

Calling all Wolves! Put on your brightest white shirt and come out to cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball team as they take on Faith West Academy this Friday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym. We'll have plenty of swag and refreshments ready to help you support the home team. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date: Step Forward Meeting for Grades 4–5

Join us for the Grade 4–5 Step Forward Meeting on Monday, January 24, at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 17

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* School closed
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Wednesday, January 19

- *Fourth-Grade Student Step Forward:* In classrooms
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Thursday, January 20

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating January 16–22 birthdays
 - *Lower School Night (Piney Point Campus)*
 - 6:15 p.m.—Ice cream sundaes in the Dining Hall
 - 7:00 p.m.—Varsity Boys' Basketball game begins in Piney Point Gym
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Friday, January 21

- *White Out Night:* 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball team vs. Faith West Academy
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Monday, January 24

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating January 16–29 birthdays
 - *Step Forward Meeting for Grades 4–5:* 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Thursday, January 27

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating January 23–29 birthdays
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Monday, January 31

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating January 30–February 5 birthdays
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Wednesday, February 2

- *Late Start Day:* 10:00 a.m. classes will begin
 - *100th Day of School!*
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Thursday, February 3

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating January 30–February 5 Birthdays
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Monday, February 7

- *Chapel for Grades 3–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating February 6–12 birthdays
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Thursday, February 10

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating February 6–12 Birthdays

Middle School

From the Division Head

I hope that you were able to join us for the town hall session hosted by Mr. Lovejoy this week. The presentation covered a broad range of topics relevant to all families at St. Francis, including some information about plans for the Middle School in 2022–23.

As a follow-up to the town hall, we are hosting a Middle School parent event this Wednesday, January 19, at 7:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room. In this session, we will take a focused look at updates to Middle School academics, the schedule and school day, advanced academic programming, and more. I hope you will be able to join us in person for the meeting. For those who are not able to attend, please check next week's *Wolf Watch* for a link to a video of the meeting.

Warm regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Dress Code Reminder: All Outerwear Must Be From St. Francis

The last few weeks have been cold inside and outside, and we have tried to show grace to students who needed to add layers. However, our dress code is clear that all outerwear must be from St. Francis. If a student is seen wearing outerwear that is not from SFES, we will ask them to remove it. If you believe your child needs an exception to this expectation, please [email Marion Tolon](mailto:marion.tolon@stfrancis.org) (Coach T) for a conversation.

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- **Password:** chapel

Buy Yearbook Ads This Week!

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A Note About Upcoming Parent Meetings

We have two Middle School parent meetings scheduled this month. Please mark your calendars as follows:

- **MS Parent Meeting Regarding the 2022–23 School Year:** Wednesday, January 19, at 7:45–8:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
- **Step Forward Meeting for Grades 4–5:** Monday, January 24, at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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Monday, January 17

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* School closed
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Tuesday, January 18

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Girls/Grade 7 Boys and Girls):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *No Morning Tutorials Due to MS Division Meeting*
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Wednesday, January 19

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Boys):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *MS Parent Meeting Regarding 2022–23 School Year:* 7:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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Thursday, January 20

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Bible Studies (Grade 6 Boys and Girls):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
- *Chapel for Grades 5–6:* 10:05–10:30 a.m.
- *Winter Pep Rally (Students Only)*

Friday, January 21

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear With **Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans** (No Athletic Shorts)*
- *Bible Studies (Grade 5 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
- *White Out Night: 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball team vs. Faith West Academy*

Monday, January 24

- *Dress Uniform*
- *Chapel for Grades 7–8: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
- *Step Forward Meeting for Grades 4–5: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, January 25

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Girls/Grade 7 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
- *No Morning Tutorials Due to MS Division Meeting*

Wednesday, January 26

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Boys): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*

Thursday, January 27

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 6 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Chapel for Grades 5–6: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
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Friday, January 28

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear With **Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans** (No Athletic Shorts)*
- *Bible Studies (Grade 5 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
- *Grade 8 vs. Faculty Basketball Game (Students Only)*

Upper School

From the Division Head

This week, I would like to follow up on some of the new hires in the Upper School that Mr. Lovejoy mentioned in his St. Francis Connections presentation this past Thursday.

One of the advantages to being a growing division means welcoming new faculty to our school. For next year, we are excited to add three new positions: an English teacher, a computer science and STEAM teacher, and a director of post-secondary success.

ENGLISH TEACHER

This year, Dr. Jones has been living in two worlds—teaching music and choir, as well as teaching sophomore and senior English. Having a dedicated English teacher will allow us to further expand our music offerings under Dr. Jones, while at the same time adding new English courses. We are excited to continue to grow our senior elective options, to add a creative writing class for all students, and to complement AP English Literature (senior year) with AP English Language (junior year).

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND STEAM TEACHER

Having a dedicated computer science and STEAM teacher means that we will be able to teach not only basic computer science courses such as introductory programming and html/website design, but also yearlong, dedicated programming courses. Ideally, in the next couple of years, we will be able to prepare students for advanced courses such as AP Computer Science A.

DIRECTOR OF POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS

For many years, schools have run senior projects or capstones. These have been around for a long time. Sometimes they involve internships or special projects, which offer students a chance to sample the world beyond the classroom. St. Francis's Upper School design team had originally planned for a director of internships and entrepreneurship with this very purpose in mind. In conversations with our administrative team, we have decided to alter this model to address a trend we are seeing in the life of students after high school—a precipitous drop in college-graduation rates.

Here are a few data points to consider:

- 40 percent of students who have matriculated into college never enter college, also known as the so-called “summer melt.”
- Of those who actually enter college, only 59 percent graduate within six years. What causes students to drop out?
 - 10% academic reasons
 - 31% financial reasons
 - **53% personal reasons**

In short, the most common reason for students dropping out of college has been their inability to handle life on their own. Recent research has also pointed out that since COVID-19, our students are even more likely to suffer from anxiety and mental illness.

The director of post-secondary success would be tasked to work primarily with seniors, but also tangentially with our ninth through eleventh graders, especially in the advisory program. The primary goal would be to prepare our students for success after graduation. For most of our students, this means college—but not necessarily for all of our students. A robust senior program which prepares students for the next level would help build those skills of resilience and independence that empower our students to take that next step on their own. Naturally, for many, this would involve developing their entrepreneurial skills and participating in internships. Students would be strong stakeholders in designing their senior year and should their passions and interests look to explore career paths, job shadows would be an integral part of their experience. Some may develop unique, creative projects. We would also build “life-ready” seminars that address important topics such as “mental health,” “financial literacy,” and “the job interview.”

We are very excited about this opportunity and how we can best serve our students to step forward into that important part of their lives after graduation.

All the best,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Pajamara Ingathering Is This Week

All donations to this week's pajama ingathering will benefit [Arms Wide Adoption Services](#), an organization that supports foster children awaiting permanent homes. A few guidelines to remember:

WHAT SHOULD YOU DONATE?

Choose from the following personal items, in travel size or regular size: brushes and combs, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, underwear, baby wipes, pull-ups, and diapers.

WHERE SHOULD YOU DONATE?

Place items in the designated boxes in Crum Gym Lobby.

WHEN CAN YOU BRING YOUR DONATION?

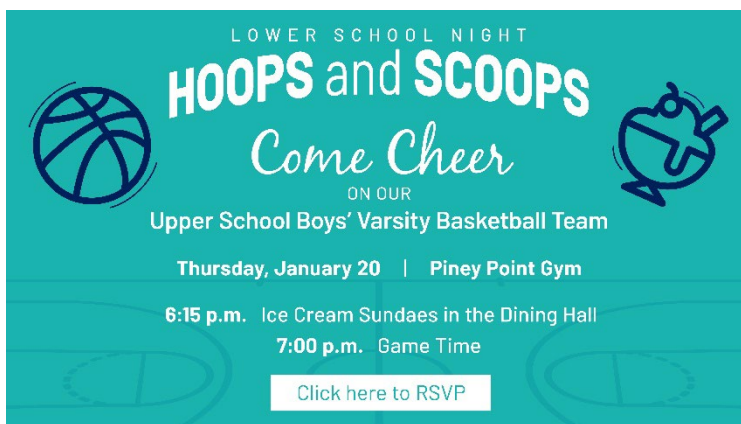
Donate items this week, between Tuesday, January 18, and Friday, January 21.

January 20: Coffee With the Head of Upper School

Mr. Addington would love to have you join him for Coffee With the Head of Upper School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. this Thursday, January 20, in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus. Parents are invited to listen to a short presentation on what is new in the Upper School. There will be time afterward to ask questions.

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Winter Social Dance Is This Saturday

Our Winter Social is scheduled for **Saturday, January 22**. The dance will be held in the **Crum Gym** on Couper Campus from **8:00 to 10:30 p.m.** This is not a formal occasion. Students are encouraged to dress to the theme or come casual.

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Tuesday, January 18

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Pajamarama Ingathering (All Week)*
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Wednesday, January 19

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.
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Thursday, January 20

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Coffee With the Head of Upper School*: 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus
 - *Lower School Night (Piney Point Campus)*
 - 6:15 p.m.—Ice cream sundaes in the Dining Hall
 - 7:00 p.m.—Varsity Boys’ Basketball game begins in Piney Point Gym
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Friday, January 21

- *“A” Day*
- *Upper School Pajamarama Day*: Students wear pajamas
- *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.

- *White Out Night*: 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus; wear a white shirt and come cheer on the Upper School Girls' Basketball team vs. Faith West Academy
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Saturday, January 22

- *Winter Social Dance*: 6:30–8:30 p.m.; held outside of Crum Gym
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Monday, January 24

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Sports Begin*
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Tuesday, January 25

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Wednesday, January 26

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.
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Thursday, January 27

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular School Uniform*
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Friday, January 28

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular School Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.

- *Upper School Dance Concert—"Gotta Dance":* 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Piney Point Campus

Church

Special Speaker—"Children, Teens, and Tech"

Parents of children and teens should attend this event! Mark your calendars to attend "Children, Teens, and Tech" on Sunday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room. Our guest speaker, Deborah Berry, is the author of *The Tech Trap: A Mom's Fight for Her Daughter in a World of Modern Technology*. Mrs. Berry spent her adult years being a devoted wife and mother. Her heart's desire has been to raise her children to be loving, productive, and contributing members of society—every parent's dream. As she continued researching for and developing *The Tech Trap*, Mrs. Berry's mission evolved to include equipping parents with knowledge and awareness of the strangers who seek to gain a connection with their child through technology. Mrs. Berry graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in journalism, and currently lives in Texas with her family.

Spring First Communion Classes Start January 23

First Communion classes begin Sunday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. in room CE207. This five-week course is designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist. It culminates on First Communion Sunday, March 6. For further details, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Save the Date: 'Conversation on Crime' Is January 24

Join Citizens United Against Crime for a "Conversation on Crime" on Monday, January 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. Hosted by Village mayors Jim Pappas (Hunters Creek), Robert Lord (Bunker Hill), and Mark Kobelan (Piney Point), this event also features Crime Stoppers and the Memorial Villages Police Department.

Join Us for Scout Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their leaders at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 30. All Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

Confirmation Class Orientation Is January 30

The Confirmation Class ice cream social and orientation for eighth graders will be held Sunday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. To sign up, please email [Cindy Hutson](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

The Bishop Is Visiting on February 6

Mark your calendars to come listen to The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, bishop assistant in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, on Sunday, February 6. He will be preaching and completing confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. service, and will preach at the 11:00 a.m. service. Let's show Bishop Monterroso our spirit and welcome him to St. Francis!

In-Person Worship

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. We also offer an evening Eucharist on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all those who are ready to return. For those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship, we will continue to livestream our worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Access the livestream via our church [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), or [Facebook page](#). Instructions for livestreaming are included at the bottom of this section.

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study (Resumes This Month)

There are now two opportunities each week to attend the **SFES Moms' Bible Study!** The group will meet on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. (starting January 18) in classroom CE212 and on Fridays at noon (starting January 21) at the Houston Racquet Club. The new study will be "Elijah: Faith and Fire." Both studies will be led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

A Note About GLOW

Middle schoolers are invited to join Mrs. Devlin for GLOW (God Lights Our Way) monthly, beginning in January. The kids will volunteer for different organizations each month. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for further details.

Join Mrs. Devlin for In-Person Let It Shine!

Join Mrs. Devlin each Sunday for in-person Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout. All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate.

High School Bible Study: Next Meeting Is January 26

The high school Bible study resumes on Wednesday, January 26, with a new study on the parables of Jesus. The group will meet monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston Racquet Club for dinner and Bible study. All high schoolers are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Calling All Musicians—We Are Back!

All those who missed sitting with your peers in the Assisi Choir and playing instruments

at the 11:00 a.m. service, we are coming back together! If you have ever sung in a choir, thought about singing in a choir, or played an instrument, now is the time to join us.

- Assisi Choir practice rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the church.
- Instrumentalists are invited to join in a small rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in the church.
- The Praise Choir and Band meets to rehearse Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the church.
- If you have a love of singing or playing, please [contact Richard Keith](#).

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

Memorial Assistance Ministries let us know that your generous donations have been helping to keep the organization's pantry well supplied. Thank you! They do still have some urgent needs, so if you are able to help, please consider donating the following items:

- Laundry detergent
- Size 6 diapers

For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via email](#) or at 713.859.1448.

Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

The Fair Haven Food Pantry has been providing food to help people in the Spring Branch/Memorial area since 1975.

- Now operating under a client-choice model, **the pantry needs friendly volunteers** to help clients shop for their families, restock shelves, and assist with registration. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another, and as we serve others, we are serving Christ.
 - To volunteer, please [click here](#).
- **January Food Collection Item:** Canned chili
 - Thank you for not donating any glass containers or expired items.
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#).

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the "Prayer Requests" link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](#). Please feel free to submit prayer requests for yourself or for someone you know. All prayer requests are confidential and will not be added to the spoken prayer list, but will be prayed for by our staff and Pastoral Care Council over two months.

Upcoming Bible Studies at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following Bible studies, either in-person, via Zoom, or both. To join a Zoom event listed below, please click the provided link or copy and paste it into your web browser's address bar. Then, enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m. (Beginning January 19)
 - **Study:** New Study on Acts of the Apostles
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *To participate, email Louise Richman.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Hebrews and St. Augustine's Enchiridion
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (Exception: On the second Tuesday of each month, the group meets in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.)
- Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is February 8**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Study:** Simply Good News
 - **Location:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Acts of the Apostles
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213782442>
 - Meeting ID: 842 1378 2442
 - Passcode: 1c6HEL

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Book of Revelations
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room (St. Francis Episcopal School)
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81068388948>
 - Meeting ID: 810 6838 8948
 - Passcode: 767200

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS—BIBLE STUDIES AND MEETINGS

- Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 p.m. (**Monthly; resumes January 26**)

- **Meeting:** High School Dinner and Bible Study
- **Study:** New Study on the Parables of Jesus
- **Location:** Houston Racquet Club
- **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **In-Person Meeting Place:** The Bride's Room
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 05741
- Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner (\$10 per person)
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** Church and Wheatcroft Parish Hall
- Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **In-Person Meeting Place:** The Bride's Room
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Thursdays at 6:15–6:45 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session (We read Scripture and go through a prayer cycle of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.)
 - **Contact:** [Heather Burkhart](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79725936159>
 - **Meeting ID:** 797 2593 6159
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Spiritual Enrichment
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** The Bride's Room

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream

If you would like to join St. Francis Episcopal Church's 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday service via livestream, here's how to watch:

1. Open an Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—sfch.org.
2. Click on the "Watch Live Stream Worship Services" button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available. If you prefer to watch from Facebook or YouTube, click on the links to go to those streaming servers.

Prelude music will begin on the livestream 10 minutes before the service to allow time for your connection and your inspiration. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on [St. Francis's YouTube channel](#).