

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of May 1

All School

A Special Thanks From Our Festival Chairs

Festival's 50th birthday party was one to remember! Our loving community came together, and we were blessed with glorious weather for a fun-filled day of entertaining booths, tasty treats, and games. Once again, a huge shout-out of thanks to all our amazing Festival sponsors, underwriters, booth supporters, and volunteers. Without you, this event wouldn't have been possible!

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OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS

Lauren Wuertz, Nicole Ali, Jacqui Mackel, Rita Pace, Kady van Hook—**Pick-a-Chop**
Leigh Williams—**Bake Sale**
Arthur Donnelly, James Breau—**Dads' Grill**
Laurie Mariner and Marissa Womble—**Iced Tea and Lemonade**

A very special shout-out to our sextons, all of our faculty and staff—and all the wonderful Festival volunteers in between! Our volunteers truly are the heartbeat of this event, and we are so grateful for your donations of time and energy.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this awesome St. Francis tradition!

Check out all the colorful photos of the day [here](#). (Use password **sfe** to view the gallery.)

Sincerely,

Rory Bellow and Barbara Steen
2022 Festival Chairs

May 20: Deadline for SFPO Check Requests

All check requests for St. Francis Parents Association expenses must be given to the SFPO treasurer, Annie Hartigan, by Friday, May 20. You may leave them in the SFPO box near the front desk or get them to Annie directly.

Volunteers Needed for Final Art Changeout of the Year

Friends of Fine Arts needs your help on **Wednesday, May 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Have you ever wondered who changes all the beautiful student artwork on display at St. Francis? It's parent volunteers just like you!

This is a fun time with 12 to 14 parents working in teams.

- What do we need to do? Clean the acrylic frames, install the new art pieces, and carefully return the old art pieces so they may be distributed back to students.
- No prior experience is necessary—anyone can help. If you would like to assist with this art changeout, please use [this SignUpGenius link](#).

With questions, please [email Rita Pace](#).

From the Nurse: Stay Hydrated!

With temperatures increasing into the upper 80's and lower 90's, it's a good time to remind your children to be drinking plenty of water. [Here is a good article](#) on some surprising benefits to children when they stay well-hydrated.

Greetings and Farewells

Sandy August missed her St. Francis family so much, she returned on Friday, April 29! We are thrilled that she is once again part of the advancement team, where she will focus on development and communication initiatives.

Senior Celebration Day: Wear College Gear on May 10

As a college-preparatory school, we want to celebrate our seniors by inviting community members to wear their college gear on Tuesday, May 10. Seniors will be on both campuses rehearsing for Baccalaureate and Commencement, while sporting their college garb—we invite all our St. Francis families to do the same! Please note that students may opt for St. Francis Spirit Wear on May 10, if they prefer.

Summer on the Point—NEW Camp

A new camp has been added to our upcoming Summer on the Point offerings!

Camp: Field Hockey for Middle School Girls

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 26–Friday, July 29; 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Coach: Brittany Hawkins

Grades: 5-8

Cost: \$150

Please join us for a week of field hockey fun on the Couper Campus Turf Field! Participants will be learning a range of field hockey skills and tactics. This camp will consist of field hockey drills, games, and development stations. Our goal is to provide young athletes with the opportunity to learn more about the game and to grow as players. All campers will need goggles, a mouth guard, and a stick.

A Note From the SFPO: Please Contribute to the End-of-Year Teacher Gift!

Twice a year, the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) asks each family to contribute toward teacher and staff appreciation gifts. Both at Christmas and at the end of the school year, the SFPO provides monetary gifts to each and every person employed by St. Francis.

All teachers, staff, sextons, Dining Hall personnel, police officers, full-and part-time coaches, and Explore & Extend after-school teachers are included and recognized. The

funds raised are distributed evenly to all employees—including those working part-time—as Christmas and end-of-year bonuses.

These gifts help the entire parent community show its appreciation, while honoring the *School Handbook* policy that prohibits the purchase or solicitation of individual gifts for faculty and staff.

- **To make a contribution, please [click here](#).**
- If you would prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to the St. Francis Parents Organization; write “End-of-Year Gift” in the memo section; and drop it in the Parents Organization Box in the front office of the Piney Point Campus.
- All contributions must be received by Sunday, May 15.
- We hope to have participation from all of our St. Francis families this year to provide the teachers and staff with a wonderful start to their summer vacations!

Volunteers Needed to Tidy Lost and Found Closet

Volunteers are needed to tidy up the lost and found closet on the Piney Point Campus.

- Please [click here](#) to sign up.
- If you would like to volunteer at a different time, that's not a problem. Simply contact [Christie Crummel](#) to coordinate.

This Friday: Last Parents' Night Out of the School Year

Join us for the last Parents' Night Out of the school year this Friday, May 6. It will be an evening full of fun! We'll celebrate the coming of summer and longer daylight hours with some outdoor water activities (participants will need a change of clothing, but not bathing suits), pizza, an ice cream sundae bar, art activities, Nerf wars, and more.

- Primary II through grade 8 are welcome on Piney Point Campus from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., and Pre-Primary through Primary II are welcome on Couper Campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- The cost is \$35 per child.
- To reserve a spot, please contact our [Explore and Extend Office](#).

Place Spirit Store Orders by May 8

The St. Francis Episcopal School Spirit Store will close Sunday, May 8, at midnight to ensure delivery before the last day of school. The store will reopen in early August 2022.

- **Link:** https://stores.inksoft.com/STFRANCIS_HTX_SPIRITSTORE/shop/home
- **Password:** wolves

We will be selling Spirit Wear in person on Friday, May 6, in the People Place on Piney Point Campus. New families may purchase between 10:00 and 11:45 a.m., and the sale will open to the entire community between 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

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
1	0
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
138	49

*Updated 04/28/22 at 1:00 p.m.

Primary School

From the Assistant Head of School

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With gratitude,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School

PS Start and End Times Stay the Same for 2022–23

Please note that Primary School classes will start and end at the same times next year, as follows:

- **Start Time:** 8:15 a.m.
- **End Time:** 2:30 p.m.

With any questions about Primary School's schedule for next school year, please reach out to the division office.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 2

- *Last Primary School Open Library of the School Year:* 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library
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Tuesday, May 3

- *Chapel (Primary II Bible Presentation):* 9:30 a.m. in Crum Athletics Center
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Wednesday, May 4

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Britton's class and Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day and 3-Day classes
- *Primary II Visits Piney Point Campus for STEAM Fair*

Thursday, May 5

- *Explore and Extend Primary I and Primary II Ballet Showcase:* 6:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Piney Point Campus

Sunday, May 8

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Tuesday, May 10

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class

Wednesday, May 11

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Britton's class and Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class

Thursday, May 12

- *Splash Day:* For students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Lawhon's class, Mrs. Meriwether's class, and Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class

Friday, May 13

- *Splash Day:* For students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Britton's class and Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class
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Tuesday, May 17

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class
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Wednesday, May 18

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Britton's class and Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class
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Monday, May 23

- *Primary I End-of-Year Party:* 1:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 24

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class
 - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party:* 1:30 p.m.; for students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class
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Wednesday, May 25

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Britton's class and Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class
 - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party:* 1:30 p.m.; for students in Mrs. Britton's class and Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class
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Thursday, May 26

- *Primary II End-of-Year Party:* 1:00 p.m.
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Friday, May 27

- *Last Day of School:* Early dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

Lower School

From the Assistant Head of School

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With gratitude,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School

Changes to LS Start and End Times for 2022–23

For the 2022–23 school year, Lower School will be making slight changes to the time classes start and end, as follows:

- **Morning:**
 - Start Time: 8:15 a.m.
- **Afternoon:**
 - Kindergarten: 3:05 p.m.

- First Grade: 3:15 p.m.
- Second Grade: 3:25 p.m.
- Third Grade: 3:35 p.m.
- Fourth Grade: 3:45 p.m.

With questions about Lower School's new schedule for next school year, please reach out to the division office.

2022–23 School Supplies: Online Ordering Now Available

School supplies may now be ordered online for the 2022–23 school year. [Click here](#) and enter your division's ID code in the box provided to order.

SCHOOL SUPPLY CODES

- To order for LOWER SCHOOL, enter the code STF001
- To order for MIDDLE SCHOOL, enter the code STF018
- The deadline to order is Sunday, June 12, 2022.
- Supplies will be delivered to your child's homeroom/advisory prior to the first day of school.
- Please contact [Stefanie Carper](#) if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 2

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating May 1–7 birthdays (for grades 3–4)
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Tuesday, May 3

- *Lower School Field Day (Grades 3–4):* 8:30–10:30 a.m.; student-only event; send a change of clothes with your child
 - *Ice Cream Party for St. Francis Fund Participation (Grades 3–4):* Student-only event
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Wednesday, May 4

- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *STEAM Fair (K–4):* All day; student-only event
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Thursday, May 5

- *Teacher Appreciation Day*
 - *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating May 1–7 birthdays (for grades K–2)
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Friday, May 6

- *Grade 4 OLE Trip: 7:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.*
 - *St. Francis 101 for New Incoming Families: 9:30–11:00 a.m.* in the Fine Arts Center
 - *[UPDATED] Lower School Field Day for Grades K–2: 8:30–10:00 a.m.*; student-only event; send a change of clothes with your child
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Sunday, May 8

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Monday, May 9

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating May 8–14 birthdays (for grades 3–4)
 - *Lower School Kindergarten Celebration of Learning: Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **Masini/Senchuk:** 11:45–12:15 p.m.
 - **Carl/Arminton:** 1:15–1:45 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 10

- *Parent Meeting for Rising Grades K–1 ("Help Your Child Over the Summer"):* 8:30–9:15 a.m. in Crum Library
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Thursday, May 12

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating May 8–14 birthdays (for grades K–2)
 - *Parent Meeting for Rising Grades 2–4 ("Avoiding the Summer Slide")*: 9:00–9:45 a.m. via Zoom
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Friday, May 13

- *Kindergarten Field Trip to Levy Park*: 8:30–11:00 a.m.
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Monday, May 16

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating May 15–28 birthdays (for grades K–4)
 - *Fourth-Grade Postcards From the Past*: Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Nelson/Hardee**: 10:00–10:45 a.m.
 - **Nguyen/Rossy**: 2:00–2:45 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 18

- **The Little Mermaid JR.** (*Lower School Matinee*)
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Thursday, May 19

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating May 28–31 and month of June birthdays (for grades K–4)
 - *Third-Grade Metric Olympics (Goehringer and Johnston)*: 9:30–10:45 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
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Friday, May 20

- *Third-Grade Metric Olympics (Gonzalez and Womack)*: 9:30–10:45 a.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall

Middle School

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Changes to MS Start and End Times for 2022–23

For the 2022–23 school year, Middle School will be making slight changes to the time classes start and end, as follows:

- **Morning:**
 - Start Time: 7:45 a.m.
- **Afternoon:**
 - Athletics Dismissal: 3:20 p.m.
 - Fifth-Grade Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.

With questions about Middle School's new schedule for next school year, please reach out to the division office.

Middle School Athletics Update

Students in grades 6–8 who are not scheduled with Fine Arts rehearsals or class trips should attend Fall Preview activities daily from 3:05 to 3:45 p.m. All students will meet for practice or activities with coaches after school during this time. Carpool pickup will be at 3:50 p.m. from the Piney Point Campus Dining Hall location.

PRESEASON PRACTICE START DATES

Looking ahead to the 2022–23 athletics seasons, please note that preseason practices will begin on the dates listed below. Sport-specific details will be communicated prior to the end of the school year.

- **August 3:** Football
- **August 8:** Boys and Girls Volleyball, Coed Cross-Country, Field Hockey

SURVEY LINK FOR RISING SIXTH, SEVENTH, AND EIGHTH GRADERS

Rising sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, sign up for 2022–23 sports! Each family should complete one survey ([link here](#)) for each of their students. These sport selections are very helpful for planning purposes. Students in grades 6–8 must sign up for a sport or a Middle School Physical Education class for each season.

Submit Community Service Hours by May 4

To be eligible for recognition during our People for Others Chapel, community service hours must be submitted to the Middle School Office by Wednesday, May 4. Students have until May 27 to complete service hours counted toward this school year, but these hours will not be part of the recognition Chapel.

- Students who complete 25, 50, 75, or 100 hours of service during this school year will receive a certificate of recognition.
- If you still need to submit service hours, you may do so by completing the People for Others Form available on the Parent Portal under “Division Resources” or in the Middle School Office.
- If you have any questions regarding service hours, please call the Middle School Office at 713.458.6140.

Athletics Physicals for Returning Students Are May 18

St. Francis will be providing on-campus athletics physicals for returning students on Wednesday, May 18. Please be on the lookout for the information packet that will be sent home with your student in the coming days. If you have any questions, please contact [Jamie Platt](#).

WEB: Applications for Leadership Due Tomorrow

We are now accepting applications for 2022–23 WEB Leaders! WEB (Where Everybody Belongs!) is our Middle School transition program for incoming fifth graders. This is an exciting way to introduce students to Middle School while teaming them up with select eighth-grade WEB Leaders, who serve as mentors throughout the school year.

Current seventh graders are invited to apply to become WEB Leaders for their eighth-grade year. A parent's signature is required, acknowledging that the applicant is available to attend the mandatory training dates, should he or she be selected. **The deadline to apply is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2. No late applications will be accepted.** Students may contact Mr. Knesek to pick up an application, ask questions, or get more information.

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 2–Thursday, May 5

- *Eighth-Grade Trip to Boston*
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Monday, May 2

- *Dress Uniform (Grades 5–7)*
 - *Chapel: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
 - *WEB Applications Due by 3:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, May 3

- *Regular Uniform (Grades 5 and 6)*
- *Special Dress (Grade 7)*

- *Seventh-Grade Signature Event (Medieval Faire)*: Click [here](#) for more information
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 7 Boys and Girls)*: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Wednesday, May 4

- *Regular Uniform (Grades 5–7)*
 - *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Advanced Academics Testing*
 - 7:15 a.m.—Math assessment check-in (The People Place)
 - 7:30 a.m.—Math in-house assessment
 - 8:30 a.m.—English assessment check-in (The People Place)
 - 8:50 a.m.—English in-house assessment
 - *STEAM Fair*: Student-only event
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Thursday, May 5

- *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*: 10:05–10:30 a.m.
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Friday, May 6

- *No Classes for Grade 8*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear With Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans (No Athletics Shorts or Leggings)*
 - *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
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- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*
 - *People for Others Recognition in Chapel*
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Tuesday, May 10

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 7 Boys and Girls): 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway*
 - *Middle School Field Day: 2:00–3:45 p.m.; student-only event*
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Wednesday, May 11

- *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*
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Thursday, May 12

- ***Special Schedule***
 - ***Dress 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*
 - *Middle School Awards: 11:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center; student-only event*
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Friday, May 13

- *SFES Spirit Wear With **Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans** (No Athletics Shorts or Leggings)*
 - *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*
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Monday, May 16

- *Chapel Honoring Eighth Graders: 10:05–10:30 a.m.*

Wednesday, May 18

- *Lower School Matinee of **The Little Mermaid JR.**: Student-only event*
- *Middle School Physicals*
- *Eighth-Grade AALC Jackson Pollock Project*

Thursday, May 19

- *Middle School Matinee of **The Little Mermaid JR.**: Student-only event*

Friday, May 20

- **The Little Mermaid JR.:** 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center

Monday, May 23–Thursday, May 26

- *Middle School Exam Week: More information [here](#)*

Monday, May 23

- *Eucharist Chapel*
- *Review Day*

Tuesday, May 24

- *Special Schedule and Early Dismissal for Grades 7 and 8 at 12:30 p.m.*
- *Exams*
 - **Review Rotations**
 - **History**

Wednesday, May 25

- *Special Schedule and Early Dismissal for Grades 7 and 8 at 12:30 p.m.*
- *Exams*

- **English**
 - **Science**
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Thursday, May 26

- *Special Schedule and Early Dismissal for All MS at 12:30 p.m.*
- *Exams*
 - **Math**
 - **Spanish**
- *Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony and Video*

Upper School

From the Assistant Head of School

One of the joys of being an educator is watching the growth that takes place in our students every year. Throughout my years at St. Francis, I have had the privilege of interacting with every age group—Primary through Upper School. As Head of Primary School, I watched our students' extraordinary growth from two to four years of age. In my time as Assistant Head of School, I have spent much of my time on Piney Point Campus, where I have watched our Lower Schoolers grow into pre-teens, gaining confidence and independence as they progress through Middle School.

And, in the 2020–21 school year, I had the pleasure of serving as the Interim Head of Upper School. Understandably, most educators would say that was the hardest year of their career; while it certainly had its challenges, I consider it one of the most meaningful times of mine. With passion and dedication, our Upper School students started teams and clubs, practiced and performed challenging work, volunteered in the community, and served as ambassadors for a school they love. Throughout their Upper School careers, their curiosity and commitment to academic growth have prepared them to be lifelong learners.

At St. Francis, at every grade level, we see individuals with different gifts and talents, united in their care and compassion for one another. We celebrate one another's accomplishments and lift each other up when we need encouragement. We are a family, and our family has grown to include a full high school.

In just a couple of weeks, we will celebrate with our seniors as they complete one phase of their academic journey and begin another. Members of our first graduating class have certainly left their imprint on us, and I can't wait to see how they share their voices in the world and take St. Francis with them as they continue to represent us as *people for others*.

Godspeed, Seniors! You are loved at St. Francis.

With gratitude,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School

US Start and End Times Stay the Same for 2022–23

Please note that Upper School classes will start and end at the same times next year, as follows:

- **Start Time:** 8:30 a.m.
- **End Time:** 3:50 p.m.

With questions about Upper School's schedule for next school year, please reach out to the division office.

Upper School Awards Assembly

Last week, we held the Upper School Awards Assembly. Thank you to the friends and families who came together to celebrate all that our students have achieved this year! [Click here](#) to learn more about the awards we give, why we give them, and which seniors received them this year.

Information About AP Exams

AP Exams will begin tomorrow—Monday, May 2. Please review the following important information, which was sent to students this past week:

- **PUNCTUALITY:** Arrive to your assigned location 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. (For example, if an exam starts at 8:00 a.m., be there by 7:50 a.m.) Please note that you will need to be here earlier than normal for the morning exams. Although St. Francis classes start later, the morning AP exams begin at 8:00 a.m. as dictated by College Board. Do not be late.
- **WHAT TO BRING:** Bring several sharpened No. 2 pencils (not mechanical), a pen (blue or black ink only), and an approved calculator for exams that permit one.
- **FOOD:** Eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. For those with afternoon exams, you will be dismissed from class a bit early to eat lunch. No food or drink will be allowed in the room.
- **REQUIRED:** Yes, you have to take the AP exam if you are enrolled in the course.
- **ATTIRE:** You will need to wear standard school uniforms for the exams. These are not free dress days. No hats/beanies, jeans, yoga pants, etc. For exams that take place on Friday Spirit Wear days, you can wear an approved St. Francis T-shirt with uniform bottoms.
- **OTHER CLASSES:** For juniors who have morning AP exams, you will return to your afternoon classes as normal after lunch.
- **LOCATIONS:** The rooms below are for all exams. Students who have approved accommodations from the College Board (like extended time) will receive a separate email notifying them of this.

WEEK 1

Date	Time	Exam	Location	Location (Extended Time)
Monday, May 2	12:00 p.m.	Chemistry	Weight Room	Dance Room
Wednesday, May 4	8:00 a.m.	English Literature	Weight Room	
Friday, May 6	8:00 a.m.	US History	Primary School Library	Dance Room
	12:00 p.m.	Art History	Weight Room	Dance Room

WEEK 2

Date	Time	Exam	Location	Location (Extended Time)
Monday, May 9	8:00 a.m.	Calculus AB	Weight Room	Dance Room
Wednesday, May 11	8:00 a.m.	Spanish Language	Weight Room	Dance Room
	12:00 p.m.	Biology	Dance Room	Weight Room

Please [contact Mr. Scales](#) with any questions you might have.

Athletics Physicals for Returning Students Are May 18

St. Francis will be providing on-campus athletics physicals for returning students on Wednesday, May 18. Please be on the lookout for the information packet that will be sent home with your student in the coming days. If you have any questions, please contact [Jamie Platt](#).

Upper School Athletics Update

Looking ahead to the 2022 fall sports season, please note that preseason practices will begin on Monday, August 1, for Boys and Girls Volleyball, Coed Cross-Country, and

Football. Sport-specific details will be communicated prior to the end of the school year. Students will complete a sport-selection survey this coming week for the 2022–23 school year. These selections are very helpful in planning for next year; therefore, students should only sign up for a sport if they are prepared to commit to the entire season.

Spring practices will begin tomorrow—Monday May 2—for Boys and Girls Volleyball and Football. For the next three weeks, practices will be held from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. at Couper Campus. Students should bring athletic clothing and the appropriate footwear for practices.

End-of-Year Exams: Schedule Below

This is a reminder that exams for the end of the year will be held from May 22–26. We will observe the same operation as with first-trimester exams. If students have a single exam, they only need to be here for that exam. However, should students have two exams, we ask that they remain on campus until their second exam is completed.

The school remains open at the regular times, and students will be able to stay on campus even if they do not have exams. Teachers will be present to meet for tutorials or office hours, and lunch is served every day. The schedule is posted below:

Trimester 3 Exam Schedule		
	8:00-11:00 a.m.	12:00-3:00 p.m.
23-May- 22	B2	A4
24-May- 22	A2	B4
25-May- 22	B1	A3
26-May- 22	A1	B3

In the first trimester, our exams were only worth 10 percent of the trimester grade. This was done to help students acclimate to their first examination experience after the change COVID-19 made on school environments over the past couple of years. These upcoming exams will be worth 20 percent of the trimester grade. Students who struggled in first-trimester exams should meet with their teachers to discuss study strategies. Some suggestions include the following:

- Review their first-trimester exam;
- Review recent tests; and

- Describe their study process and improve it as possible.

Students can expect exam reviews by Friday, May 13.

Save the Date: Upper School Junior and Senior Events

This month, we are celebrating our seniors and welcoming the juniors as the new leaders of the Upper School. Please make note of several upcoming events that mark this transition.

- **Senior Tailgate, Chapel, and Field Day**
 - **When:** Tuesday, May 3
 - A1: 8:30–9:15 a.m.
 - A2: 9:20–10:05 a.m.
 - A3: 10:10–10:55 a.m.
 - A4: 11:00–11:45 a.m.
 - Senior/Rising Senior Chapel: 11:50 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 - Lunch: 12:30–1:30 p.m.
 - Tailgate and Field Day: 1:30–3:40 p.m.; **wear your field day T-shirt!**
 - **Who:** All students; senior and junior parents are welcome to attend Chapel
- **Baccalaureate**
 - **When:** Friday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** St. Francis Episcopal Church on Piney Point Campus
 - **Who:** Seniors, parents, guests, and faculty
- **Senior Dinner**
 - **When:** Friday, May 13, after Baccalaureate
 - **Where:** Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus
 - **Who:** Seniors and their parents
- **Graduation**
 - **When:** Saturday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** Couper Campus
 - **Who:** All are welcome

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 2

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *AP Exams Begin: May 2–11*
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Tuesday, May 3

- "A" Day
 - **Wear Your Field Day T-shirt!**
 - *Upper School Senior Tailgate*: See details above
 - *Special Senior Chapel/Rising Senior Chapel*: See details above
 - *Field Day for All Upper School Students*
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Wednesday, May 4

- "B" Day
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *No Chapel*
 - *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, May 5

- "A" Day
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Senior Exams (Non-AP)*: 8:30 a.m. in the Fish Bowl
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Friday, May 6

- "B" Day
 - *Spirit Wear*
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.
 - *Senior Projects Begin*: Through May 12
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Sunday, May 8

- *Last Day to Place Spirit Store Orders*: Store will reopen in early August 2022
 - **Link**: https://stores.inksoft.com/STFRANCIS_HTX_SPIRITSTORE/show/home
 - **Password**: wolves
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Monday, May 9

- "A" Day

- *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, May 10

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - **[REQUIRED FOR SENIORS]** *Baccalaureate and Graduation Rehearsal: 8:45–11:00 a.m. on Piney Point Campus*
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Wednesday, May 11

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
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Thursday, May 12

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, May 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:35 a.m.*
 - *Baccalaureate and Senior Dinner: See details above*
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Saturday, May 14

- *Graduation: See details above*

Church

Hello to Summer Bash: All Ages Invited!

Please join us on Sunday, May 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we say “hello” to summer. This event is for everyone! We hope you

will come to celebrate with our wonderful St. Francis community. Food will include fried chicken, watermelon, ice cream, and beverages. Cost is \$5 per person, with a \$25 per family maximum. Please pay at the door with cash or check. Please RSVP to [Allison Devlin](#) via email.

Send Us Info on Your Graduate by May 4

It is almost graduation time, and we want to acknowledge our graduates by listing their names in the church bulletin on Sunday, May 8.

- If your student is graduating from eighth grade, high school, or college, and you would like to honor them by having their name included in the bulletin, please let Cindy Huteson know via [email](#) or at 713.782.1270 by this Wednesday, May 4.
- Simply send your student's name as you would like it listed, where they are graduating from, and where they will be going to school next or what their other future plans may be.

Honoring Mothers on Mother's Day

We will be honoring our mothers, as well as our graduates, during services on Sunday, May 8.

Schedule a Baptism on Pentecost Sunday

The Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 5, is a Principal Feast Day celebrating the birth of the church and is especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. To schedule a baptism on Pentecost Sunday, please contact Sally Jo Flores via [email](#) or at 832.325.2983.

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.

Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner

On Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., join Fr. David Price for Eucharist and a program, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.

- Cost of dinner is \$10 per person at the door.
- Contact [Fr. Price](#) for more information.

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is May 10

The Men of St. Francis continue their study of N.T. Wright's *Simply Good News* on Tuesday, May 10.

- Led by Fr. Stuart Bates, the group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.
- Breakfast is provided.
- Please contact [Fr. Bates](#) for additional information.

High School Bible Study: On Break Until September

The high school Bible study is on break until September. All high schoolers are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in classroom CE212. The current study is "Elijah: Faith and Fire." The study is led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting 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.

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/Donations

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](#).
- **May Food Collection Item:** Canned Vegetables
 - 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.
 - **Study:** How to Study the Bible (4-Week Study)
 - **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 church's Guild Room. The next meeting in the Guild Room is May 10.)
- Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is May 10**)
 - **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:** Life of Abraham
 - **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
 - **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; on break until September 2022**)
 - **Meeting:** High School Dinner and Bible Study
 - **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
- 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](#).