

WOLF WATCH

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News for the Week of August 21

All School

Piney Point Campus Carpool

Thank you for your support as we adjust to a new carpool schedule this year. As expected, there were some hiccups the first couple of days, but by the end of the week we were already seeing significant improvements! You can help us keep carpool as safe and efficient as possible by following the guidelines below.

- Please do not arrive before your child's scheduled carpool dismissal. With no place to pull up and wait, this holds up the line and causes traffic to back up on Piney Point Road. If you arrive early, you will be asked to leave and return at the appropriate time.
- We need your help in being considerate neighbors. When you enter the carpool line, please keep a close but safe distance between you and the car in front of you. Our goal is to maximize the space available and move cars off of Piney Point Road as quickly as possible.
- Pickup for athletics begins at 4:25 p.m. If you arrive early, you will have to park in a non-reserved space in the front lot and wait to pick up your child at the conclusion of Middle School carpool (4:25 p.m.).
- If your children walk or bike to school, you must sign a Walker/Biker Permission Form and submit it to the appropriate division office. The form can be found on the Parent Portal under Division Resources.
- We appreciate your cooperation as we continue to evaluate the carpool process. Should there be any changes to the schedule or routes, we will communicate those to you via email.

Register Today for After-School Care

Explore and Extend After-School Care has begun on both campuses.

- Care for Pre-Primary through Grade 8 is available via monthly registration or on a drop-in basis.

- For Pre-Primary students, please wait for a confirmation before anticipating a space in after-school care, due to limited open spots.
- Register via the “Register Here” button found on the Explore and Extend web page, [here](#).

Enrichment Classes: A Few Spaces Remain

Enrichment classes begin after Labor Day.

- Please note that Woodworking and Primary School ballet classes have later start dates, as listed in the [course catalog](#).
- Reminders will go out in follow-up letters just prior to Labor Day weekend.
- The registration link can be found on the Explore and Extend web page, [here](#).

CLASSES WITH AVAILABLE SPOTS

Spaces are still available in the following classes:

- **Mondays**
 - *DIY Art (Grades 4 & 5)*: 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Tuesdays**
 - *Ballet (Primary II)*: 2:30–3:15 p.m.
- **Wednesdays**
 - *Tumbling (Kindergarten–Grade 4)*: 3:45–4:45 p.m.
 - *Archery for Beginners (Grades 1–4)*: 3:45–4:45 p.m.
- **Thursdays**
 - *Yarn y Mas (Grades 1–4)*: 3:45–4:30 p.m.
 - *Gears, Gears, Gears (Grades K–3)*: 4:00–5:00 p.m.
 - *Jewelry Making and Textiles Art (Grades 4 & 5)*: 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Save the Dates! Parents’ Night Out and Winter Break Camps

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT

Parents’ Night Out will be back for a third year. Our first two dates are Friday, October 7, 2022, and Friday, December 9, 2022—both 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$35, and you can register using the same link used to register for Explore and Extend, on [this page](#).

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Our popular winter break camps will return **December 19–21, 2022**. Popular favorites such as Primary School Holiday Fun Camp, Christmas Make and Take, Cookie Spectacular, Winter Defensive Baseball, and Basketball Fun for Christmas will return, along with some new camps. Stay on the lookout for registration information later this semester.

School of Music: Register Today

School of Music private lessons will begin after Labor Day. Registration is still open for lessons in piano, violin, viola, voice, guitar, and percussion. Register using the same link used to register

for Explore and Extend, on [this page](#).

Mark Your Calendar: Exciting Events Throughout the School Year

There are several big events to look forward to throughout the school year. Mark your calendars for the following:

- **Wednesday, September 14, 2022:** Ladies' Clinic (*A casual event prior to the annual Sporting Clays Classic—for ladies only!*)
- **Friday, October 21, 2022:** Sporting Clays Classic (*The event website is live, [here](#)!*)
- **Wednesday, November 16–Friday, November 18, 2022:** Grandparents Day for Lower School and Middle School
- **Thursday, February 9–Friday, February 10, 2023:** Grandparents Day for Primary School and Upper School
- **Tuesday, March 7, 2023:** Woolrich Luncheon
- **Sunday, April 23, 2023:** St. Francis Festival Day

Learn more about special events [here](#).

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Friends of Fine Arts: Join Us September 13

The excitement in the air during back-to-school orientations this week was palpable! We hope you also feel a new rhythm to the season—backpacks packed, the return of pumpkin spiced lattes, and dreams of sweater weather. We are ready for all our artists to begin creating! If you would like to get involved with Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA), **please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Amy Pierce.**

Order Your Poinsettias Today

Please consider purchasing your holiday poinsettias through Friends of Fine Arts in support of St. Francis's arts programming! Our red poinsettias are grown by The Brookwood Community, a wonderful community partner.

- These festive plants not only decorate your home for the holidays, but also make great gifts for friends, family members, and clients. Please share this opportunity, as all sales benefit the St. Francis Parents Organization Friends of Fine Arts.
- Each poinsettia is \$16, about sixteen inches in height, grown in a six-inch pot, and has five to seven blooms. They come with festive foil pot covers and are wrapped in brown paper sleeves for easy transportation and protection.
- **[Click here](#) to buy your poinsettias today!** Poinsettias will be available for pickup **Thursday, December 1, on the Couper Campus.**
- Please contact [**Melissa Reeves**](#) with questions.

SFPO Annual Luncheon Is November 3

The St. Francis Parents Organization invites you to attend its annual luncheon on Thursday, November 3, at the Houston Country Club. This year's featured speaker is Karen Mills. Ms. Mills has a straightforward approach to the realities of life. Her smart, funny, keen observations will keep you laughing at yourself as you relate to her experiences.

Ticket sales will begin in September.

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Primary School

From the Division Head

Welcome back! The first three days of school were wonderful and exciting. The Primary School came alive with the joyful sounds of children, teachers, and families moving throughout our early childhood community. In the short time we have been back in school, it has been a pleasure to watch our children navigate—some with confidence and others with reservation, depending on whether they are connecting with old friends or starting their first school experience.

These are the much-anticipated days for which we have all awaited. As the year unfolds, it will be amazing to witness the rapid growth and development that occurs in the early years of a child's life. Our Primary I students are hopping out of their cars, grabbing the hand of an adult, and skipping to class, while our Primary II students are entering their cottages with a teacher and independently walking to their classrooms. These eager and courageous learners were once Pre-Primary students tightly gripping their parents' hands and possibly crying in response to the separation.

It is remarkable how much children change in a year. Whatever the grade level, learning is always happening, and our children are consistently flourishing as they make the most of opportunities to develop their potential.

I look forward to partnering with you on your child's journey at St. Francis. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Let's go, Wolves!

Warm regards,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

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Tuesday, August 23

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, August 24

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, August 29

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
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Tuesday, August 30

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, August 31

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, September 5

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school
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Tuesday, September 6

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
 - *Explore and Extend Enrichment Classes Begin*
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Wednesday, September 7

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
-

Monday, September 12

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 13

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
 - *Parent Information Night (Pre-Primary):* 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Primary School Multipurpose Room
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Wednesday, September 14

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Thursday, September 15

- *Parent Information Night (Primary I and II)*: 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym
-

Monday, September 19

- *Open Library*: 3:15 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 20

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
 - *Primary II Chapel Drama*
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Wednesday, September 21

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
-

Monday, September 26

- *Open Library*: 3:15 p.m.
-

Tuesday, September 27

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
-

Wednesday, September 28

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend

Monday, October 3

- *Primary School Picture Day*
 - *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, October 4

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
 - *Primary II Blessing of the Stuffed Animals*
 - *Primary II Furry Friend Picnic: Students only*
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Wednesday, October 5

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
- *Primary I Blessing of the Stuffed Animals*

Lower School

From the Division Head

We are off to a great start to the 2022–23 school year here in the Lower School! The energy and the excitement about the new school year are palpable now that we are all back inside the building.

At our first Lower School Chapel last Thursday, I encouraged students to do three things this year:

1. Be kind.
2. Challenge yourself to learn new things in all of your classes each day.
3. Read. Enjoy good books, both fiction and nonfiction—whether picture books, comic books, or chapter books.

I have no doubts that our Lower School students will fulfill each of these three recommendations this school year.

Thank you for your partnership in the education of your Lower School child. I hope you have a great first full week of school, and I look forward to seeing you at Parent Information Night on Wednesday, August 31!

Kind regards,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

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- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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Tuesday, August 23

- *Homeroom Parent Meeting Via Zoom:* 10:30–11:00 a.m.
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Thursday, August 25

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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Wednesday, August 31

- *LS Parent Information Night*
 - Last names A–M will meet in the Fine Arts Center at 5:00 p.m.
 - Last names N–Z will meet in the Fine Arts Center at 6:30 p.m.
 - Please note: This is a parent-only event.

Middle School

From the Division Head

In my first week as the Head of Middle School, I saw teachers turning on the lights in their classrooms before the sun peeked over the eastern horizon. I saw Middle Schoolers walking their Lower School siblings to class and assuring them that they'd see them at afternoon carpool. I saw parents encouraging teachers as they helped with carpool in the afternoon heat. I saw eighth-grade WEB Leaders waving welcome posters and cheering for our Middle Schoolers as they entered their orientation on Tuesday.

Prior to joining the St. Francis Community, I heard that you were People for Others. I saw that slogan lived out this week.

Thank you for welcoming me and all of the new students, parents, faculty, and staff into the Wolf Pack, and for modeling the St. Francis Way for us newcomers.

Warmly,

Byron Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Upcoming Dates in the Middle School

LAST DAY TO SWITCH ELECTIVES—MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Monday, August 22, is the last day to switch electives. Please email [Dr. Williams](#) and [Ms. Murray](#) in the Middle School Office with your request. Include your current elective and the reason for the request. Note that because of scheduling constraints, class sizes, and other factors, we may not be able to fulfill some requests.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT MEETING—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 9:00–9:45 A.M.

New and returning parents are invited to this session to discuss the start of the year. The event will be held in-person on the Piney Point Campus in the Hogan Board Room. The purpose of this optional meeting is to review Middle School policies, procedures, expectations, and logistics for this school year.

NEW PARENT MEETING—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 9:45–10:15 A.M.

New parents are invited to remain with us in the Hogan Board room on the Piney Point Campus for an orientation session following the Back-to-School Parent Meeting. Returning parents are also welcome to attend this session. Topics include Veracross portals, advisory, academics, and communication.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 6:00–7:30 P.M.

Come discover more about what your students are learning this year and the teachers from whom they'll be learning it. You'll get to be a Middle Schooler for an hour and a half and see why we are so proud of our Middle School students and teachers.

TIE CEREMONY RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The annual Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony has been moved to **Thursday, September 22**, and will take place at **9:30 a.m.** in the **Fine Arts Center**. Eighth-grade families, please save the new date.

Middle School Athletics and PE Update

We are so glad to welcome back all students to campus. We had a successful preseason, and we are looking forward to the upcoming fall seasons in Coed Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, and Boys and Girls Volleyball.

PRACTICE TIMES

Please see below for more information on practice times and carpool.

Sport/Class	Practice Time	Carpool Time	Location
Middle School PE	3:15–4:00 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
Cross-Country	3:15–4:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
Grades 6/7 Girls Volleyball	3:15–4:35 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
Football	3:15–4:45 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
Grade 8 Boys/Girls Volleyball	3:30–4:45 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	Couper Campus Crum Gym
Field Hockey	3:30–4:45 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	Couper Campus Crum Gym

* Couper Campus practices account for campus-to-campus travel time.

GAME SCHEDULES

All game schedules can be found online on the St. Francis website under Athletics.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PARKING

If you arrive before the scheduled end of your student's practice, you must park in a non-reserved parking space in the front of the school. Parents arriving before this time will have to exit the carpool lane and return at the designated time.

Middle School Bible Studies: New Schedule Begins This Week

Middle School Bible studies are about to begin, and we are so excited.

- This year, our Bible studies will take place during the lunch break, and they will be every other week. Fifth- and sixth-grade Bible studies will be on alternating Mondays, and seventh- and eighth-grade Bible studies will be on alternating Fridays.
- We will begin with the eighth-grade Bible study this Friday, August 26. The sixth-grade Bible study will kick off on Monday, August 29.
- Watch this space for additional details. With questions, please email [Father Wismer](#).

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Fifth Graders: Fourth-Grade Memory Books Now Available

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- Last Day to Switch Electives

Wednesday, August 24

- *Back-to-School Parent Meeting:* 9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
 - *New Parent Meeting:* 9:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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Friday, August 26

- *Eighth-Grade Bible Study*
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Monday, August 29

- *Sixth-Grade Bible Study*
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Thursday, September 1

- *Middle School Parent Information Night: 6:00-7:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, September 22

- *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony: 9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center*

Upper School

From the Division Head

As I write this on Thursday morning, we have had a solid start to the year. Students are completing a full A/B rotation going into the weekend. While we are still processing schedule changes and our students are navigating their new schedules, life has returned to the St. Francis Upper School. Key to this success has been the hard work of our Student Council in developing a program for our school to return to campus.

This year's orientation was a little different than it has been in prior years. In the past, we focused solely on new students and freshmen. This year, we spent the morning with our new Wolves and then brought back the entire Upper School for the afternoon. This inclusion not only allowed us to have full advisories for all grades, but also enabled our new students to meet returning students without the stress of first-day classes. We had fun reconnecting in advisory and had our first seasonal pep rally. Expanding on the success of our annual Homecoming pep rally, we will now celebrate sports, fine arts, and general programming three times a year: fall, winter, and spring.

Pictured below is our Upper School's **first cheer routine**. We now have chants and cheers to accompany our football, volleyball, and cross-country competitions. Go Wolves!



Please mark your calendars for our Meet the Teachers Night on Wednesday, August 31. This will be an evening for you to meet your student's advisor and teachers, as well as our administration and coaching staff. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Upper School Athletics Update

Our fall sports seasons are underway, and we are excited for athletics in 2022–23!

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams, which have played their first matches of the year already. The Varsity Wolves have played in two tournaments and have competed in the first-ever TAPPS district competition with a match vs. Rosehill Christian. The JV Wolves have played one district match and one tournament.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Cross-Country team will open their season this coming Saturday. Good luck to our runners!

FOOTBALL

The Varsity Football team will open the season this Thursday in the first-ever high school football game in school history! **The Wolves will take on Emery/Weiner School on Thursday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. on Couper Turf Field.** (Please note that kickoff has been moved up one hour from the original 7:00 p.m. start time).

The Wolves will be competing in six-man football this season.

- Six-man football is a version of tackle football played with helmets and pads, but with fewer players on the field.
- There are some differences in the rules. For example, the game is played on an 80 yard by 40 yard field; you must earn 15 yards for a first down; field goals are worth 4 points; etc. Six-man football is a fast-paced, high-scoring, exciting brand of football.

We are excited for high school football on Couper Campus, and we hope to see you at a game this fall.

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- “B” Day
 - Regular Uniform
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Tuesday, August 23

- “A” Day
 - Regular Uniform
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Wednesday, August 24

- “B” Day
 - Dress Uniform
 - Upper School Eucharist: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym
 - Upper School Senior Parent Preview and College Counseling Night
 - 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Crum Loft
 - Presenters are Mr. Addington and Mr. Scales, who will host a program for senior parents. Students should not attend, as we are already having separate meetings with them during the school day. While we typically don’t like to call things “mandatory” for parents, this meeting is incredibly important. Mr. Scales will cover crucial information regarding the college application process, and Mr. Addington will highlight important items pertaining to senior year.
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Thursday, August 25

- “A” Day
 - Regular Uniform
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Friday, August 26

- “B” Day
 - Spirit Wear
 - Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Monday, August 29

- “A” Day
 - Regular Uniform
-

Tuesday, August 30

- “B” Day
 - Regular Uniform
-

Wednesday, August 31

- “A” Day
 - Regular Uniform
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m. in Crum Gym
 - *Senior Programming Meeting*: 5:30 p.m. in Crum Loft
 - *Upper School Freshman/Sophomore Parent Preview*: 5:30–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
 - *Meet the Teachers Night for All Upper School Parents*: 6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
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Thursday, September 1

- “B” Day
 - Regular Uniform
-

Friday, September 2

- “A” Day
- Spirit Wear
- *Upper School Chapel*

Church

Weekly Worship Schedule

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. Beginning on September 7, we will 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.

Middle School G.L.O.W. and High School Revival

Join middle school or high school students each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. family worship service for fellowship, learning, and a question of the day. Come to the People Place for donuts, discussion, and discipleship. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Outreach Ministries

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Over the coming weeks, we ask you to pray for the prison ministry efforts in the **Walls Unit in Huntsville, TX, on September 15–18**, and in the **Terrell Unit in Rosharon, TX, on November 3–6**. These units will each be experiencing separate Kairos weekends.

- During a Kairos weekend, volunteers enter the units for three days, delivering a defined program of talks, fellowship, prayer, and praise, all the while sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Individual meal tickets are placed before them at each meal; a loving placemat (colored by a child, including by kids from our youth group) is placed before them; and, in a touching ceremony, a long-long-long prayer chain is brought into the room where each link of the chain has the first name of an individual who is praying for them that weekend.
- **You can play a part in showing the participants that there are hundreds of people praying for and supporting them. Please sign a prayer chain link or purchase a \$10 meal ticket in the Narthex or during coffee hour.**
- Once the men go through a Kairos weekend, they can then participate in the unit's weekly Kairos Prayer & Share Program, which is a fellowship of incarcerated individuals within the unit.
- If you would like more information, please contact [John Kenner](#).

WOODVIEW ELEMENTARY READING BUDDIES PROGRAM RETURNS

The Reading Buddies program is returning to Woodview Elementary for the 2022–23 school year.

- The program is expected to start in September and will include a brief one-hour training session for all volunteers. St. Francis volunteers will be partnered with second-grade students who are on the "brink of success," where SBISD has found that reading intervention can significantly improve outcomes in later years.
- Volunteers will be expected to read with their assigned student for 30 minutes each week; last year's time slots were generally either first thing in the morning at 8:00 a.m. or midday at 12:45 p.m.
- For more details or to volunteer, please contact Tim Blaine via [email](#) or at 832.247.8667.

MAM's 2022 Back-to-School Campaign

The Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Campaign began July 17 and continues through September 2022.

- Every year, MAM assists over 6,000 at-risk SBISD elementary school children. The funds raised from the community assist these students in preparing for their first day of school.
- The funds raised by St. Francis parishioners are specifically designated for the uniform requests of students who attend Woodview Elementary, our adopted school.
- A **\$50 donation provides new school clothes for a child.** Donations should be made payable to St. Francis Episcopal Church with "MAM Back-to-School" on the memo line and should be placed in the collection plate on Sunday or mailed to the church. You may also scan [this QR code](#), choose "MAM" under the fund choices, and indicate "Back-to-School" in the Memo field.
- Contact [Heather Burkhart](#) for additional information.

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

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

LIGHTHOUSE EXPRESSIONS IN ART

Each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. worship service, children are invited to join other children in the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) to create an art project based on that day's Let It Shine! lesson.

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

Memorial Assistance Ministries has an urgent plea from the pantry team. Demand for pantry products has again peaked, and they are running very low on several items. Here is their latest list of needs:

- **Meals to Go**
 - Individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers
 - Fruit strips
 - Trail mix
 - Vienna sausage
- **Hygiene Items**
 - Size 6 diapers
 - Baby wipes
 - Tissues
 - House cleaner
 - Deodorant for men and women
 - Lotion
 - Shaving cream

Many families continue to need help with the basics. Please keep the pantry in mind if any of your classes, youth groups, or other groups are looking for a project.

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.
- **August Food Collection Items: Canned Fruit** (Thank you for not donating any glass containers or expired items.)
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#).

Upcoming Events and Days to Remember at St. Francis Episcopal Church

BE STILL YOGA STARTS SEPTEMBER 8

Beginning on Thursday, September 8, join other women for an hour of yoga and meditative prayer. In stillness, God speaks to our hearts and fills us with the refreshing presence of His Spirit.

- Bring a yoga mat if you have one!
- Refreshments to follow.
- The group will meet at 11:30 a.m. every other Thursday in CE212.
- For more information or to RSVP, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13

This fall, the SFES Moms' Bible Study will meet weekly at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in CE212.

- The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 13**.
- The study will be on the book "**Never Alone: Parenting in the Power of the Holy Spirit**" by Jeannie Cunnion.
- In this seven-session study, **discover how the Holy Spirit's presence and power transform how you lead and love your kids**. You'll be invited to wrestle through the question, "Do I really know how to parent in the power of the Holy Spirit, or have I settled for parenting in my power?" Good news, Mom! The Holy Spirit is championing you in the holy work of motherhood. Where you can't, He can! He is faithfully at work. You are never alone in your pursuit to point your kids to the love of Jesus.
- This study is led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

FALL FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 18

Designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist, First Communion Classes will take place on four Sundays, beginning September 18. The classes will be held after the 9:00 a.m. service in CE207.

- We will have a parent coffee on September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in CE212.
- The classes will end with a Saturday family session, held in the church at 2:30 p.m. on November 5.
- First Communion Sunday is November 6 during the 9:00 a.m. service.
- Contact [Allison Devlin](#) to sign up.

AGAPE: SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP, DINNER, AND FUN

Join us on **Sunday, September 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center** for prayers and music led by our children and youth, followed by dinner and bingo. Children and teens will have the opportunity to say prayers, read Scripture, act out skits, play musical instruments, and sing. Your kids will love having an important role in this service. Ask how your family can be a part of AGAPE! For more information or to volunteer, contact [Allison Devlin](#).

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IS SEPTEMBER 25

If you are a new member at St. Francis, we invite you to attend our New Member Orientation Class! Join Fr. Bates to learn about St. Francis, our mission, and how membership in Christ's body at St. Francis can help you deepen your relationship with God.

- The orientation will be held **Sunday, September 25, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.**
- Lunch and childcare will be provided.
- For more information or to RSVP, please contact [Julie Lowery](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

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 call, use the event link listed below. Regarding those Bible studies that are on summer break, forward your contact information to the meeting leader to be informed when the next session begins or to get additional information as it becomes available.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m. (Begins in September)
 - **Study:** To be determined
 - **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. (**Resumes September 13**)
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** CE207
- Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Resumes September 13**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Romans
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206856514>
 - **Meeting ID:** 842 0685 6514
 - **Passcode:** Bi6Ga0

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Gospel of Luke and Paul's Letter to the Romans
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** 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](#)
 - **Location:** 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

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.

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](#).