

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of August 28

All School

Celebrating a Historic High School Football Game!

The Wolves played in the first high school football game in St. Francis's history this past Thursday, August 25, on Couper Turf Field. It was a special night with great community support. High school football under the lights in Texas is a big deal, and we are excited to be playing this season. Congratulations to the players, coaches, administration, and support staff, and to the entire St. Francis community for helping to make this happen.

If you're interested in attending a future game, please find the full game schedule on the school website under [Athletics](#).

Support the Home Team

The Booster Club invites you to come out and support our Wolves at each week's home games.

- We will be selling concessions at all games—most items are \$2. Exact change is much appreciated.
- Click [here](#) and scroll down to see the game schedule for the week.
- Be sure to mark your calendar for the Wolves' next home football game on Thursday, September 8, at Couper Turf Field at 5:30 p.m!

Friends of Fine Arts: Join Us September 13

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 8:30 a.m. at the home of Amy Pierce (764 Pifer Rd., close to the school). All are welcome!

Please Join Us on September 14 for Our Ladies' Clinic!

As a "pre-event" to the annual Sporting Clays Classic (held Friday, October 21), we have a

Ladies' Clinic that is more casual and relaxed, and is open only to women. This year, it's on Wednesday, September 14, at the Greater Houston Sports Club. It is a social event centered around getting to know each other, with a focus on practicing rather than competing.

- Traditionally, Ladies' Clinic participants include every level of shooter, from completely new to very experienced. There will be professional instructors on hand to teach beginners and guide experts. Afterward, we will all enjoy dinner and wine!
- For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Even if you cannot attend the Sporting Clays Classic in October, you are welcome at the Ladies' Clinic! We would love to have you!

Order Your Poinsettias Today

They're going fast! Purchase your holiday poinsettias from the Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA)! Our red poinsettias are grown by The Brookwood Community, a wonderful community partner. These festive plants also make great gifts for friends and clients. Each poinsettia is \$16, about 16 inches tall, and grown in a six-inch pot that includes a foil cover. All sales benefit the St. Francis Parents Organization/FoFA.

- [Click here](#) to buy your poinsettias today!
- Poinsettia pickup is on Thursday, December 1, on the Couper Campus.
- Contact [Melissa Reeves](#) with questions.

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.

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Primary School

From the Division Head

Participating in professional development is integral to the continued growth of faculty and staff in any school. As we strive for excellence at St. Francis, professional development is supported through myriad opportunities. Our teachers and administrators participate in high-quality experiences that ensure our knowledge and skills remain relevant and that strengthen our confidence in the work we do each day. In that same vein, we also provide professional development to colleagues near and far to support their development, as well.

During in-service, Primary School faculty and staff partnered with the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance to explore the topics of documentation and of parent participation in a Reggio-inspired school community. We had deep and meaningful conversations centered around the image of the child, around family, and around the community represented in Primary School. Our current practices were examined, and we investigated how they could be made richer and more congruent with our Reggio-inspired beliefs.

In June, four Primary School teachers (Maggy Britton, Brittney Bush, Annie Ferguson, and Andrea Scriber) and two administrators (Ryan Kochel and myself) switched to presenter mode, as St. Francis hosted the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools Early Learning Conference. More than 140 educators from Texas and surrounding states joined us on the beautiful Couper Campus to learn about our Reggio-inspired, project-based, child-centered, inquiry-based practices. It was brilliant, and a wonderful opportunity to live out our mission as people for others as we shared our professional gifts and talents.

I am grateful for St. Francis's dedication to continuing education for our faculty and staff, and I look forward to observing how the knowledge we have gained benefits the Primary School as the year progresses.

Warm regards,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Greetings and Farewells

NEW FACULTY INTRODUCTIONS

- **Anne Donnelly** has joined St. Francis as a **Primary School Teaching Fellow**. A landscape designer and nursery professional for over 25 years, she has taught both traditional

preschool and Montessori preschool; spent two years at Cornerstone Academy making art cars with middle school students; and most recently worked at a charter high school as both a math teacher and paraprofessional. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English degree from Ottawa University in Kansas and is working toward earning her master's in education from Ottawa University.

- **Emy Reventar** has joined us as a **Primary I Teacher Assistant** after working in early childhood education for almost a decade. Before coming to St. Francis, she served as a preschool teaching assistant at Houston's First Baptist Academy. Ms. Reventar holds a BBA degree from St. Scholastica's College in the Philippines and a master's in social psychology from Ateneo de Manila University, Q.C. Philippines.

A FOND FAREWELL

We would officially like to recognize the retirement of **Carol Kemper**. For the past 27 years, Ms. Kemper has been a beloved teaching assistant in the Primary School. We are grateful for her service and wish her well in the years ahead.

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Mark Your Calendar

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
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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
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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*
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Monday, September 26

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 27

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, September 28

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

I hope this finds you well after the first five-day week of school. Our Lower School students and teachers are settling into the routines of the day, and learning is well underway. Thank you for being so supportive in making this a successful start to the 2022–23 school year!

I am pleased to announce that we have hired an interim Lower School counselor to support our students' social and emotional development. Dr. Crystal Collier has accepted the Scholar Counselor in Residence position in the Lower School. She will begin on September 1 and will be on campus for an average of 15 hours per week.

Dr. Collier will develop a Lower School support program focused on preventing, delaying, and interrupting multiple high-risk behaviors among children and adolescents. She will also present brain-based lessons to homerooms on a rotating basis. We are grateful to have Dr. Collier join our Lower School faculty to support our work educating children and developing the whole child.

I look forward to seeing you at Wednesday's Lower School Parent Information Night!

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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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.
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Thursday, September 1

- *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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Friday, September 2

- *Lower School Alpha Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. in the Crum Gym
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Monday, September 5

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed

Middle School

From the Division Head

Thank you to all the parents who came out to our Back-to-School Parent Meeting on Wednesday. We had a great turnout, and the energy in the room was hopeful and upbeat.

We have another exciting back-to-school event coming up this week—our annual **Parent Information Night**. This Thursday, you will have the opportunity to visit your children's classrooms and hear from their teachers. I want you to see why I am so proud to be part of the Wolf Pack! When you visit the classrooms, you will get to observe firsthand what your students experience every day you drop them off here at St. Francis Episcopal School.

This event is not the time to ask teachers about your child's performance or behavior in class. We have parent conferences coming up later this trimester, and you can ask all of those questions at that time. This is a time to learn what it's like to be a St. Francis student and what you need to know about each teacher and class.

My hope is that you will walk away thrilled about your decision to partner with us in educating your children and wishing that you, yourself, could enroll in the St. Francis Middle School!

See you Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Go Wolves!

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Upcoming Dates in the Middle School

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

- Parents, this session offers the opportunity to learn about your child's classes from each of their teachers.
- When you arrive, please go to the Fine Arts Center for a brief introduction. From there, you will walk through your child's schedule, including every class period. Each teacher will offer a glimpse into your child's experience in his or her class.

LATE-START DAY—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Parents, please note that our first-late day start will be on Tuesday, September 6. Classes will begin at 10:00 a.m.

SCHOOL PICTURES—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Students will have individual photos taken on Thursday, September 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dress uniforms are required.

SAVE THE DATE: OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

This semester, students in grades 5–7 will visit Camp Olympia for Outdoor Learning Experiences (OLEs). These required trips will take place on the following dates:

- **Fifth Grade:** Monday, September 19
- **Sixth Grade:** Monday, September 19–Tuesday, September 20
- **Seventh Grade:** Wednesday, November 2–Friday, November 4

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Monday, August 29

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Wednesday, August 31

- *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, September 1

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Middle School Parent Information Night:* 6:00-7:30 p.m., beginning in the Fine Arts Center
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Friday, September 2

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms

Monday, September 5

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed
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Tuesday, September 6

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Late-Start Day:* 10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 7

- *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, September 8

- *Individual School Pictures:* 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; dress uniforms required
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, September 9

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
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Monday, September 19

- *Fifth-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience:* Trip to Camp Olympia
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Monday, September 19–Tuesday, September 20

- *Sixth-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience:* Trip to Camp Olympia
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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

This coming Wednesday is one of the most important days in our school's parent calendar. On the evening of August 31, you are invited to attend our Meet the Teacher Night at 6:00 p.m. Please park where you find available space and make your way to the concessions area of the Crum Gym. There, you will be greeted by our staff and handed a folder with a treasure trove of helpful information: your student's schedule, a map of the school, and a set of documents to help you navigate the year.

After a brief introduction, your advisor will lead you to a classroom, where you will hear about our advisory program and the advisor's role as your first point of contact at St. Francis. From there, you will follow your student's schedule through an A day and a B day. All the teachers you visit will give an overview of their class and what they hope your children will learn from their experience this year. Please note that if your student has a study hall or free period, so do you! Spend your time wisely by finding your next class, or come to the gym to speak with our administrative team or our coaching staff.

Finally, I want to mention two other meetings that happen right before our event on Wednesday:

- **Ninth- and Tenth-Grade Parent Preview (5:30 p.m. in Crum Gym)**: This presentation is chiefly designed for new families, but also contains updated information for the year.
- **A Look at Senior Programming for Twelfth-Grade Parents (5:30 p.m. in Crum Loft)**: Mrs. Addington, the Director of Post-Secondary Success, will give a detailed presentation on how this program works and what our seniors will be doing this year.

I look forward to seeing you Wednesday!

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 29

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, August 30

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, August 31

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *Upper School Freshman and Sophomore Parent Preview: 5:30–6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *Senior Programming Meeting for Parents With Stacey Addington*
 - 5:30 p.m. in Crum Loft
 - Mrs. Addington will offer parents information regarding senior-year programming for this upcoming school year.
 - *Meet the Teachers Night for All Upper School Parents: Beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym; parents of all students in grades 9–12 are invited to attend this important event*
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Thursday, September 1

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, September 2

- *"A" Day*

- *Spirit Wear*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, September 5

- *Labor Day Holiday: School closed*
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Tuesday, September 6

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Late-Start Day: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
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Wednesday, September 7

- *“A” Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Upper School Eucharist and Honor Code Signing: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *Upper School Junior Parent Preview and College Counseling: 6:00 p.m. in Crum Loft*
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Thursday, September 8

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, September 9

- *“A” Day*
 - *Spirit Wear*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Friday, September 16

- *Early Drop-off for Retreat*

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.

Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner

Wednesday night Eucharist and dinner returns! Starting September 7 at 6:00 p.m., join Fr. David Price for Eucharist in the St. Clare Chapel, followed by a program and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.

- Fr. Price will lead a program titled “The Face—Jesus in Art.” These narrated video lessons trace the dramatically different ways in which Jesus has been represented in art by people throughout history and around the world. It is tantamount to a travelogue of art and monuments from the early 3rd Century to the present: from ancient Rome to 21st Century America. The first video covers “The Gospel According to Giotto in Padua.”
- Cost of dinner is \$10 per person at the door.
- Contact [Fr. Price](#) for more information.

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.

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.

Your generous donations have kept the pantry well-supplied into early fall. Thank you! If you are considering a pantry donation, the pantry team just let us know that the following are the items most urgently needed:

- 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.
- **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.

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.

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 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

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](#).