

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of September 4

### All School

#### **Piney Point Campus Carpool**

With the demolition of the Wheatcroft Parish Hall last week, the construction project for St. Francis Episcopal Church has officially begun on Piney Point Campus. As this project is ongoing, we appreciate your help in keeping 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.
- Athletics pickup begins only after Middle School carpool ends 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 appropriate time. [Click here](#) to see pickup times by sport.
- 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.
- Thank you for 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.

#### **Admissions Is on the Hunt for New Wolves!**

The Admissions Office is ready to begin receiving new student applications for the 2023–24 school year. Current families are not required to attend a Group Admissions Tour—however, you are always welcome to do so! Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our upcoming admission tours. ([Click here](#) for the tour dates.)

## School of Music News

### **WELCOME, DR. NISHIKAWA!**

The St. Francis School of Music welcomes Dr. Andrew Nishikawa into a new role. Dr. Nishikawa will continue to teach piano and percussion, but has taken on the additional duties of Program Manager, and will be helping us create even better experiences for our students through his work in scheduling and designing our recitals. Dr. Nishikawa is a talented musician and composer, holding a doctorate degree from Rice University and a master's from Boston Conservatory. He is also a parent to a six-year-old daughter and has another child on the way. We are excited to have him with us as a full-time employee at St. Francis!

### **LESSONS BEGIN TUESDAY**

Lessons for fall semester begin this Tuesday, September 6, and continue through Friday, December 9, with recitals on Sunday, December 4, and Sunday, December 11. Makeup lessons will be held December 12–15.

It is not too late to sign up for lessons through the School of Music. For more information on lessons in piano, percussion, violin, viola, guitar, or voice, email [Margaret Newsom](#) or [Andrew Nishikawa](#).

### **Explore and Extend Enrichment Classes Start Soon**

Enrichment classes begin after Labor Day. All scheduled enrichment classes will begin this coming week, with the exception of the following: Primary I Ballet, Primary II Ballet, Acrylics Painting, and Woodworking. Those classes have later start dates, and reminders are being emailed to families.

### **CLASSES WITH AVAILABLE SPOTS**

Spaces are still available in the following classes:

- **Mondays**
  - *Ballet for Primary I*: 2:30–3:15 p.m.
  - *DIY Art (Grades 4 & 5)*: 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Tuesdays**
  - *Art for Primary I and II*: 3:00–3:45 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.
  - *Jewelry Making and Textiles Art (Grades 4 & 5)*: 4:00–5:00 p.m.

To register, [visit our Explore and Extend page](#).

### **Calling All Lady Shooters: Register by September 9**

The Ladies' Clinic is a “pre-event” to our annual Sporting Clays Classic. This women’s-only event is an opportunity to practice in a smaller group setting and then enjoy dinner and wine. If you’re interested in shooting or simply want a little practice or refresher, then this is the perfect opportunity. We will have professional instructors on-site.

- Even if you cannot attend the Sporting Clays Classic on October 21, you are welcome at the Ladies’ Clinic. We would love to have you! To register, please [click here](#).
- Registration closes this week. **Please reserve your spot no later than Friday, September 9.**
- Thank you to our generous ladies' clinic sponsors!
  - **Melissa and Dan Sugulas**
  - **Amy and Rob Pierce**

*Please Note: This event is for those 21+ years old. The Greater Houston Sports Club does not provide gun rentals, so please be sure to bring your own, or feel free to share with a friend.*

### **Friends of Fine Arts: Join Us September 13**

If your child is involved in St. Francis's visual or performing arts program, we want you to join Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA)! Gather with 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).

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- With questions, email [Annie Hartigan](#).

### **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.

## Primary School

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Blessings,

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### **A Fond Farewell**

Please join us in recognizing the retirement of Pre-Primary Teacher Susan Meriwether. After 31

years (14 at St. Francis) as an early childhood educator, Mrs. Meriwether has decided to be a full-time grandmother. We are grateful for her service and wish her well in her new endeavors!

### **Carpool Reminders**

We are very excited that the Primary School carpool is running smoothly. Please note a few reminders:

- The gate will open at 2:00 p.m. Please refrain from arriving earlier for carpool.
- Cell phone use is discouraged during active carpool loading and unloading.
- It is preferred that the car seat of the youngest student is placed on the passenger's side for easy loading and unloading.

Thank you for your assistance!

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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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**Friday, September 16**

- *SFPO Dads' Club Fall Breakfast:* 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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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**

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### **Fall First Communion Classes for Grades 2 and 3**

Interested in having your student receive communion at our Lower School Eucharist Chapels? If

so, we encourage you to look into the First Communion Classes offered by St. Francis Episcopal Church, which prepares second and third graders for this significant step in their spiritual formation. Completing this class means they would be prepared to receive communion at the St. Nicholas Eucharist, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 8.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- First Communion Classes are scheduled during the church's 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service on four Sundays—**September 18, September 25, October 16, and October 30**—and will take place in CE207, one of the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway.
- 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. Family Worship Service.

### **QUESTIONS?**

For more information or to sign up, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

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#### **Tuesday, September 6**

- *Lower School Late-Start Day: 10:00 a.m.*
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### **Wednesday, September 7**

- *Art à la Carte Parent Training: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*
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### **Thursday, September 8**

- *Art à la Carte Parent Training: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*
  - *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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### **Monday, September 12**

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
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### **Middle School Athletics Update**

Please see below for information about practice times, locations, and carpool pickup details. We ask that parents do not arrive at Piney Point Campus prior to their listed carpool time so that we can move cars on and off campus as efficiently as possible.

If an early pickup is necessary for a student in grades 6–8, parents should communicate with the Middle School Office to make arrangements. Once students are released to practice at 3:05 p.m., they will need to complete the practice and be picked up at the dedicated carpool time and location.

<b>Sport/Class</b>	<b>Practice Time</b>	<b>Carpool Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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

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

### **REGULAR ATHLETICS SCHEDULE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Though this Tuesday, September 6, is a late-start day, the practice schedule will remain the same as on a regular school day. Start times, end times, and carpool will remain the same.

### **Upcoming Dates in the Middle School**

#### **LATE-START DAY—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Parents, please note that our first-late day start will be this 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

#### **EIGHTH-GRADE TIE CEREMONY—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

The Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony will be Thursday, September 22, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Eighth graders are required to wear dress uniforms.

### **Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Parents: Optional Trip in November**

We are excited to offer an optional trip to Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg over Thanksgiving break to our current seventh- and eighth-grade students in good standing. **The trip will depart on Saturday, November 19, and return the night of Wednesday, November 23.**

- The trip will be led by Maria Cruzalegui and other faculty and staff as determined by the number of students that sign up.
- Registration is limited to the first 40 students to register online; if the spots are filled, you may add your name to the waitlist with our trip provider, Grand Classroom.
- Mrs. Cruzalegui will host a **parent information meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 7, at 8:15 a.m.** The meeting will be recorded for those who are unable to join the Zoom, and you may [email Mrs. Cruzalegui](mailto:Mrs.Cruzalegui) for a copy of the recording.
  - **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9167077275?pwd=czlnckprYVg1ZFrsZnRUV3dBLOp4dz09>
  - **Meeting ID:** 916 707 7275
  - **Password:** wolves
- [Click here](#) for additional details, registration information, policies, and the trip itinerary.

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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*
- *Art à la Carte Parent Training:* 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

- *Zoom Parent Meeting for Optional Thanksgiving Trip for Grades 7 and 8*
    - 8:15 a.m. with Maria Cruzalegui
    - Zoom Meeting Link:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9167077275?pwd=czlncjprYVg1ZFVsZnRUV3dBL0p4dz09>
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### **Thursday, September 8**

- *Art à la Carte Parent Training: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*
  - *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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### **Friday, September 16**

- *SFPO Dads' Club Fall Breakfast: 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room*
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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; eighth-graders are required to wear dress uniforms*

## Upper School

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### **A Note About the Upper School Retreat**

Parents, thank you for taking the time to visit our school last Wednesday. We loved having you

on campus and giving you an opportunity to know our faculty and staff. If you were unable to attend, please note that your student was given a blue folder in advisory last week. This contains not only useful information such as schedules and the exam calendar, but also information about the Upper School retreat on Friday, September 16. This retreat information is also viewable online in [this packet](#). **Please be sure to sign the Authorizations, Release, and Liability Waiver and return it to your student's advisor by Wednesday, September 7.**

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### Monday, September 5

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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 Honor Code Chapel*: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym
  - *Upper School Junior Parent Preview and College Counseling*: 6:00 p.m. in Crum Loft; parents only
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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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## Monday, September 12

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

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## Tuesday, September 13

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## Thursday, September 15

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

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## Friday, September 16

- *Carolina Creek Retreat for All Upper School Grades*
  - Check-in at Couper Campus at 6:00 a.m.
  - Depart at 6:15 a.m.
  - Return to Couper Campus at 6:00 p.m.
- *SFPO Dads' Club Fall Breakfast: 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room*

## 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.

### **Sign Up Today for Fall First Communion Classes**

Designed to prepare second- and third-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.
- For more information or to sign up, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

### **Be Still Yoga Starts September 8**

Beginning this 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.

### **Mom's 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.
- For more information or to RSVP, please contact **Allison Devlin** via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

### **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](#).

### **Pre-K to High School: Sunday Morning Programs**

#### **LET IT SHINE! CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON**

Join Mrs. Devlin each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. 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.

#### **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.

### **Find Your Adventure in Girl Scouts!**

Join the Tall Pines Hill Girl Scout Community for a Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and Trail Adventure Badge Activity on **Sunday, September 11, at the Hunters Creek Elementary School Pavilion (10650 Beinhorn Rd.) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

- All girls in kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome.
- Join other girls for service, camping STEM, badges, leadership, and sisterhood!
- [Email the troop leaders](#) for more information.

### **Blessing of the Animals Is October 2**

Join us for St. Francis's annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the school courtyard. There will be a short liturgy in the church and individual blessings by the clergy.

- A photographer will be taking photos of attendees with their pets. There will also be treats for our four-legged friends, a police horse and dog, animals available for adoption, and representatives from VCA Spring Branch Animal Hospital, Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP), and the Houston Humane Society (HHS).

- Please consider bringing donations for CAP and HHS.
  - CAP needs puppy and kitten food, paper towels, clay litter, newspapers, liquid bleach, and liquid dish soap.
  - HHS needs pet food, especially for kittens; towels; fleece blankets; hand sanitizer; and dog leashes.
- For more information, contact Cindy Huteson via [email](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

### **Mark Your Calendar: Music Concert on October 12**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m., for a concert by guitarist Marc Garvin and harpist Emily Klein. Additional details will be provided soon!

### **Outreach Ministries**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: OUTREACH SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2**

Become part of the Outreach Team as we prepare sandwiches for Lord of the Streets and gift bags for all of the children at Woodview Elementary on **Sunday, October 2**.

- Please join us in the **Fine Arts Center after the 9:00 a.m. service** for a snack and to help us make sandwiches!
- Set up and preparation for this wonderful ministry will be Saturday, October 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Please email [Marilyn Weaver](#) for additional information.

Thank you in advance for your help!

#### **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.
- Email [Heather Burkhardt](#) for additional information.

### **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 the church's director of outreach, [Heather Burkhart](#).

### **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](#).

### **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.

### **Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner**

Wednesday night Eucharist and dinner returns! Starting this Wednesday, 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.

### **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. **(Resumes September 21)**
  - **Study:** Daniel
  - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
  - **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
    - **Meeting ID:** 65 1248 716
    - **Passcode:** 094302

### **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
  - **Includes Breakfast**
- 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](http://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](#).