

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 11

All School

SFPO Annual Luncheon: Buy Tickets Today



ST. FRANCIS
PARENTS ORGANIZATION
Annual Luncheon

NOVEMBER 3, 2022
11:00 AM

Houston Country Club

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON VERACROSS
\$100

GUEST SPEAKER:
KAREN MILLS, COMEDIAN



LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN:
Rory Bellow

COMMITTEE:

Lindsay Amburn	Katy Dunlap	Christine Hoffer	Taylor Shaver
Katie Blades	Rebecca Elmore	Lindsey Little	Chanelle Sheffler
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Rachel Davis	Carolyn Givens	Katherine Phelps	Jennifer Wells
Lauren Duncan	Kandi Handel	Melissa Reeves	

The St. Francis Parents Organization invites you to attend its annual luncheon on Thursday, November 3, at 11:00 a.m. at the Houston Country Club.

- This year’s featured speaker is Karen Mills. Karen 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.
- Individual seats are \$100. Tables have 10 seats and are \$1,000.
- Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

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Volunteers Needed: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

The St. Francis Parents Organization is looking for volunteers to help with our fall Teacher Appreciation Breakfast! Please help us show our teachers how much they mean to us and our community by lending us your time and support. Thank you!

- [Click here](#) to sign up.
- With questions, email [Julie Grandt](#).

Friends of Fine Arts: Join Us Tuesday

We hope to see you at Friends of Fine Arts' first meeting this Tuesday, September 13, at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Amy Pierce (764 Pifer Rd., close to the school). ALL are welcome!

Memory Books: *LAST CHANCE*** Order by September 16**

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Cub Scout Kickoff Is September 18

Please join us for Kona Ice at the Cub Scout Kickoff in the gym this coming Sunday, September 18, at 4:30 p.m. Learn about the year's activities, including camping, the Pinewood Derby, model rockets, and more.

Sporting Clays Classic Is October 21

Benefiting the Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund, our annual fall Sporting Clays Classic is back on Friday, October 21, at the Greater Houston Sports Club!

- [Click here](#) to get event details, purchase a sponsorship, or sign up your team.
- The Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund provides cultural, academic, and recreational enrichment (C.A.R.E.) for students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate fully in the programs offered by St. Francis Episcopal School. It was established in 2013 in memory of Patrick Nicosia, a passionate volunteer who worked to bring the finest enrichment opportunities to our community.

Support the Home Team!

The Booster Club invites you to come out and support our Wolves at this week's home games. We will be selling concessions at all games, and most items are \$2. Exact change is much appreciated. Click [here](#) and scroll down to see the game schedule for the week.

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.)

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

From the Assistant Division Head

It has been such a great start to our year in Primary School! There are so many things happening in our community, but one of my favorite activities is leading the St. Francis Way tradition with our classes. Our students will be taking the pledge to live like St. Francis by signing our school's Honor Code, which is called the St. Francis Way in our Primary School. While it may look a little different in Primary School, the goal is still the same: to be respectful and kind, and to take care of our community.

I will be visiting each classroom over the next few weeks to introduce our students to, or remind them of, the St. Francis Way, which comprises the following four principles:

1. Listen carefully to teachers and friends.
2. Be kind to others.
3. Be safe.
4. Take care of our school.

I am looking forward to visiting the classrooms and discussing the importance of the St. Francis Way with each child. *All* members of the Primary School will acknowledge their understanding of, and plan to live by, these principles by placing their fingerprints on our St. Francis Way documents. You can support the St. Francis Way at home by discussing these principles with your children, and possibly by tying them in with your home expectations, too.

Also, we are looking forward to seeing all of you at one or both of our Primary School Parent Information Nights. These events are a great way to connect with teachers and to learn more about the approaches used in Primary School and the ways you can support your child's development at home. Additionally, attending is a good way to show your child that you have a vested interest in his or her education.

The dates for the Primary School Parent Information Nights are as follows:

- **Pre-Primary: Tuesday, September 13, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Parents will meet in the Primary School Multipurpose Room before being invited to visit the classrooms.
- **Primary I and Primary II: Thursday, September 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Parents will meet in Crum Gym before being invited to visit the classrooms.

Best regards,

Ryan Kochel, MEd
Assistant Head of Primary School

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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

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 (Capasso and Owens)*
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Wednesday, September 21

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Monday, September 26–Friday, September 30

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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*
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Thursday, October 6

- *Primary II Field Trip*
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Friday, October 7

- *Pre-Primary Blessing of the Stuffed Animals: Students only*
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Monday, October 10

- *Columbus Day Holiday: School closed*
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Tuesday, October 11

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
 - *Primary II Chapel Drama (Hughes and Wiener)*
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Wednesday, October 12

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

Lower School

From the First-Grade Teachers

Reading is a consistent component of each school day in Lower School. From listening to read-alouds and working in small groups to reading independently and partner reading, our students have multiple opportunities each day to engage in reading experiences that build their skills and foster a love of reading. Our classroom libraries are filled with fiction and nonfiction books that capture the interests of all learners. And each class also makes a weekly trip to the library.

As our Lower School students move through the grade levels, their skills grow, and they shift from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” From grade to grade, they participate in differentiated reading groups and book clubs. In addition to continuously learning new ways to engage in meaningful conversations about their books, they also have plenty of opportunities to write about their reading.

There are many ways you can support your child’s reading skills at home. One easy way to help out is to engage in conversations about books. If your child is just learning to read, you can make predictions together, notice how characters’ feelings change throughout a book, and share favorite parts from the books you read together. If your child is reading independently, you can have him or her briefly summarize the reading and discuss any new or interesting vocabulary. Our students often get hooked on different book series, and it’s always fun to talk about how the main characters change throughout the series. Many families also love starting a family book club where the whole family chooses a book to read or listen to together. This opens the door for lots of great conversation!

Weekly reading assignments can be found in your child’s book bag, WOLF folder, or weekly planner. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s reading progress, don’t hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher.

Happy reading!

Courtney Breeding, Laretta DuByne, Stephanie Hitchcock, and Kim Wiley-Jules
First-Grade Teachers

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Mark Your Calendar: Author Visit on October 24

Author Susan Stevens Crummel will be making presentations to students in grades K–2 and autographing books at St. Francis on Monday, October 24. Her latest book, *Little Good Wolf*, was released on August 23.

Books will not be available for purchase at the event; however, if you'd like to purchase an autographed book for your child, you can do so in advance using [this form](#). (All books purchased by September 27 will be signed by Ms. Crummel on October 24 and delivered to K–2 homeroom classes.)

For information on each of Ms. Crummel's books, [visit her website](#).

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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- *Chapel for Grades K–4 (Fourth-Grade Induction)*
 - 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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Thursday, September 15

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
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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

- *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.
 - *Lower School Parent Meeting for Grades 2–4: 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the Crum Library; topic is "How to Help Your Child With Homework and Reading"*
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Tuesday, September 20

- *Lower School Parent Meeting for Grades K–1: 8:30 a.m. in the Crum Library; topic is "Early Literacy"*
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Wednesday, September 21

- *Third-Grade Art à la Carte: 8:30–9:20 a.m.*
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Thursday, September 22

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Monday, September 26–Friday, September 30

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Middle School

From the Division Head

Our eighth graders are the leaders of our Middle School Wolf Pack! I've said to them on multiple occasions this year that the St. Francis Middle School will be as respectful, kind, honest, inclusive, and courageous as they make it. If they respect each other in class and online, the other grades will follow their lead. If they go out of their way to make the Lower Schoolers and outside guests feel welcome in our hallways, then that will be the culture throughout the building.

Eighth graders have the privilege and responsibility to lead. One way that we acknowledge that mantle of responsibility is by presenting each eighth-grade St. Francis student with a special tie that they wear on dress uniform days and to special events.

This year's Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony is rapidly approaching. Join us for this annual rite of passage at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, in the Fine Arts Center.

Go Wolves!

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Upcoming Dates in the Middle School

OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

This semester, students in grades 5–7 will visit Camp Olympia for Outdoor Learning Experiences (OLEs). Please fill out [this form](#) and return it in person or via [email](#) to Kelly Murray in the Middle School Office by Thursday, September 15.

These required trips will take place on the following dates:

- **Fifth Grade:** Monday, September 19
- **Sixth Grade:** Monday, September 19–Tuesday, September 20 ([packing list](#))
- **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.

HOMECOMING WEEK—SEPTEMBER 26–30

Homecoming Week is September 26–30. There will be special spirit days, and the theme will be announced soon.

Join Us: Boys' and Girls' Bible Studies for Grades 5–8

Bible studies have begun. Grades will meet every other week, with eighth grade and seventh grade meeting on Fridays, and sixth grade and fifth grade meeting on Mondays. Boys' Bible studies will meet in Mrs. Flores's room, and girls' Bible studies will meet in Mrs. Gutierrez's room. Both rooms are right off of the library.

- The next time fifth grade will meet is on Monday, September 12, at 12:45 p.m.
- Due to OLEs, the next time sixth grade will meet is on Monday, October 3, at 12:45 p.m.
- The next time seventh grade will meet is on Friday, September 23, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time eighth grade will meet is on Friday, September 16, at 12:15 p.m.

A Note About Community Service Hours

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others. At the Recognition and Awards Ceremony in the spring, students who have completed 20, 30, 50, or 100 hours of service during a school term will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements. Additionally, one graduating student will be recognized for exemplifying and representing the quality of being "people for others."

- **Use this form** to submit your community service hours. You can drop the form off in the Middle School Office or email it to **Kelly Murray**.
 - Fifth Grade: 10 hours
 - Sixth Grade: 10 hours
 - Seventh Grade: 15 hours
 - Eighth Grade: 20 hours

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- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Fifth-Grade Bible Study:* 12:45 p.m. in Mrs. Flores's room (boys' Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez's room (girls' Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library
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Tuesday, September 13

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 14

- *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, September 15

- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, September 16

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *SFPO Dads' Club Fall Breakfast:* 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room

- *Eighth-Grade Bible Study:* 12:15 p.m. in Mrs. Flores’s room (boys’ Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez’s room (girls’ Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library
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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
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Friday, September 23

- *Seventh-Grade Bible Study:* 12:15 p.m. in Mrs. Flores’s room (boys’ Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez’s room (girls’ Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library
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Upper School

From the Division Head

Now that our students have started the year, what can we do as parents? How do we support our students in their first few weeks? The first step is using St. Francis’s Parent Portal to look at your student’s grades. The portal login can be found by navigating to our [web page](#) and clicking on “Portal Login.” Should you have any problems logging in, please click [here](#).



Once you are logged in, your student(s) will populate on the main page.

Parent Portal

My Children

**Karter** Info
[Classes & Reports](#) [Daily Schedule](#) [Recent Updates](#) [Assignments](#)
CURRENT LOCATION
FREE, no more classes

**Kendall** Info
[Classes & Reports](#) [Daily Schedule](#) [Recent Updates](#) [Assignments](#)
CURRENT LOCATION
USB2: Spanish I Duran; US Spanish W 23 min remaining

**Dylan** Info
[Classes & Reports](#) [Daily Schedule](#) [Recent Updates](#) [Assignments](#)
CURRENT LOCATION
2: History 5 Prince; MS 205 38 min remaining

Pro Tips:

- **By hovering over your student's picture, you can find his or her student ID.**
- **The portal constantly updates your student's schedule and location under "Current Location."**

Clicking on “Classes & Reports” reveals the student’s schedule, along with each class and the accompanying grade.

World History - 9th ACADEMIC	A- 90.48%
Dr. Staller	0 new notifications
Website Calendar Directory	View All Assignments

Spanish I ACADEMIC	A+ 98.33%
Ms. Duran	0 new notifications
Website Calendar Directory	View All Assignments

When you click directly on the grade, you will find a “grade detail” for each class. This data is constantly updated. Once the teacher makes a change, the grades are instantly recalculated and available to view.

The gift and the curse of quick and easy information is that, on the one hand, there are no surprises when report cards arrive; on the other hand, students can be removed from the driver’s seat when it comes to managing their grades if we as parents take too strong a role. I sympathize with this as a parent and have been guilty of ambushing my children as soon as they arrive home, or texting furiously that a certain grade must be dealt with immediately!

I want to suggest a few tips that can help us show our students that education is important to our families, but that still allow students the chance to learn, grow, and mature into independent people:

1. Set a day and time of the week to meet about grades. Keep this date consistent, and don’t be tempted to move it up because of a bad grade. This will allow the student an opportunity to address the situation themselves.
2. Instead of the parent asking the student questions, students should lead the parents through the grades, describing the whys and wherefores. This will give our students a much more active role, while allowing us the opportunity to ask salient questions.
3. When there is a poor performance mark or a problem in the gradebook, there might be questions about how to move forward. Maybe the student or teacher made a mistake? How does the student recover from this test? Is there still an opportunity to do make-up work? These are great questions to ask, but they should be asked by the student. Have your student write that email themselves. If needed, advisors and parents can be copied, as well.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

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 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, September 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 14

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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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.
 - Return to Couper Campus at 6:00 p.m.
 - [Click here for details.](#)
 - *SFPO Dads’ Club Fall Breakfast: 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room*
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Tuesday, September 20

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Thursday, September 22

- *“A” Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, September 23

- *“B” Day*
 - *Spirit Wear*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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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. We also offer an evening Eucharist on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all those who are ready to return. For those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship, we will continue to livestream our worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Access the livestream via our church [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), or [Facebook page](#). Instructions for livestreaming are included at the bottom of this section.

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.

Girl Scouts: Back-to-School Social Is This Afternoon

Join the Tall Pines Hill Girl Scout Community for a Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and Trail Adventure Badge Activity today—**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.

Mom's Bible Study Resumes Tuesday

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 this **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: Join Us This Sunday for Fellowship, Dinner, and Fun

Join us this coming **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](#).

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up! First Communion Classes Start Sunday

Designed to prepare second- and third-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist, First Communion Classes will take place on four Sundays, beginning this coming **Sunday, 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: Next Session Is September 22

Join other women for an hour of yoga and meditative prayer every other Thursday, with the next session on September 22. 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 meets 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.

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 Hutson via [email](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

Volunteer With the Outreach Team on 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!

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!

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 this month 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 continues through this month.

- 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 Urgent 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.

- **September Food Collection Items: Size 5–6 Diapers**
- 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.
- Thank you for not donating any glass containers or expired items.
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#).

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](#).

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 has returned! On Wednesdays 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. (The first meeting was on September 7.)

- 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.

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.

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](#).