

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 23

All School

Admissions Season Is Here: Help Us Spread the Word!

The Admissions Office is ready to begin receiving applications for NEW Wolves for the 2023–24 school year. The application deadline is Thursday, December 15. Current families who have additional children applying to St. Francis do not need to attend a group tour, but are welcome to participate. Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our upcoming admissions tours. ([Click here](#) for the tour dates.)

Coming Soon: BLUE Prepaid Breakfast + Snack Cards!

Very soon, blue-colored breakfast + snack cards will be available for purchase at the reception desk on Piney Point Campus.

- The blue card, available in the amounts of \$10 and \$25, will work like a prepaid punch card.
- It will be able to be used from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. to purchase breakfast items both in the Dining Hall and at the café and snack bar on Piney Point Campus, and from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. to purchase snack items at the café and snack bar.
- If there are particular snack items that parents want their children to avoid, they may write instructions on the back of the blue card—e.g., “no chocolate” or “no beverages other than water.”

For those who want their child to be able to purchase *only* breakfast items with a prepaid punch card, the white-colored breakfast cards will still be available.

- Please note: For a brief "grace period" after the blue cards become available, white cards will still be good for any food item in the Dining Hall and at the café and snack bar on Piney Point Campus (including snacks in the afternoon).
- After the grace period ends, the white cards will only work for purchasing breakfast items.

St. Francis Connections: Join Us Thursday

Join us this Thursday, October 27, at 11:30 a.m. to explore ways parents and caregivers can navigate difficult conversations with children and teens.

- Guest speaker [Marisa Nowitz](#) will offer a brief overview of how to recognize signs of distress in children who have been exposed to trauma and/or loss. In addition, we will explore the “cost of caring” and strategies to promote resilience in parents and caregivers who are helping to support children.
- Light lunch will be served.
- RSVP by clicking on [this link](#).

SFPO General Meeting Is Friday

Catch up with the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) this Friday, October 28, at 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room. Open to all parents, this meeting is an opportunity to hear updates from the SFPO committee chairs and learn how to get involved with the SFPO.

Beauty and the Beast: Tickets Go on Sale Sunday

Be our guest! Belle, Beast, Gaston, and their cadre of friends will be gracing our stage soon! Please mark your calendars for the Upper School musical performance of *Beauty and the Beast* in the evening on Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12, with a matinee performance on Sunday, November 13.

- Our younger Disney princesses and heroes can join us before the show on Sunday, November 13, at 1:00 p.m. for a very special “Cupcakes With the Characters” event!
- **Tickets go on sale this Sunday, October 30.** Watch for additional ticket and event information, coming soon.

Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest: Download the Entry Form

Our popular Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest will be held on **Monday, October 31!**

- This year’s categories include the following: Best in Your Grade, Best Pumpkin Overall, Best “Collab” Pumpkin (Family, Friends, or Class Pumpkin), School Spirit Award, Best Book Character, Most Detailed, Most Unique, Most Adorable, Best TV/Movie Character, Best Food, Best Person, Best Animal, Silliest, Grossest, Spookiest, Best Sports Theme, and Best Carved Pumpkin.
- [Click here](#) to download the entry form.
- Please contact [Kaylen Meserve](#) or [Lauren Wuertz](#) with any questions.

Elves Needed to Help With Ornament-Making Prep!

Each year, students create their own ornaments to put on their grade-level Christmas tree at both campuses. Amy Chandler, the Middle School Art Teacher, needs volunteers the **week of November 1** to help spread Christmas cheer! She needs elves to cut and

sort supplies on Main Street (the foyer outside of the Fine Arts Center) on Piney Point Campus in preparation for our annual ornament-making week.

- [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer.
- If you have any questions, [email Amy Chandler](#).

*****Supply prep could get dusty/messy, so casual dress is recommended.*****

Volunteers Needed: Art Refresh at Piney Point Campus

Help us change out the art display on Piney Point Campus! We need 10 to 12 people to help us put up new student artwork in the frames that are in the People Place and outside the Fine Arts Center. Please plan to come by between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, November 9**. Anyone can join us—no experience needed! Please [email Annie Hartigan](#) with any questions.

- **When:** Wednesday, November 9, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- **Where:** Meet in the People Place or outside the Fine Arts Center
- **Who:** Anyone!

To sign up to volunteer, please [click here](#).

Have You Downloaded Our Dining App?

Get the FREE Touch of SAGE® Mobile App to stay up-to-date with everything related to dining! View our menu, create a custom allergen profile, rate and provide feedback on menu items, view events, and more! [Click here](#) for information on using the app (available on Android and iOS systems).

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.

Primary School

From the Pre-Primary Team

The Teaching Fellow Program in the Primary School was created for those considering, or returning to, a career in education so they can gain valuable teaching experience in a Reggio-inspired early childhood environment. Each fellow is partnered with a mentor and immersed in pedagogical and curricular study. There are many benefits to this unique program, both for the fellows and for the greater St. Francis community.

During their two-year fellowship, individuals work not only with their mentor teacher, but also with administration and the cohort of fellows to read, reflect on, and employ

researched-based best practices in early childhood development. This enables the fellow to learn integral teaching strategies, observe them implemented by the mentor teacher, and practice them in the classroom. The mentor/fellow collaboration is unique in that it gives participants guidance and support during their experience in the classroom.

The Teaching Fellow Program is designed with a gradual-release method in mind. When starting, the fellows observe the mentor teacher, understanding that they will be taking on more of the leadership responsibilities as the program progresses. This unique lens is similar to a student-teaching framework, and it creates in the fellow an increased sense of ownership. We are pleased to share that fellows are already partnering with their mentor teachers in planning projects, strategizing approaches to meet students' needs, and participating in problem-solving situations. The mentor/fellow partnership intentionally embraces and supports this spirit of teamwork that is at the heart of Reggio-inspired education.

We are excited to see our current fellows and the Teaching Fellow Program grow in the Primary School. We know the benefits will impact not only our St. Francis community, but also all students our fellows teach in the future.

Sincerely,

The Pre-Primary Team

Susan Biehl and Farrah Shahhosseini (Fellow)
Maggy Britton and Anne Donnelly (Fellow)
Elizabeth Greenwood and Krystal Polk (Fellow)
Emily Husain and Floy Griffith (Fellow)
Jane Oteiza and Kelsey Coster (Fellow)

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 24

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, October 25

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Primary II Sings in Chapel (Hughes and Wiener)*
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Wednesday, October 26

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
 - *"From Cottage to College" Parent Meeting:* 8:45–9:30 a.m. in the Student Life Center on Couper Campus; click [here](#) to reserve your seat (max. 50 attendees)
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Monday, October 31

- *PS Parent Conference Day:* Student holiday
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Tuesday, November 1

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, November 2

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, November 7

- *Primary II Students Step Forward to Lower School (Owens and Wiener)*
 - *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 8

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

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Thursday, November 10

- *Primary II Students Step Forward to Lower School (Hughes and Capasso)*
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Monday, November 14

- *Pre-Primary Parent Step Forward to Primary I: 10:45 a.m.*
 - *Pre-Primary Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
 - *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, November 15

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
 - *Primary II Parent Step Forward to Lower School: 10:00 a.m. on the Piney Point Campus*
 - *Primary II Lunch on the Lawn: 11:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, November 9

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
 - *Primary I Parent Step Forward to Primary II: 10:45 a.m.*
 - *Primary I Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
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Monday, November 21–Friday, November 25

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

Lower School

From the Fourth-Grade Teachers

In Lower School, our social studies curriculum integrates reading, writing, and STEAM. Throughout our integrated social studies units, students have many opportunities to hone their critical thinking skills and work collaboratively on projects with their peers.

In kindergarten, students focus on their school and classroom community. They learn how to use directions to find their way around the school and how each of us plays an important role in the school community. As our students move into first grade, they

explore how families and community helpers impact the community. They also dive into traditions and holidays. Our second graders study how life today differs from life long ago; how important people have affected the world; and the differences between urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Social studies in the intermediate grades continues to grow student understanding and knowledge of the world in which they live. Third-grade students are immersed in the geography, customs, and economies of different countries. They even write their own version of a traditional tale connected to a country of their choosing. In fourth grade, our students dive into regional studies, where they build an understanding of historical events, finesse their map skills, and learn more about the 50 states. Participating in historical-fiction book clubs helps bring events from the past to life.

As teachers, we relish watching our students strengthen their reading, writing, and problem-solving skills as they become part of the stories they are learning about during social studies lessons. These lessons build excitement for learning more about the world around them, help develop empathy, and create a desire to explore!

Warm regards,

Lynn Hardee, Caren Hayden, Christine Nguyen, and Cheryl Rossy
The Fourth-Grade Team

Carpool Reminder: LS Drop-off Begins No Earlier Than 7:45 a.m.

As you know, construction on the new Parish Hall at the north end of St. Francis Episcopal Church has necessitated changes in morning drop-off and afternoon pickup this school year, and perhaps into the beginning of the 2023–24 school year, as well. Considering that all school traffic must now enter and exit in a single line, morning drop-off seems to be going reasonably well.

However, traffic backs up between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m., and the backup makes it difficult at times for Middle School students to get to their advisory on time.

Drivers who are dropping off only Lower School students, please remember that Lower School drop-off is scheduled for 7:45 to 8:10 a.m. Many thanks!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 24

- *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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Thursday, October 27

- *All Saints' Eucharist 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, October 28

- *Lower School Setup for Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest*
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Monday, October 31

- *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 Book Character Day (All Saints' Parties)*
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Wednesday, November 2

- *LS Late-Start Day: Classes start at 10:00 a.m.*
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Thursday, November 3

- *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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Saturday, November 5

- *Lower School Open House: 1:00–2:30 p.m.*
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Monday, November 7

- *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.
 - *Primary II Step Forward to Kindergarten (Students Only): 9:00–10:30 a.m.; first half of Primary II grade level*
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Tuesday, November 8

- *Fourth-Grade Art à la Carte: 9:10–10:05 a.m. and 1:20–2:15 p.m.*
 - *Kindergarten Art à la Carte: 11:15–11:55 a.m.*
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Wednesday, November 9

- *Third-Grade Art à la Carte: 8:30–9:20 a.m.*
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Thursday, November 10

- *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.
 - *Primary II Step Forward to Kindergarten (Students Only): 9:00–10:30 a.m.; final half of Primary II grade level*
 - *Second-Grade Art à la Carte: 9:30–10:20 a.m.*
 - *First-Grade Art à la Carte: 10:10–11:00 a.m.*
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Monday, November 14

- *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.
 - *LS Photo Makeup Day: 9:00–11:00 a.m.*
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Tuesday, November 15

- *Fourth-Grade Art à la Carte: 9:10–10:05 a.m. and 1:20–2:15 p.m.*
 - *Primary II Parent Step Forward to Kindergarten: 10:00–11:15 a.m.*
 - *Kindergarten Art à la Carte: 11:15–11:55 a.m.*
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Wednesday, November 16

- *Lower School Group Admissions Tour: 9:00–11:00 a.m.*
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Thursday, November 17

- *Chapel for Grades K–4 Will Be Held in Conjunction With Events Scheduled for Grandparents and Grandfriends Day*
 - *Kindergarten Grandparents and Grandfriends Day: 8:45–10:30 a.m.*
 - *First-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day: 12:30–2:15 p.m.*
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Friday, November 18

- *Second-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day: 8:45–10:30 a.m.*
 - *Third- and Fourth-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day: 12:30–2:15 p.m.*
 - *LS Trimester 1 Report Cards and Fall Narratives Released at 4:00 p.m.*
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Monday, November 21–Friday, November 25

- *Thanksgiving Break*

Middle School

From the Division Head

Don't just study—study!

What do I mean? Well, as many of you know, our Middle School has partnered with a local tutoring company called Academic Independence to help bolster our students' executive-functioning and study skills. Academic Independence's Founder Lauren Price reminds her clients and our teachers that students should study for their quizzes and tests; however, when preparing for a test, she warns against using the word "study."

If a student has a test coming up next week, then it makes sense to add that assessment to his or her digital or physical planner. It also makes sense to think about what is covered on that assessment and how much time it will take to prepare for it. Writing the word “study” in the planner on three different days isn’t particularly helpful. Instead of just planning to “study,” students should instead write what specific activities they are going to do during those study sessions.

The next time that your child tells you that he or she is going to “study,” gently push back and ask, “How are you going to study?”

What are some active study strategies that don’t require a lot of specialized training to complete?

- **Create an Online Quiz:** Build a Quizlet, Kahoot!, or Gimkit, and then practice it until you’re happy with the results.
- **Write Your Own Test:** Pretend to be the teacher, and write your own test based on the format of the previous test you took in that class.
- **Map the Information:** Create a mind map that shows the connection between the different topics, terms, and information on the test.
- **Complete Practice Problems:** Ask the teacher for additional practice problems and complete those. Better yet, write your own practice problems and then answer them. You can show them to your teacher in tutorials to make sure that your questions and answers are in line with the teacher’s expectations.

Over the next few weeks, content-area teachers are going to introduce a helpful study strategy for their particular course. After allowing students to practice these first four or five study strategies, teachers will introduce another set of strategies. While these strategies will be introduced in specific classes, our goal is for students to build a study-skills toolkit so that they can use the tools that work best for them depending on the content and type of assessment.

Middle Schoolers: according to Veracross, there are some tests coming up this week. Don’t just study—study!

Go Wolves!

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Middle School Athletics: Winter Sports Start Tomorrow + Updates

WINTER SPORTS START TOMORROW: MEET IN THE GYM

Congratulations again to all fall-sport athletes and coaches on a successful season, and thank you for all the parent support. Fall sports have concluded, and we will begin Middle School winter sports tomorrow, October 24.

- All students in grades 6–8 will meet in the gym briefly before moving on to their practices. **Primary sport swimmers and PE-exempt students do not need to**

attend this meeting and can report to their carpool at the green awning at the back of campus.

- Students should bring all necessary clothing and equipment for practices: athletic shorts and shirt, proper shoes or cleats, shin guards, etc.
- Please see below for practice details and timing.

PRACTICE ENDS AT A DIFFERENT TIME THIS FRIDAY

All Middle School practices will end at 4:10 p.m., with a 4:15 p.m. carpool pickup time on Friday, October 28.

PRACTICE DETAILS AND TIMING

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Practice Time</u>	<u>Practice/Class Location</u>	<u>Carpool Time</u>	<u>Carpool Location</u>
MSPE Exempt & Swimming	3:05 p.m. Dismissal	N/A	3:10–3:20 p.m.	Green Awning/Back of Campus
MSPE	3:15–4:00 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	4:05 p.m.	Piney Point Campus: Dining Hall
Wrestling	3:15–4:25 p.m.	Piney Point Campus: Wrestling Room	4:30 p.m.	Piney Point Campus: Dining Hall
Boys Soccer	3:15–4:25 p.m.	Piney Point Campus: Field	4:30 p.m.	Back of Campus/OAC
Girls Soccer	3:25–4:35 p.m.	Couper Campus: Turf Field	4:40 p.m.	Couper Campus: Primary I Cottage
Boys Basketball	3:15–4:25 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	4:30 p.m.	Piney Point Campus: Dining Hall
Girls Basketball	3:25–4:35 p.m.	Couper Campus: Crum Gym	4:40 p.m.	Couper Campus: Crum Gym (Corner)

* Some Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball teams will rotate practice locations throughout the season. Locations will be communicated to each team.

ATHLETICS CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Primary Contact</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
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Girls Basketball	Mary Gleason	mgleason@stfrancishouston.org
General Athletics Questions	T Riley	triley@stfrancishouston.org

Upcoming Dates in the Middle School

NEW FIFTH-GRADE ROTATION FOR ELECTIVES BEGINS—MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

The fifth grade will start a new elective rotation tomorrow—Monday, October 24.

PINK OUT IN HONOR OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Students are allowed to wear as much pink as possible this Friday, October 28, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE AND FIFTH-GRADE MOVIE—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Friday, October 28, is a big day for our Middle Schoolers!

- During the day, fifth graders will go to the movies at Studio Movie Grill.
- The Middle School Dance (grades 6–8) will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gym. The theme is Halloween Boo Bash!

LATE-START DAY—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Parents, please note that our second Late-Start Day will be Wednesday, November 2. On this day, classes will begin at 10:00 a.m.

SEVENTH-GRADE OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE (OLE)—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Outdoor Learning Experiences are at Camp Olympia again this year, with seventh grade's OLE taking place November 2–4. **Please look for an email this week with information about packing and drop-off/pickup.**

School Laptop Broken? Here's How to Get It Fixed

If your student's MacBook Air laptop is malfunctioning or damaged, please [click here](#) for more information on how your child can initiate a repair and what to expect during the process.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 24

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Sixth-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, October 25

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, October 26

- *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, October 27

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School All Saints' Eucharist Chapel:* 9:35 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, October 28

- *Pink Out or SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear as much pink as possible in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month or a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *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

Upper School

From the Division Head

As Houston begins to cool down with this lovely fall weather, things are heating up on Couper Campus. Winter sports teams are starting to practice; preparation for the musical continues apace; Girls Volleyball is vying for a playoff spot; Cross-Country ran district on the 22nd; and students are preparing for the last assessments of the calendar year.

Last year, we concluded the trimester with exams—but with the musical, Immersions and Explorations, as well as the start of a new sports season, we will hold off on exams until the last week of school in December. (For those of you new to our school, we have an “interim term” November 7–11 that we call Immersions and Explorations. During this week, we grant students another dimension to their education by providing grade-level programming and giving them some choice in activities.) We are also happy to report that we have rescheduled the missed retreat for Monday, November 7.

The week of Immersions and Explorations fulfills one of the major tenets of a St. Francis education—to provide a balanced and healthy environment for our community. Here are just a few of the opportunities afforded to our students during this week:

- Freshman class members become “people for others” by giving back at the Houston Food Bank.
- The sophomore class takes a practice ACT (to complement the PSAT).
- Juniors visit local places of worship as a component of our World Religions curriculum. They also spend time with our college counselor, Mr. Scales, via a résumé-writing workshop, college panel, and college visits. Finally, they will work on career exploration with our Director of Post-Secondary Success, Mrs. Addington.
- Students in the musical have time to rehearse during the school day.
- Students have voice and choice in selecting activities and explorations.

After Immersions and Explorations, the second trimester begins with a week of classes before we release for Thanksgiving break.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Upper School Athletics Update: Congratulations, Wilkin!

Congratulations to sophomore Cross-Country runner Wilkin P., who broke the school record for the 5K with a time of 20:04.31! Wilkin ran this time at the Faith Academy 5th Annual Cross-Country Meet in Bellville, TX, on Saturday, October 15. The previous record was set by John K., class of 2022, and has stood since 2019.

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Beauty and the Beast: Tickets Go on Sale Sunday

Be our guest! Belle, Beast, Gaston, and their cadre of friends will be gracing our stage soon! Please mark your calendars for the Upper School musical performance of *Beauty and the Beast* in the evening on Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12, with a matinee performance on Sunday, November 13. **Tickets go on sale this Sunday, October 30**, and details on how to purchase will be provided soon.

Upper School Summer Travel Opportunities

ECUADOR AND GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TRIP

If you missed last week's parent information Zoom meeting for the optional summer trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, please email [Liat Goldstein](#) for a recording. You may also [click here](#) for trip details.

- Grades 9–11: Trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands
- June 5–14, 2023
- Trip Leader: Liat Goldstein

GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND SWITZERLAND

It's not too late to sign up for the optional summer trip to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland! Please [click here](#) for more information, including details on dates, price, itinerary, and registration instructions.

- Grades 6–11: Edelweiss Tour to Germany/Austria/Switzerland
- June 6–15, 2023
- Trip Leader: Chad Knesek

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

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

- *Eighth Graders Visit Upper School*
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Wednesday, October 26

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, October 27

- *"B" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear: Because students will wear the Dress Uniform for Eucharist on Friday, October 28, they may wear Spirit Wear today.*
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Friday, October 28

- *"A" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Upper School All Saints' Eucharist: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, October 31 (Halloween)

- *"B" Day*
 - *Students Are Invited to Wear School-Appropriate Halloween Costumes: Guidelines will be announced to students.*
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Tuesday, November 1

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, November 2–Thursday, November 10

- *Tech Week*
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Wednesday, November 2

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, November 3

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, November 4

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*

Church

There's Still Time: Donate Coats by Tomorrow

Several years ago, teachers in Spring Branch ISD noticed that many children were not wearing coats during a year of cold winter weather. As a result, MAM was asked to help collect coats and distribute them to children in need. St. Francis Episcopal Church and School answered the call. In honor of Kitty Elliott—who organized the original coat drive—it has been officially named The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive. **Collection areas will be set up at St. Francis Episcopal Church today, or you may bring coats to the church office tomorrow (Monday, October 24).**

Veterans Day Recognition: Submit Names by Thursday

On Sunday, October 30, we will honor and celebrate our veterans, giving thanks to all who have served honorably in the United States military. If you have a name to add to the Veterans Day publication we produce annually, please send the name and rank of the person to be listed, plus any other pertinent information, to Sally Jo Flores via [email](mailto:sallyjo@mam.edu) or at 713.782.1270 by this Thursday, October 27.

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 Family 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.

G.L.O.W. FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need our middle school students to serve as volunteers each week at Lighthouse Expressions in Art after the Family Worship Service. Come help younger children make the craft project of the week! Contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 to sign up and receive service hours.

HIGH SCHOOL REVIVAL

High school students are invited to come to the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) each week after the Family Worship Service. Join other students for fellowship, learning, and a question of the day. REVIVAL is led by Nichole Hilgert. For more information, [email her](#) or call 713.468.3996.

Find Your Adventure in Girl Scouts

Join the Tall Pines Hill Girl Scout community, where all girls from kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome. Join other girls for service, camping, STEM, badges, leadership, and sisterhood! For more information, [email the troop leaders](#).

Be Still Yoga: Next Session Is November 3

Join other women for an hour of yoga and meditative prayer every other Thursday. 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. The next class is on November 3.
- For more information or to RSVP, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Join Us Tuesdays for Mom's Bible Study

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

- The study is 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.

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.

- **October Food Collection Item: Canned Vegetables**
- 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](#). To volunteer, [click here](#).

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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

On Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., join Fr. David Price for Eucharist in St. Clare Chapel, followed by a program and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.

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

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.
 - **Study:** Daniel
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83321039436>
 - **Meeting ID:** 833 2103 9436
 - **Passcode:** 649679

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine

- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is November 8.**)
 - **Study:** The Life of Abraham
 - **Location:** The Corner Bakery (9311 Katy Fwy.)
 - **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](#).