

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 30

All School

The St. Francis Fund Has Officially Kicked Off!

Please help the Advancement Team extend a big thank-you to our 2022–23 Chairs, Taylor and Blake Shaver. They are leading a very dedicated and enthusiastic **committee of parent volunteers**, who will be reaching out to all families to join them in support of this important fund that supports the education of every child. Look for your packet in the mail.

The St. Francis Fund is our most important philanthropic priority, because it funds the most valued and vital aspects of your children's education by **ensuring academic excellence, opening doors with tuition assistance, optimizing athletic programs, enriching the arts, and targeting areas of greatest need.**

Last year, **86% of parents** gave to the St. Francis Fund; our goal is always 100%, so please consider a gift from your family. **94% of faculty and staff** and **100% of the Board of Trustees** also participated last year. **Make your gift or pledge to the St. Francis Fund today!** For more information, **click here** or contact **Muffy Buvens, Director of the St. Francis Fund.**

November 9 & 10: Volunteers Needed for Teacher Appreciation Luncheons

Teacher Appreciation Lunches are Wednesday, November 9, and Thursday, November 10, and we need your help! Please click on the following links to sign up and help make this a wonderful event for our teachers:

- **Lower School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
- **Primary School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

With questions, please contact **Julie Grandt.**

SFPO Dads' Club Football Watch Party on November 3

Co-Chairs Arthur Donnelly and James Breaux invite all St. Francis dads for fellowship, food, and football this Thursday, November 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus. *Note from the Dads' Club Co-Chairs: We have been advised that more moms than dads read Wolf Watch, so moms, please share the above information with your husband and encourage him to check his email to RSVP to the invitation.*

Friends of Fine Arts: Next Meeting Is November 8

FoFA will be meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the 9000 Westheimer administration building. Come get the latest news and learn how to get involved. All are invited to attend, and we can go vote afterward.

Help Make Christmas Merry and Bright for Our St. Francis Teachers and Staff!

Soon, all St. Francis families will receive an email regarding the St. Francis Parents Organization Christmas Collection. The SFPO Christmas Collection is a much-loved tradition that equitably benefits all teachers and staff members, while complying with our *School Handbook's* gift-giving policy.

- You may [make your contribution by clicking here.](#)
- You may also write a check made out to "St. Francis Parents Organization" and drop off your contribution in the SFPO box located in the front office of the Piney Point Campus. Please write "Christmas Contribution Gift" in the memo line.
- Please make your contribution before Friday, December 2.

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.

IMPORTANT: Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest Drop-off

All parents should have received a detailed email on Friday about our popular Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest. You may view that email [here](#).

Beauty and the Beast: Buy Tickets Today

Plan to join us for the Upper School musical performance of *Beauty and the Beast* on Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Our younger guests are encouraged to attend our matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13.

- To purchase tickets and intermission snacks, [click here](#). Belle, Beast, Gaston, and their cadre of friends can't wait to welcome you to the castle!

- Special “Beast Boxes” are available for advance purchase for \$12 for guests who need a snack during intermission! Our Beast Boxes will satisfy your hunger for salty and savory with popcorn, goldfish, M&M’s, and sugar cookies! **Reserve your box in advance by Wednesday, November 9.**

From the Nurse's Desk: Flu Guide for Parents

Influenza season is upon us. For information about the illness, including tips on how to treat it and how to protect your child from getting it, [click here](#).

This Week: 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 **this week** 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.*****

November 9: Volunteers Needed for Art Refresh at PPC

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](#).

Primary School

From the Division Head

From Cottage to College was a tremendous success! During this event, parents received helpful tips about the college process from Steven Scales, St. Francis’s Director of College Counseling, and toured our beautiful new Student Life Center. Mr. Scales shared what Primary School parents should know about the college admission process and how, from Primary through Upper School, St. Francis walks alongside you as your children develop into imaginative, critical thinkers and *people for others*.

As a parent of three children in college, I can attest to the fact that it happens very quickly. It is not too early to start thinking about the journey to college for Primary School students. During his presentation, Mr. Scales focused on three main components for parents planning for their children's college education:

1. **Creating a college culture and narrative within your family.** Parents are encouraged to talk about college in their homes. They can share their own college experiences if they attended, while also not overemphasizing one alma mater. Recognizing that there are many college options will help prepare students to choose the college that is right for them. As the college application process evolves, and as the world changes, it is most beneficial for parents to acknowledge that what was right for them may not be right for their children.
2. **Prepare your child academically.** It is important for parents to inspire a love of learning in their children. This happens by supporting their natural curiosity and giving them developmentally appropriate opportunities to grow. By encouraging a growth mindset in children, they enjoy the process of learning and remain confident when there are hiccups along their academic journey. Another vital component for children's academic success is to nurture their affinity for reading. Although technology has greatly affected how we communicate, reading remains an integral part of our daily lives. Confident readers are better equipped to navigate with ease and understanding.
3. **Consider the Cost.** The cost to attend college has significantly increased from when many of us attended college. It is important to have realistic expectations regarding your family's financial commitment to college and to recognize that it is never too early to start saving for college.

It is comforting to know that our St. Francis students can start in Primary School and matriculate on to college from our Upper School. We are excited to join your family on your child's path toward high school and beyond!

With appreciation,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Beauty and the Beast: Be Our Guest for Cupcakes With the Characters!

Primary and Lower School students are invited to join the cast of the Upper School musical performance of *Beauty and the Beast* to enjoy Cupcakes With the Characters on Sunday, November 13. The event will be held from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. in the Dining Hall before the matinee show at 2:30 p.m.

Come dressed as your favorite prince, princess, or Disney character, and enjoy a preview of one of the show's big numbers, plus decorating crowns, a photo booth, specialty cupcakes, and so much more! You will have the chance to personally meet and take photos with our main characters, including Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Gaston, Cogsworth, Lefou, and Mrs. Potts.

[Click here to buy tickets for the Cupcakes With the Characters Party.](#) (These are separate from tickets for the show, which you can purchase [here](#). **Please be sure to purchase both.** Student tickets for Cupcakes With the Characters are \$15, and adult tickets are \$5.)

Mark Your Calendar

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)*

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 16

- *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
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Monday, November 28

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 29

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

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

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, December 6

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
 - *Explore and Extend Spring Registration Opens*
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Wednesday, December 7

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, December 12

- *Primary I Christmas Parties: 1:30 p.m.*
 - *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, December 13

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, December 14

- *PS Lessons and Carols: No parents in Chapel today*
 - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties: 1:45 p.m.*
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Thursday, December 15

- *Primary II Nativities and Parties*

Lower School

From the Division Head

Our virtue for October has been scholarship. In Chapel, students and adults have been reciting James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." Lower School students have exemplified scholarship this month by engaging in learning experiences that have grown their knowledge and skills across content areas.

- **Kindergarteners** celebrated the end of their first reading unit by sharing some of their favorite books with the second graders. In music, they have been working on noticing the difference between loud and soft sounds while singing, moving, listening, and playing instruments.
- **First-grade students** have been reflective writers asking themselves, "How can I make my writing clear for my reader?" Their informational writing unit has started, and they are even experimenting with creating a Table of Contents for their pieces to help make them clear. While in art class, first-grade artists have learned about balance as a principle of design and drawn a symmetrical bug that is the same on both sides.
- **Second-grade students** have started a new reading unit focusing on strategies for reading longer books. To help make their reading fluency even stronger, they are practicing pumpkin plays that they will perform for each other in class. While in religion class, they have been learning about Moses and the Israelites wandering in the wilderness and how God gave them the Ten Commandments.
- **Third-grade students** have researched animals and discussed their unique characteristics and adaptations. They have also brought in recycled materials to design and create a spooky space within a shoebox. In Spanish, the students have learned vocabulary words to name family members and relationships.
- **Fourth-grade students** have been hard at work on their literary essay unit, growing their knowledge of organizing and writing a five-paragraph essay with a thesis statement and supporting text evidence. In physical education, they have been honing their gross-motor skills by chasing, fleeing and dodging, kicking, dribbling, and punting.

There are many meaningful learning experiences underway in the Lower School. Please continue to encourage and support your child with the virtue of scholarship at home by ensuring your child is reading and practicing math facts daily, and journaling or letter-writing at least weekly.

In partnership,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

Help Us Gather RSVPs for Grandparents and Grandfriends Days

Lower School and Middle School students will welcome their grandparents and grandfriends to campus on November 16, 17, and 18.

- The full schedule is listed on the registration form, [here](#).
- Please help us get an accurate RSVP count for this event! Speak with grandparents and grandfriends to make sure they have received the invitation (or you have forwarded the invitation to them) and encourage them to register. You may also register on their behalf, if needed.
- If you have questions, please contact Director of Special Events Alaina Stephens via [email](#) or at 713.458.6169.

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Mark Your Calendar

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 Favorite Book Character Day (All Saints' Parties)*
 - *Pumpkin Drop-off During Carpool: 7:15–8:10 a.m.*
 - *Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest*
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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.
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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.
 - *Upper School Performs Beauty and the Beast Preview Play for Lower School*: 1:00–2:00 p.m.; **STUDENT-ONLY EVENT**
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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.
 - *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.
 - *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

It is hard to believe that Trimester 1 ends on Friday. We are already a third of the way through this school year, and report cards are coming soon.

What do report cards do?

They give us information. They inform us about a student's progress and achievement on the tasks, skills, and processes that the school chooses to measure. Teachers are in the process of writing comments for each of their students about how they did in Tri-1. In those comments, you'll read about academic strengths, work habits, classroom citizenship, and specific steps for improvement.

What *don't* report cards do?

Letter grades are not measures of value or worth. No letter or number or comment on a report card can determine how important, intelligent, worthy, and loved you are. Grades are not measures of affection. Earning a 75 percent in English does not mean that the teacher does not like you, any more than a 99 percent in History means that the teacher loves you. Grades are information.

Pardon my use of another sports metaphor, but think about the report card as a scoreboard at a field hockey or volleyball game: it tells you some important information about what has occurred, but not everything. A scoreboard can tell you who has more points, but not who has more talent. It can tell you how many time-outs a team has taken, but not how many they need.

Since you know that report cards are coming and the trimester is quickly drawing to a close, here are a few questions that you might want to think about in this final week of Trimester 1:

1. How do I expect to do on this upcoming report card?
2. What comments do I expect my teachers to make about my behavior and participation?
3. Which classes have been most enjoyable for me this school year?
4. Which classes have been most challenging? Why?
5. What's my biggest achievement so far this school year?
6. What do I do to prepare for assessments in each of my classes? How well are those routines working?

Scoreboards and report cards give incomplete and imperfect information. Treat them that way. Rather than reaching a bunch of conclusions based on these upcoming report cards, let them inspire questions and spark conversations:

1. What patterns did I notice?
2. According to this report card, how does my performance this trimester compare to my previous academic performance?
3. How do my citizenship and academic grades compare to the ones I expected to get?
4. What small changes to my daily or weekly routine would have the biggest impact on my academic performance?

Report cards will be published on November 18. Read them. Discuss them. Reflect on them. They will give you some good information—but remember that report cards have limits. They can't measure your worth. In case you're wondering about your value and worth, I can tell you: it's infinite.

Go Wolves!

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Students Are Invited to Dress Up for Halloween Tomorrow

Students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with the Casual Dress Guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear St. Francis Spirit Wear with uniform bottoms or jeans. Students' Halloween costumes should not include the following:

- Blood
- Weapons
- Satan or demons
- Immodest dress
- Cigarettes, booze, or drugs

Late-Start Day Is Wednesday

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 OLE: Two Forms + Packing List

Seventh-grade parents, in preparation for your student's Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) at Camp Olympia on November 2–4, please fill out the TWO forms below and read the packing list:

- **Medical Form**
- **Permission Waiver** (Print and return to your student's advisor OR email it to **Kelly Murray**.)

- **Packing List**

The buses will depart St. Francis at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November

2. Please **arrive by 6:00 a.m.** to ensure everyone gets checked in and on the proper bus for an on-time departure. Pickup on Friday, November 4, will be at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis.

We are all looking forward to a great time together at OLE!

ERB Testing Is Next Week

ERB Testing is November 9–11. Please see below for a few general reminders for you and your child:

- There are no tutorials during ERB days.
- There are no homework assignments or assessments during ERB days.
- Bring a fully charged computer and charging cord to school each day.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Have a good breakfast, and remember to bring a water bottle, a snack, and a good book!
- Bring a St. Francis sweatshirt or light jacket in case the testing room is cool.
- Keep a positive attitude about the assessments!

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Summer Travel Opportunity to Austria, Germany, 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 31

- *Halloween Costume or St. Francis Spirit Wear:* Please see above for further dress guidelines.
 - *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, November 1

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, November 2

- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Seventh-Grade OLE*
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Thursday, November 3

- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Seventh-Grade OLE*
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Friday, November 4

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

Upper School

From the Division Head

Making its way through the news syndicates is a concerning [report](#) from the [National Center for Education Statistics](#) about the falling reading and math levels of our fourth- and eighth-grade students.

None of this is terribly surprising. While many (but not all) leaders in education knew a fundamental truth that education cannot be delivered by electronic media and online delivery systems alone, the results are now in. We need those interpersonal relationships. Being in school matters.

The age of edtech boosterism has received a salutary corrective, but what can we do to help our students? How do we right this ship in such a critical moment in our children's development?

Of course, it's the goal of every teacher to meet students where they are, but how do you teach exponents to a student with significant gaps in pre-algebra? How do you teach Shakespeare to a student who did not have guided readings and the expectations of a robust English program for almost two years?

For our teachers at St. Francis, it begins with empathy and understanding for our students. Their journey is difficult, and the work is hard. Yet, we cannot teach half of Algebra II or give up on reading powerful literature. We maintain the high standards you expect of a college-prep institution, but we keep our ears pricked for gaps; when we find those gaps, we invite students to our office hours or morning tutorials. We encourage our students to be brave and to trust in their abilities.

For English, the best advice I can give is to read. Delve into literature beyond what the school asks you to do. For years before COVID was a part of our lives, our own Director of College Counseling, Mr. Scales, averred that the best test prep for the reading sections of the SAT or ACT was to read.

As our math program grows, we continue to look for ways to support our students. We are developing more robust placement tests for incoming students. Important alignment work with the Middle School is carried out in late starts to smooth the transition from the eighth grade.

Finally, though the education econometricians love measuring our children, there is no doubt that there was a deep social and emotional loss for our students when they were deprived of social interactions. I remember seeing Lower School students returning to summer camp for the first time after the quarantine. There were so many tears! But that is why we are also so proud of our St. Francis community—a place where students feel recognized and loved. And it is in this environment that we can build those relationships again.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Congratulations, TAPPS All District Honorees!

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Volleyball players who earned TAPPS All District honors this season.

TAPPS 3A DISTRICT 5 AWARDS

- **First Team:** Kate S.
- **Second Team:** Alex O.
- **Honorable Mention:** Hannah F., Ashley W.

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

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

Beauty and the Beast: Buy Tickets Today!

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 are now on sale**, and may be purchased via [this link](#).

Upper School Summer Travel Opportunities

ECUADOR AND GALAPAGOS ISLANDS TRIP

If you missed the recent 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 31 (Halloween)

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

Tuesday, November 1

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, November 2–Thursday, November 10

- *Tech Week*

Wednesday, November 2

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- *Upper School Chapel:* 1:00–1:30 p.m. in Crum Gym

Thursday, November 3

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, November 4

- *“B” Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Dress*
- *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Saturday, November 5

- *Upper School Admissions Open House:* 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 7–Friday, November 11

- *Immersions and Explorations*

Monday, November 7

- *Retreat to Carolina Creek (Rescheduled From Earlier This Fall)*
 - Drop-off at 6:00 a.m.
 - Depart Couper Campus at 6:15 a.m.
 - Return to Couper Campus at 6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 8

- *Immersions and Explorations: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.*
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Wednesday, November 9

- *Immersions and Explorations: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.*
 - *No Chapel*
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Thursday, November 10

- *Immersions and Explorations: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.*
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Friday, November 11

- *Immersions and Explorations, Lunch, and Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.*
- *No Chapel*

Church

Weekly Worship Schedule

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. 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.

Baptisms Will Be Held on November 20 and January 8

Principal feast days are especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. In addition to today's baptisms, the following dates have been designated as baptism dates: November 20 (Christ the King Sunday) and January 8, 2023 (Baptism of our Lord). Family baptisms may also be scheduled on available Saturdays, if necessary. If you or a family member would like to be baptized, please contact Sally Jo Flores via [email](#) or at 713.782.1720 to indicate a date preference.

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is November 8

The Men of St. Francis continue their study on the Life of Abraham, with discussion led by Fr. Bates. The group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held November 8. Please note that the location has changed to The Corner Bakery at 9311 Katy Freeway (in the Echo Lane Shopping Center), and breakfast is provided. Please [email Sally Jo Flores](#) to be added to the email distribution for future notices.

Join Us to Make Advent Wreaths on November 27

Join us after the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services on November 27 for the treasured St. Francis tradition of making an Advent wreath for your home! We will gather in the People Place to make beautiful, tabletop wreaths with fresh evergreens, festive decorations, and four candles that symbolize the four weeks of Advent. Suggested donation is \$25 per wreath. For additional information, [email Allison Devlin](#).

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 Meets Every Other Thursday

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](#).

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.

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](#).