

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of December 4

### All School

#### **Congratulations, National Choir Participants!**

Congratulations to Wyatt P., Adam G. and Tina L., who auditioned and were selected to join the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Choirs in Jacksonville, FL, over spring break! They will sing under the direction of preeminent conductors and with students from all over the country. We know they will represent St. Francis well!

#### **Sing Along With Your Students This Week**

Friends of Fine Arts would like to thank all the volunteers who decorated the Fine Arts Center (FAC) for our upcoming choir concerts! Please plan to sing along with your students this week at the following holiday concerts in the FAC:

- **Kindergarten:** Tuesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m.
- **First and Second Grades:** Monday, December 12, at 1:00 p.m.
- **Third and Fourth Grades:** Tuesday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Information From Explore and Extend**

**Registration for spring 2023 after-school enrichment classes and School of Music lessons opens this Tuesday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m.** To register, click the "Register Here" link on the [Explore and Extend page](#).

#### **WINTER BREAK CAMPS: REGISTRATION REOPENS TUESDAY**

Mark your calendars for December 19–21, 2022! Spaces are still available in the following winter break camps: Christmas Fun for Primary School, Christmas Make and Take, Cookie Spectacular, Winter Baseball Defensive Camp, Lacrosse Camp, and Basketball Camp.

**Please Note:** Since registration for winter camps uses the same online system as registration for spring Explore and Extend classes, winter camp registration will be

unavailable today and tomorrow (December 4–5) while the spring registration is being set up in Veracross. Winter camp registration will reopen this Tuesday, December 6.

### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IS FRIDAY: SOME SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Our next Parents' Night Out is this Friday, December 9, and there are still spaces available for students in Primary II through eighth grade. The cost per child is \$35, and it includes dinner, games, crafts, cooking projects, a movie, sports, and Nerf wars. Online registration (via the "Register Here" link on the [Explore and Extend page](#)) reopens this Tuesday, December 6, or you may [email Margaret Newsom](#) to reserve a spot.

### **SCHOOL OF MUSIC RECITALS ARE TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY**

The School of Music recitals are upon us! Join us in the Fine Arts Center today, December 4, at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to share in the gift of music, as well as on Sunday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., also in the Fine Arts Center.

#### ***Sunday, December 4***

- 1:00 p.m. Students of Marc Garvin, Sylvia Ouellette, and James Johnson
- 2:30 p.m. Students of Sarah Bouse and Dr. Daniel Zajicek

#### ***Sunday, December 11***

- 1:00 p.m. Students of Callie Denbigh and Dr. Andrew Nishikawa
- 2:30 p.m. Students of Dr. Andrew Nishikawa

### **FALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC LESSONS END SOON**

Regular School of Music lessons will continue through this Friday, December 9. Any lessons rescheduled from earlier in the semester will occur Monday, December 12, through Thursday, December 15, and you will be notified by email of these additional lessons, as needed.

### **SPRING SCHOOL OF MUSIC LESSONS: REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY**

School of Music lessons for the spring semester begin on January 9, 2023, and registration opens this Tuesday, December 6. To register, click the "Register Here" link on the [Explore and Extend page](#). Both new and returning students are welcome. We offer private lessons during the school day in piano, percussion, violin, viola, guitar, and voice. Biographies for the School of Music teachers can be found at the bottom of the Explore and Extend page.

### **Nominations Now Open for SFPO Officers**

It's time to start thinking about the 2023–24 St. Francis Parents Organization Executive Committee. The SFPO supports the mission of St. Francis by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for our parent community to uphold the four pillars of care and compassion, school spirit, teacher appreciation, and community-building.

- If you are interested in serving on the SFPO Executive Committee—or know someone who is interested—please [fill out this form](#).

- [Click here](#) to view the list of positions for which nominations are currently being accepted.

### **Tomorrow Is the Deadline for Letters to Santa**

Through tomorrow, all of our St. Francis families are invited to drop letters to Santa in the special red mailboxes on both campuses. It's the fastest service around, with direct delivery to the North Pole ... guaranteed! To give Santa and his busy elves enough time to reply, please make sure your child's letter is in the mailbox by tomorrow—Monday, December 5—with the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Grade
- Return address on the envelope

Thanks for helping us spread some Christmas cheer!

### **Joyful Sounds/MS Choir Performance Is December 14**

Please plan to join us for the Joyful Sounds and Middle School Choir performance on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (11612 Memorial Dr.).

## **Primary School**

### **From the Division Head**

This time of year is nostalgic for me as I reminisce about fried turkey, cornbread dressing, collard greens, ice box pie, Scrabble, football—and what it all has meant to me each November. What started as cross-country trips to my grandmother's house for Thanksgiving dinner evolved into Turkey Day traditions with my four children and husband. I found immense happiness in cooking all day and watching my family indulge while enjoying one another's company. There is something about "togetherness and food" that makes people feel a sense of comfort.

Our recent Lunch on the Lawn events were examples of the comfort and community to which I am accustomed. It filled my heart with such joy to observe families gathering with food and friends while laughing and sharing stories. This beloved tradition in Primary School has become one of my personal favorites. It does not take much to cultivate a sense of belonging and unity within a community.

As I reflected on my visits with our families during Lunch on the Lawn, I was reminded why I am thankful for you and your continued support. It is a privilege to work in a school where family and community are synonymous with love and appreciation. I hope your time together over the break produced wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

With gratitude,

Kenyetta Wynn, EdD  
Head of Primary School

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **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*
  - *Tae Kwon Do Belt Ceremony: 2:45 p.m. in the PS Music Room*
  - *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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### **Thursday, December 8**

- *Tae Kwon Do Belt Ceremony: 2:45 p.m. in the PS Music Room*
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### **Friday, December 9**

- *Tumbling Open House: 2:45 p.m. in the PS Motor Room*
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### **Monday, December 12**

- *Primary I Christmas Parties: **10:00 a.m.; please note time change***
  - *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
  - *Primary I Ballet Open House: 2:45 p.m. in the PS Motor Room*
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## **Tuesday, December 13**

- *PS Lessons and Carols Chapel:* No parents in Chapel today
  - *Primary II Ballet Open House:* 2:45 p.m. in the PS Motor Room
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## **Wednesday, December 14**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
  - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties:* 1:45 p.m.
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## **Thursday, December 15**

- *Primary II Nativities and Parties*
    - **Capasso:** 9:00 a.m.
    - **Owens:** 10:00 a.m.
    - **Wiener:** 11:00 a.m.
    - **Hughes:** 12:00 p.m.
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## **Monday, December 19–Monday, January 2**

- *Christmas Break:* School closed
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## **Tuesday, January 3**

- *Classes Resume*
  - *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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## **Wednesday, January 4**

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

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
- *Explore and Extend Spring Classes Begin*

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**Tuesday, January 10**

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

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**Wednesday, January 11**

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

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**Monday, January 16**

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School closed*

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**Tuesday, January 17**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
- *Pajama Ingathering Starts*

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**Wednesday, January 18**

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

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**Friday, January 20**

- *PS Pajamarama (Students Only)*
- *Pajama Ingathering Ends*

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**Monday, January 23**

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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## **Tuesday, January 24**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
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## **Wednesday, January 25**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary I parents may attend
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## **Friday, January 27**

- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends: 8:15 a.m.*
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## **Monday, January 30**

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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## **Tuesday, January 31**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
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## **Wednesday, February 1**

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

## **Lower School**

### **From the Lower School Music Teacher**

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” —Psalm 100*

Singing in a choir benefits not only children’s artistic growth, but also their social and emotional development. Joyful Sounds choristers dedicate much of their rehearsal time to developing the fundamentals of a beautiful choral sound, including an aligned posture, supported breath, and pure vowel sounds. Along the way, they practice cooperation and build a sense of empathy so they may blend and balance their voices as one unit. They develop respect and appreciation for one another and the music, and

experience great satisfaction and enjoyment in learning and performing a new song well. Many express that they enjoy singing with friends, sharing their music on field trips, and feeling included.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday after school, one can hear the angelic voices of dedicated, thoughtful, and talented third- and fourth-grade students as they sing in the Joyful Sounds Choir. In profoundly beautiful ways, music is changing the lives of these choristers. While developing their musicianship skills, they learn to appreciate the rehearsal process and how it leads to a satisfying, exemplary performance. Learning songs of various styles broadens their musical knowledge and opens their minds to new ideas.

This year, Joyful Sounds is excited to join with the vocal talents of the Middle School Choir in a combined Choir Christmas Concert at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. As the director of the Lower School Joyful Sounds Choir, I hope you will join us for this Christmas concert to celebrate the holidays with joyful sounds.

Warmly,

Melissa Jurick, MEd  
Lower School Music Teacher and Joyful Sounds Choir Director

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, December 5

- *Memorial Villages EMS Visits First Grade*: 12:15–1:15 p.m.; **student-only event**
- *Third-Grade ERB Testing*: 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
  - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
  - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.

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### Tuesday, December 6

- *Kindergarten Christmas Concert*: 9:00–9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center
- *Third-Grade ERB Testing*: 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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### Wednesday, December 7

- *Third-Grade ERB Testing*: 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *Lower School Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.



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## Thursday, December 8

- *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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## Monday, December 12

- *First- and Second-Grade Christmas Concert: 1:00–2:00 p.m.* in the Fine Arts Center
  - *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, December 13

- *Third- and Fourth-Grade Christmas Concert: 1:00–2:00 p.m.* in the Fine Arts Center
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## Wednesday, December 14

- *Joyful Sounds and Middle School Christmas Choir Concert: 6:30–7:15 p.m.* at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
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## Thursday, December 15

- *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, December 16

- *LS Christmas Parties: More information coming soon*

- *LS Polar Express Day*
  - *LS Christmas Sing-Along: 2:00–2:40 p.m.*
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### **Monday, December 19–Monday, January 2**

- *Christmas Break: School closed*
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### **Tuesday, January 3**

- *Classes Resume*

## **Middle School**

### **From the Division Head**

Middle School report cards were published just before the Thanksgiving Break, and the comments came out on Friday.

This year's report cards have a few small changes. How do you read them?

As always, you will see a letter grade and a comment for each Trimester 1 class. You will also find a citizenship grade. In the past, St. Francis Middle School students received conduct and effort grades. We have essentially combined those two categories.

Citizenship grades are a reflection of students' work habits, responsibility, communication, and respect for others in the classroom. The grades are Exceeding Expectations (EE), Meeting Expectations (ME), Approaching Expectations (AE), and Not Meeting Expectations (NME). In most classes, the majority of the students will earn grades of Meeting Expectations or Approaching Expectations in citizenship.

What does it look like to exceed the citizenship expectations?

- The student consistently models what it means to be a “person for others” in the classroom. The student is a servant leader in class and models respect and kindness.
- The student is always on time for class, plans ahead, brings necessary supplies, and, when absent, completes makeup work without being reminded. For planned absences, the student communicates with the teacher ahead of time.
- The student consistently gives maximum effort in class and on homework. The student is a model participant in class activities.
- The student not only listens actively to peers and adults, but also demonstrates a love of learning and a desire to see the class remain on task. The student invites

other students to contribute to the class discussions in a way that is positive and timely.

- The student takes appropriate intellectual risks in class and is an empathetic leader and active listener in whole-class and small-group discussions.

A student who is Meeting Expectations consistently demonstrates age-appropriate levels of responsibility and respect, and requires very little assistance in remaining on task and following through with classroom assignments.

A report card is not the perfect tool for sharing feedback with Middle School families, but it is one tool that we can use to continue the ongoing conversation between the school and the home.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as you raise critical thinkers who are people for others at St. Francis and beyond.

Go Wolves!

Byron R. Williams, EdD  
Head of Middle School

### **Seventh-Grade Field Trip Is December 6**

The seventh-grade students will be attending an Alley Theatre performance of *A Christmas Carol* on Tuesday, December 6. Students will board buses at 8:45 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. Students are to wear dress uniforms.

With rich Victorian costumes, exciting magical elements created by acclaimed illusionist Jim Steinmeyer, and beautifully sung holiday carols, *A Christmas Carol* tells the beloved story of Scrooge and his miraculous transformation.

To prepare for the event, all seventh graders read a graphic novel of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The Advanced English students also read the full-length novel. Students researched a literary allusion pertinent to the Victorian time period, and created a short slideshow to share with their peers. After the performance, students will participate in a “talk-back” facilitated by the Alley Theatre's actors and stage crew members.

### **December 7 Is a Late-Start Day**

Parents, please note that our third Late-Start Day is Wednesday, December 7. Classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. on this day.

### **ERB Makeup Day Is This Wednesday**

This Wednesday, December 7, we will take advantage of the later start time to do ERB makeup tests. If your student missed the ERBs, please have him or her arrive at school at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday and go to Mrs. Fuller-Willis's classroom in the fifth-grade hallway.

## **Last Chance to Sign Up for Summer Trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland**

It's not too late to sign up for the optional Middle School summer trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland! Please [click here](#) for more information, including 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, December 5**

- *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, December 6**

- *Regular Uniform*
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### **Wednesday, December 7**

- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
  - *ERB Makeup Day:* Students who missed the ERBs should arrive at school at 7:45 a.m. and go to Mrs. Fuller-Willis's classroom in the fifth-grade hallway
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Thursday, December 8**

- *Dress Uniforms*
  - *Middle School St. Nicholas Eucharist Chapel:* 9:35 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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## Friday, December 9

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

## Upper School

### From the Division Head

With exams coming up, I would like to share some advice for helping your student navigate exam week. While some of this information repeats earlier messaging, it bears repeating as we go into this important week.

### GATHERING INFORMATION

Last week, all students were given review sheets. Encourage your student to pull out those review sheets and go through everything in them, asking questions such as: *Do I have all the notes from these topics? Was I sick for a week when some particular topic was taught? Am I missing worksheets or resources that I need to get from my teacher? Do my friends have any notes that would be helpful?*

Students should also pull together all tests from the prior trimester, as well as papers with teacher comments—anything that gives them a picture of how they performed. *Were there some units that were hard for me and that I need to review? Could I set up a time with the teacher to make sure I am ready?*

### PLANNING OUT THE EXAM WEEK

Students should write out the schedule for exams (see below). **Notice that the start time for the first exam is 8:00 a.m.** If a student does not have an exam, they do not need to be at school. The design of this schedule mimics college and university exam schedules intentionally. There is a lot of time here that they can use to get ready. Identify the more difficult exams and designate how many nights need to be spent on those subjects.

EXAM SCHEDULE	8:00–11:00 a.m.	12:00–3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13	A1	B3
Wednesday, December 14	B1	A3
Thursday, December 15	A2	B4
Friday, December 16	B2	A4

## **HOW DOES THE WEEK WORK?**

Exams last two hours for regular time and three hours for time and a half. Lunch is available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. between exams. Again, students need only come for the exams they are taking. If there is no exam on a given day, study at home! If they have both exams on a particular day, we ask that they stay on campus between exams. It is important to note that exams may not be moved for any reason.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA  
Head of Upper School

## **Save the Date: Blessing of the Student Life Center**

We will have a late start on the first day back after the break, January 3. Students will gather in the Crum Gym at 9:30 a.m. for an assembly before entering the new Student Life Center. Details to follow.

## **Last Chance to Sign up for Summer Trips**

This is the last chance to sign up for St. Francis's optional summer trips! Please click on the relevant link below for more information, including dates, price, itinerary, and registration instructions.

### **GALAPAGOS TRIP**

- Dates: June 5–14, 2023
- Grades: 9–11
- Trip Leader: Liat Goldstein
- Trip Information: [\*\*Galapagos Trip\*\*](#)

### **GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND SWITZERLAND**

- Dates: June 6–15, 2023
- Grades: 6–11
- Trip Leader: Chad Knesek
- Trip Information: [\*\*European Trip\*\*](#)

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, December 5**

- *"A" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Tuesday, December 6**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Counseling Program: 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Crum Loft*
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## **Wednesday, December 7**

- *"A" Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Late-Start Day: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
  - *Upper School St. Nicholas Eucharist Chapel: 1:00–1:45 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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## **Thursday, December 8**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Friday, December 9**

- *"A" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Upper School Lessons and Carols Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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## **Monday, December 12**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Tuesday, December 13–Friday, December 16**

- *Exams: See schedule in "From the Division Head," above*

## Church

### **St. Nicholas Sunday Is December 11**

Join us this coming Sunday, December 11, to see St. Nicholas and hear his story at the 9:00 a.m. service. [Email Allison Devlin](#) for more information.

### **RSVP Today: Christmas Sing-Along and Potluck Dinner Are December 11**

One of the best things about the Christmas season is the music! Join us this coming Sunday, December 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. as we gather to sing our favorite Christmas carols and songs for all generations. We'll begin with a festive dinner in the Fine Arts Center. Ham, turkey, and soft drinks will be provided, so bring a side dish or dessert to share. To RSVP, [email Julie Lowery](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

### **Make Your Christmas Poinsettia Dedication by December 20**

Be a part of the St. Francis tradition of making a Christmas poinsettia dedication that will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship bulletins. Make your dedication "In Memory" of a loved one or "In Thanksgiving" for your many blessings. Dedication forms are located on the tables in the Narthex, or you may [submit the form and payment online here](#). The suggested donation is \$30. Dedications should be received in the church office no later than Tuesday, December 20.

### **Children's Nativity Pageant Is December 24**

Toddlers through fifth graders are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity Pageants! **We will have two pageants on Saturday, December 24—one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 5:00 p.m.** The church will provide costumes, which will be fitted at the rehearsal on Thursday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. Contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.782.1270 to become a part of this amazing event.

### **Schedule for Holiday Services**

We will host three services on Christmas Eve, a service on Christmas Day, and two services on New Year's Day. Please see below for the schedule of services.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist With Nativity Pageant\***
  - Music begins at 1:30 p.m.
  - **Service begins at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist With Nativity Pageant and Choral Concert\***
  - Music begins at 4:30 p.m.
  - **Service begins at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist With Choral Concert**
  - Music begins at 8:30 p.m.
  - **Service begins at 9:00 p.m.**



\*Childcare provided

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- **11:00 a.m.** Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

- **11:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist With Organ and Choir—Traditional Worship
- **5:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

### **The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is December 13**

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 December 13.** The group meets at The Corner Bakery at 9311 Katy Freeway (in the Echo Lane Shopping Center), and breakfast is provided. Please [email Sally Jo Flores](mailto:sally.jo.flores@stfrancis.org) to be added to the email distribution for future notices.

### **Baptisms Will Be Held on January 8**

Principal feast days are especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. The next baptism date is January 8, 2023 (Baptism of our Lord). Family baptisms may also be scheduled on available Saturdays, if necessary. [Email Sally Jo Flores](mailto:sally.jo.flores@stfrancis.org) or call the church office at 713.782.1720 to schedule a date or get more information.

### **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—MEETINGS WILL RESUME DECEMBER 11**

On Sunday, December 11, high school students are once again invited to come to the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) after the Family Worship Service. Join other students each week 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.

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

## **Mom's Bible Study Resumes in January**

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** group has finished its study for the year. A new class will begin in January 2023. For more information, please contact **Allison Devlin** via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

## **Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs**

Memorial Assistance Ministries has an urgent plea from the pantry team. Demand for pantry products has again peaked, and they are running very low on several items. Here is their latest list of needs:

- **Meals to Go**
  - Individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers
  - Fruit strips
  - Trail mix
  - Vienna sausage
- **Hygiene Items**
  - Size 6 diapers
  - Baby wipes
  - Tissues
  - House cleaner
  - Deodorant for men and women
  - Lotion
  - Shaving cream

Many families continue to need help with the basics. Please keep the pantry in mind if any of your classes, youth groups, or other groups are looking for a project. For additional information, contact the church's director of outreach, [Heather Burkhart](#).

### **Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Volunteers/Donations**

The Fair Haven Food Pantry has been providing food to help people in the Spring Branch/Memorial area since 1975.

- Food Collection Items by Month:
  - **December: Canned Meaty Soup or Bean Soup**
- 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.

- 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. (**Resumes January 2023**)
  - **Study:** TBD
  - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (weekly, except for second Tuesday of the month); The Corner Bakery (second Tuesday of each month)
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is December 13.**)
  - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
  - **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](http://sfch.org).
2. Click on the "Watch Live Stream Worship Services" button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available. If you prefer to watch from Facebook or YouTube, click on the links to go to those streaming servers.

Prelude music will begin on the livestream 10 minutes before the service to allow time for your connection and your inspiration. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on [St. Francis's YouTube channel](#).