

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 22

All School

Online Re-enrollment Opens in February

We want you to come back to the pack! Save the date for online re-enrollment, which opens in February. Students moving from one division to another do not need to reapply. You simply need to re-enroll your children. Check your email in the coming weeks for details and specific instructions on how to re-enroll.

SFPO General Meeting Is February 2

Catch up with the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) on Thursday, February 2, 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.

Thank You, Memorial Villages Police Department!

Two weeks ago in the late afternoon, a purse belonging to an SFES mother was stolen from the front seat of her car, which was parked behind the gym on the Piney Point Campus. On Tuesday, Memorial Villages Police Department Detective Blaire Cerny stopped by to let us know that he had identified and apprehended the thief. We are thankful to Detective Cerny for his hard work and persistence and gratified that the thief will face consequences for her action.

Detective Cerny told us that the high quality of the cameras located at the entrance to the Piney Point Campus provided information that helped him determine the identity of the thief. He observed that SFES does not have cameras on the back end of the campus, and he recommended that the school install cameras on the back part of the campus. We will follow his recommendation.

He affirmed that The Villages are safe, but asked that we remind all members of the school community to put valuables away and lock their cars when they are parked. Good advice.

SFES says thank-you to Detective Blaire Cerny!

Save the Date! Upper School Dance Show Is February 17

Join us for our Upper School Dance Show on Friday, February 17, in the upstairs studio of the Student Life Center. There are two different times to choose from: 6:30 p.m. and/or 8:00 p.m., with a small reception in between. Please [click here to RSVP](#). (Seating is limited, so we appreciate your help in this!)

Uniform Resale Is This Week: We Need Volunteers!

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for our next Uniform Resale, where you can grab some great finds at great prices, all while supporting the programs of our St. Francis Parents Organization!

- **WHEN:** Friday, January 27, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Gay Foyer on the Piney Point Campus
- **PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted

Questions? [Contact Ali Williams.](#)

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a way to get involved? Uniform Resale needs you!

- We are looking for parent volunteers:
 - Thursday, January 26, to help with sorting and setup
 - Friday, January 27, to help at the sale
- As an added bonus, those who volunteer to sort and set up on Thursday, January 26, will receive first dibs on merchandise.
- [Click here](#) to sign up and to view additional details.
- Questions? [Contact Ali Williams.](#)

Primary School

From the Primary School Performing Arts Faculty

“Creativity takes courage.” –Henri Matisse

As co-teachers of performing arts, our primary goal is to teach our students the importance of falling in love with the process of creating rather than worrying about the product that is created. Recently, our Primary II classes performed for their loved ones during the Nativity play. Proud of their hard work, the students performed, sang with confidence, and finished with smiles on their faces. The performances in Primary II are a culmination of all the creative work done behind the scenes in Pre-Primary and Primary I. While not everyone is comfortable in the spotlight, all love to be recognized for their expression. Acknowledging self-expression can build confidence in others and their abilities. Demonstrating self-expression can inspire others and create powerful connections. As teachers, we do our best to model and encourage creativity so that our students feel safe to do the same, on and off the stage.

In performing arts, students are encouraged to explore classroom projects through creative drama and music. Incorporating the performing arts into the curriculum helps spark the natural desire for learning by using all the senses. Students learn more deeply and meaningfully by imagining, creating, and connecting the body and mind. Fingerplays and action songs during Pre-Primary blossom into show choir hand motions in Primary I and Primary II. Acting out favorite characters from a beloved book in Pre-Primary is the foundation for character creation and dramatization in Primary I and Primary II.

In the dramatic arts, students freely explore their world through imagination games and dramatizations inspired by their classroom project work. Through singing, students discover their voice and feel empowered to use it. Through fingerplays and action songs, they experience musical form through organized movement. As they continue to grow in music, the students expand their understanding of musical concepts, develop their voices, and explore a variety of musical styles and genres. As they continue to explore storytelling through creative drama, students become more familiar with story structure and story as a window through which to understand and form their unique point of view about the world around them.

Looking ahead, we are excited about even more inspiration and creativity in the performing arts classroom. In honor of Black History Month, the students will be learning about jazz and inspiring black artists like Melba Liston, a celebrated jazz composer and female trombonist who, at a young age, taught herself how to play when her arm couldn't even extend the full length of the instrument. Students will use their creative expression to explore love in connection with Valentine's Day, as well as the changing of the seasons from winter to spring. In addition, Primary II students are already at work on an original play.

Every day we are amazed at the creativity and courage of your young artists. We encourage you to continue all that you do in the home to nurture the free expression of our students. Where can you introduce music to a beloved bedtime story? When can you act out a story together? Maybe something is difficult to put into words but easier to express with colors. Together, let's explore the possibilities that open up to us through the arts!

Warmly,

Brittney Bush, Primary School Performing Arts and Library Teacher
Skyler Sinclair, Primary School Performing Arts Teacher

Mark Your Calendar

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*
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Monday, February 6

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, February 7

- *No Chapel*
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Wednesday, February 8

- *No Chapel*
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Thursday, February 9

- *Grandparents Day for Primary II*
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Friday, February 10

- *Grandparents Day for Primary I and Pre-Primary*
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Monday, February 20

- *No School*
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Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Friday, February 24

- *Darla McNay Rodeo Day:* Students may dress in Western wear (no guns or spurs, please)

Lower School

From the Division Head

Last Friday, our Lower School students participated in Step Forward Day to get firsthand experience in the next grade level's classrooms. While there, students met each teacher and learned what to expect in the upcoming grade. Step Forward Day is always a beneficial experience that encourages students to begin thinking about the upcoming school year and the next grade level. Be sure to ask your child about his or her Step Forward Day experience!

Sincerely,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

P.S. Lower School students attend Spanish twice a week. Please read the message below from our Spanish teachers.

From the Lower School Spanish Faculty

In Lower School, we work to enrich students' vocabulary through meaningful units and fun activities that provide them with multiple opportunities to feel comfortable using the language and to begin to develop their conversational skills. We also introduce them to the Spanish culture, teaching them prayers and meaningful expressions they can use daily.

Another significant way we engage students in using the Spanish language is through song. In December, the students enjoyed learning popular Latin American Christmas songs and traditions. We were so proud of them because they worked hard to learn the songs, and their pronunciation was perfect!

Thank you for all of your support. We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conference Day this Wednesday!

Saludos,

Mariauxi Capecchi and Mercedes Perli
Lower School Spanish Faculty

Join Us for a Parent Book Study Led by Dr. Crystal Collier

Designed as a neurodevelopmental guide for parents who want to help their children increase healthy brain development and reduce risky behavior, the *NeuroWhereAbouts Guide* is a highly rated book written by St. Francis's own Scholar Counselor in Residence, Dr. Crystal Collier. **For families interested in learning more about preventing youth high-risk behavior, Dr. Collier will be leading a parent book study on the *NeuroWhereAbouts Guide*, beginning in February.** For more information on how to join the parent book study, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 23

- *Lower School 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.
 - *Third-Grade ERB Meeting via Zoom: 11:15–11:55 a.m.*
 - *Fourth-Grade ERB Meeting via Zoom: 12:00–12:40 p.m.*
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Wednesday, January 25

- *Lower School Parent-Teacher Conferences: Lower School student holiday*
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Thursday, January 26

- *Lower School 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, January 30

- *100th Day*: Kindergarten math celebration
 - *Lower School 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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Wednesday, February 1

- *Lower School Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, February 2

- *Lower School 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, February 6

- *Lower School 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, February 9

- *Lower School 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.

Middle School

From the Division Head

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an absolute and abject failure.

When he died, he was unpopular; his work was unfinished; his message was unappreciated; his family was buried in financial burdens and debt; and his timing was atrocious. By many of the standards that we use to evaluate success, Martin Luther King Jr.—dead at age 39—was a failure. I am already 42 years old, and I might fail at life and ministry—but if I do fail, I want to fail like that.

Why do I call one of the most beloved individuals in the history of our nation a failure? Why do I use such strong language when referring to a man who has his own national holiday and a towering stone statue along the Tidal Basin near memorials for Presidents Roosevelt and Jefferson?

While we know Dr. King as a national hero, he was not universally loved during his lifetime.

According to Gallup polls from the 1960s, Dr. King was one of the top 10 Most Admired Men in America in 1964 and 1965, the two years after his famous “I Have a Dream” speech and the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He was No. 4 on the list in ‘64 and No. 6 in ‘65.

However, by the end of 1966, he had dropped off the list completely. By 1967, not only was Dr. King not on the list of most admired Americans, but segregationist governor George Wallace was on the list, along with Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson, Billy Graham, Robert Kennedy, Pope Paul VI, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Harry Truman.

In August of 1966, 63 percent of Americans had an unfavorable view of Dr. King, and 44 percent said that they had a highly unfavorable opinion of him. Those approval ratings are worse than the ratings of President Obama, President Trump, and President Biden.

When visiting Harlem, NY, in 1958, Dr. King was stabbed in the chest. His house was bombed. His life was threatened. His phones were tapped. His reputation was smeared. And we all know that he was eventually assassinated while standing outside of his motel room in Memphis, TN, in 1968.

Dr. King concluded that, “Not everyone can be famous, but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service.”

He was a great failure. I am not sure if I will fail—but if I fail, I want to fail like that.

Dr. King left a bunch of work unfinished. He preached about wanting his children and grandchildren to grow up in a nation where they would be judged not based on the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. He wanted America to live up to the true meaning of its founding documents.

But when that bullet fatally injured Dr. King in 1968, the work of remaking America was unfinished. Many believe that it is still unfinished. Despite his achievements, he died with his greatest aim still left unrealized.

I don't know about you, but if I fail, I want to fail like that.

Dr. King had horrible timing.

In his letter from a Birmingham jail, he responded to a group of clergymen who wrote about him that he was an outside agitator. They said, "When rights are consistently denied, a cause should be pressed in the courts and in negotiations among local leaders and not in the streets."

King shot back at them with these ill-timed words:

"When you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate-filled policemen curse, kick, brutalize, and even kill your black brothers and sisters with impunity . . . then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait. There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over and men are no longer willing to be plunged into an abyss of injustice where they experience the bleakness of corroding despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s timing was historically bad. When it came to waiting for a time when everyone agreed with him, Dr. King failed.

As I remember the man and his legacy of failure, I want you to know that you and I may fail. But if we fail, I hope we fail like that!

Warmly,

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Middle School Athletics Update

Spring sports will begin on January 30. Please see below for some important information.

All students have completed a sport-selection form. Middle School students are required to participate on a team, enroll in a Physical Education class, or qualify for a PE exemption each season. Students should only sign up for a sport if they are able to fully commit to the team, which includes attending practices and competitions. Students who are not interested in a spring sport should sign up for Middle School PE. Note that PE exemptions will not be granted for students who are participating in an off-campus activity that St. Francis offers during the fall, winter, or spring seasons. Students who made these selections will need to make another selection.

We are planning for the spring season rosters based on the selections made by the students. The last day to make a sport change request will be January 31.

The following sports will be offered this spring:

BASEBALL

Practices will be held on Piney Point Campus. Games will be played off campus. We anticipate having the following teams: Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade, and Eighth Grade.

SOFTBALL

Practices and games will be held at Don Hicks Field on the Piney Point Campus. We anticipate having the following teams: Sixth/Seventh Grade and Seventh/Eighth Grade.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Practices and games will be held at Couper Campus Turf Field. We anticipate having the following teams: Sixth/Seventh Grade and Seventh/Eighth Grade.

COED TENNIS*

Practices will be held off campus at Memorial Park Tennis Center, Mondays through Fridays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The school will provide transportation to and from the courts. Players may also be picked up directly from Memorial Park Tennis Center. Matches will be played off campus. Based on sign-up numbers, we anticipate splitting the group into two rosters—a competition roster and a practice/developmental roster. Players must qualify to earn a spot on the competition roster to play matches against other schools. There is no guarantee of playing time versus other schools in Middle School tennis.

COED TRACK & FIELD

Practices will be held at Piney Point Campus. Competitions will be hosted off-campus.

COED GOLF*

Golf practice will be done on the student's own time. Players will need to prepare a practice plan and communicate with **Coach Lakoski**. Players who qualify will compete in tournaments against other schools throughout the season. Interested players should have some experience playing golf and should be familiar with the rules of the game.

*Please Note: Competition rosters for golf and tennis are restricted due to limited facility availability and playing opportunities. There are no guarantees of playing time for golf or tennis. Students should have some experience and some knowledge of the sport and rules if interested in participating on the school team.

Join Us for a Parent Book Study Led by Dr. Crystal Collier

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Eighth Graders: White-Shirt Day Is March 1

Eighth-grade parents, this is the time of year when we begin the traditional events that mark the recognition of our eighth-grade class and their accomplishments at St. Francis Middle School.

On **Wednesday, March 1**, eighth-grade students will participate in the filming of a portion of their Eighth-Grade Video, as well as take their class portrait. We ask that you make every effort to have your students here at school by 8:30 a.m. (Note: This is a Late-Start Day, so we are asking your students to arrive before school starts to get this filmed.) Students are allowed to be out of uniform on this day and are asked to wear the following clothing:

- Boys: White button-down shirt
- Girls: White blouse or nice white top (school-appropriate)
- All Students: Blue jeans with no holes or rips

Students may wear any school-appropriate shoes for this day. Boots are absolutely okay!

Middle School Parent Conferences Are Wednesday

Middle School Parent Conferences are this **Wednesday, January 25**. You should have received an email from your child's advisor containing a link that will allow you to set up your time slot for the meeting.

Join Us for Middle School Bible Study!

Mark your calendar for the next Middle School Bible study! Grades generally meet every other week, with seventh and eighth meeting on Fridays and fifth and sixth meeting on

Mondays. Boys' Bible studies meet in Mrs. Flores's room, and girls' Bible studies meet in Mrs. Gutierrez's room. (Both rooms are right off of Crum Library in the old Mac Labs.)

- The next time eighth grade will meet is on Friday, February 3, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time seventh grade will meet is this Friday, January 27, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time sixth grade will meet is on Monday, January 30, at 12:45 p.m.
- The next time fifth grade will meet is this Monday, January 23, at 12:45 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 23

- *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, January 24

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, January 25

- *No School Due to Parent Conferences*
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Thursday, January 26

- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, January 27

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear SFES Spirit shirts with 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
- *Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game*

Upper School

From the Division Head

Well, we are right in the middle of *it*. What do I mean by “it”? I mean the long drive from the beginning of January until spring break. This stretch of school is often the toughest for our students (and also for our faculty and staff)! The beginning of the year has all the excitement of starting a new phase of life. Thanksgiving to winter break is just a hop, skip, and jump away from a two-week holiday. However, in January, we have the long walk to spring break in March.

This week, our advisors will perform grade checks with our students. We have roughly another month until the end of the trimester, so there is still time for students to make course corrections and do their best!

Also in the news, we invited Crime Stoppers to our campus this week to speak to our students on the topic of cybersafety. Students were reminded that the purpose of social media is largely to mine users for their data. Moreover, social media can be a dangerous pathway to unhealthy relationships. Our students listened attentively and participated with our guest speaker.

Finally, activity in the Student Life Center has settled into a comfortable rhythm. Student favorites are (of course!) the food and finding places to hang out on the grand staircase.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Upper School Athletics Update

Spring sports will begin shortly for all teams. Our baseball team is already underway with practices. Please see below for some important information.

All students should have already completed the spring sport selection form. If not, they should complete it today. Students should only sign up for a sport if they are able to fully commit to the team, which includes attending practices and competitions. Commitment to a team is a serious decision, and students will need to honor these commitments if they select a sport to play.

BASEBALL

- **Head Coach:** **Mike August**
- **Team Details:** TAPPS Varsity team

SOFTBALL

- **Head Coach:** [Don Hicks](#)
- **Start:** Week of February 6
- **Team Details:** Upper School independent team

TRACK & FIELD

- **Head Coach:** [Marion Tolon](#)
- **Start:** February 6
- **Team Details:** TAPPS Varsity team for those who qualify, and a JV team

TENNIS

- **Head Coach:** [James Alleyn](#)
- **Start:** Week of February 6
- **Team Details:** US Team, Varsity TBD
- **Notes:** Practices will be held in the morning before school. Students will be responsible for transportation to practice. The school will provide transportation from practice to Couper Campus. Players must qualify for competition. There is no guarantee of playing time in US Tennis.

GOLF

- **Head Coach:** [Suraju Shittabey](#)
- **Start:** Week of February 6
- **Team Details:** TAPPS Varsity Team for those who qualify, and a JV team for those who qualify for competition
- **Notes:** Practices will be held off campus. Players must qualify for competition. There is no guarantee of playing time in US Golf.

GIRLS LACROSSE

- **Head Coach:** [Jamie Platt](#)
- **Team Details:** Introductory season. One to two meetings per week for interested players. This can be a secondary sport for interested players.
- **Start Date:** Week of February 6

Save the Date! Upper School Dance Show Is February 17

Join us for our Upper School Dance Show on Friday, February 17, in the upstairs studio of the Student Life Center. There are two different times to choose from: 6:30 p.m. and/or 8:00 p.m., with a small reception in between. Please [click here to RSVP](#). (Seating is limited, so we appreciate your help in this!)

A Message From the Director of College Counseling

I am very pleased to announce that our community is invited to attend several college counseling programs at fellow ISAS schools. St. John's School will be hosting a case study (for junior and senior families), and you can also attend a standardized testing presentation at either The Kinkaid School or St. John's (open to all grade levels). The content for the standardized testing programs will be the same both nights, so you can select the date or location that works best for you. Please see the information below, and RSVP if prompted.

FINANCIAL AID CASE STUDY @ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

- Monday, February 13, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- Main Upper School Campus at St. John's School
- Junior and Senior Families Only
- RSVP Required

*The Financial Aid Case Study is an opportunity for juniors and seniors and their parents to gain more insight into the college financial aid process. Joining us for the program will be Gail Roberson, Director of Admissions—Houston Recruitment at Trinity University in San Antonio, and Jeremy Curtis, Associate Director of Admissions at Drake University. (Both panelists have presented to St. Francis students in the past.) To attend this program, you must [**RSVP using this link**](#).*

NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS @ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

- Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.
- VST Lowe Theater at St. John's School
- RSVP Required

*Adam Ingersoll, cofounder of Compass Education Group, will share current trends, insights, and more on the state of testing in college admissions. He will lead an informative and dynamic conversation about the upcoming Digital PSAT and SAT, as well as on other topics that our families have found educational and beneficial. Please RSVP via [**this link**](#).*

NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS @ THE KINKAID SCHOOL

- Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Brown Auditorium in the Katz Center for the Performing Arts at The Kinkaid School
- No RSVP Required

Adam Ingersoll, cofounder of Compass Education Group, will share current trends, insights, and more on the state of testing in college admissions. He will lead an informative and dynamic conversation about the upcoming Digital PSAT and SAT, as well as on other topics that our families have found educational and beneficial.

For the last several years, my college counseling colleagues at other schools have been very gracious to include us in their broader programming. I look forward to returning that favor in the coming years as we now have a beautiful facility to host them. It's a great time to be at St. Francis!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via [email](#) or at 713.458.6338.

Sincerely,

Steven Scales
Director of College Counseling

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 23

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, January 24

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, January 25

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, January 26

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, January 27

- *“B” Day*
 - *St. Francis Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Monday, January 30

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, January 31

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, February 1

- *“A” Day*
 - *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel:* 1:05–1:45 p.m. in Crum Gym
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Thursday, February 2

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, February 3

- *“A” Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Saturday, April 22

- *Save the Date for Prom:* Juniors, seniors, and their dates; more details will be provided closer to the event

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.

Eighth-Grade Students: Confirmation Class Orientation Is This Afternoon

The Confirmation Class Ice Cream Social and Orientation for eighth graders will be held this afternoon—**Sunday, January 22**—at 4:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. If you are not yet signed up, please [email Cindy Hutson](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

Spring First Communion Classes Start Today

First Communion classes begin today—**Sunday, January 22**. This course is designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist.

- **WHAT:** First Communion Classes to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist
- **WHEN:** Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service on January 22, January 29, February 12, and February 26
- **WHERE:** CE 207 (Second floor, across from the elevator)
- **EVENTS TO NOTE:**
 - *Parent Coffee:* During today's January 22 class in room CE 212
 - *Family Session:* Saturday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m.
 - *First Communion Sunday:* Sunday, March 5, at the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

To sign up, contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

New Mom's Bible Study Starts February 8

In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything “right” and raise “good” children, it’s easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents. In this book, Paul David Tripp presents us with a big-picture view of God’s plan for us as parents.

Come join other moms after carpool for learning and fellowship! This book has changed the way I parent, allowing me to truly receive God’s grace and pass it along to my family. I hope you will join me. I look forward to meeting you!

—Allison Devlin, Director of Family Ministry

- **WHAT:** *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp
- **WHEN:** Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m., **beginning February 8**
- **WHERE:** Richmond House on the Couper Campus
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** To sign up or for more information, contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Scout Sunday Is February 12

Calling all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scout leaders! You are invited to the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service on February 12 to celebrate your accomplishments. All Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients will receive special recognition and prayer. Please RSVP to Cindy Huteson via [email](#) so we have your names in advance.

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is February 14

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 February 14.** 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](#) to be added to the email distribution for future notices.

Forgiveness Workshop Is April 1

Father Bates will lead a **forgiveness workshop on Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Hogan Board Room.** This will be a time to consider whom you need to forgive, and to work through a process of learning to release others and yourself.

“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” — C.S. Lewis

Light snacks will be served. Please RSVP to Sally Jo Flores [via e-mail](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 if you plan to attend.

Pre-K to High School: Sunday Morning Programs

LET IT SHINE! CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON

Join Mrs. Devlin each Sunday 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 ARTS & CRAFTS

Each Sunday after the Family Worship Service, children are invited to meet in the school's 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 Arts & Crafts after the Family Worship Service. Come help younger children make the craft project of the week! Contact [Allison Devlin](#) to sign up and receive service hours.

HIGH SCHOOL REVIVAL

Come read and discuss some intense Bible stories that aren't always talked about in Sunday School. We will read the Bible "in context" and reflect on how God is sharing His Truth with us. Along with some riveting Bible passages, we will learn how to use Anglican prayer beads, practice Lectio Divina, and introduce Christian meditation. REVIVAL is led by Nichole Hilgert. For more information, contact Nichole via [email](#) or at 713.419.0517.

Outreach Ministries

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 Item for January: Canned chili**
- 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.

- The cost of dinner is \$10 per person at the door.
- The current study is on Philip Yancey's book, *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*
- 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. Regarding those Bible studies that are

on holiday break, forward your contact information to the meeting leader to be informed when the next session begins or to get additional information as it becomes available.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m. (**Resumes February 1, 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 February 14.**)
 - **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:** 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 7

- 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](#).