

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of February 12

All School

Deadline Tomorrow: Will You Be Back With the Pack Next Year?

The deadline to re-enroll for next school year is tomorrow—Monday, February 13—at 4:00 p.m. To secure your spot for the fall, log into the [Parent Portal](#) and click on the green re-enrollment button. If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Glover](#), Head of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

Tuition Assistance Deadline Is This Wednesday

Families applying for tuition assistance must apply by this Wednesday, February 15. Tax documents are due on Tuesday, February 28. Tuition assistance is available for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 on the basis of demonstrated need. It is necessary to reapply for tuition assistance every year you wish to continue receiving it. Those applications received after February 15, 2023, will be prioritized in a date-received order, and assistance will be awarded until funds are no longer available. [Visit our website](#) and click on the “Tuition Assistance” tab for more information and the link to the application.

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St. Francis Connections: Join Us February 28



The poster features a dark blue background with white and red text. At the top left, the title "St. Francis Connections" is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below it, the words "S P E A K E R S E R I E S" are spaced out in a smaller white font. On the right side, there is a circular logo with a red border containing a white microphone icon. In the center, the speaker's name "JOHANN D'SOUZA, PhD" is displayed in a large, bold, white font, with his title "Post Doctoral Fellow, Psychology Houston" in a smaller white font below it. The topic of the discussion, "Angst: A Discussion About Kids and Anxiety", is written in a white italicized font. At the bottom, the date and time "Tuesday, February 28, 2023 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM" and the location "FINE ARTS CENTER | PINEY POINT CAMPUS" are listed in white font.

On Thursday, you received an [email](#) from Don North inviting you to our upcoming Connections Series event on Tuesday, February 28. Please join us for a discussion about anxiety among children and young adults. School counselors Ted Lakoski, Jennifer Choi, and Dr. Laurie Curtis will lead the discussion, accompanied by Dr. D'Souza.

- [RSVP here](#) to join us for coffee and light bites on Tuesday, February 28, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Piney Point Campus.
- If you have any questions, please email us [here](#).



St. Francis Festival Is April 23

Get ready for this beloved community event! Order your wristbands, T-shirts, custom YETIs, and parking spots on [the event website here](#). (Please order your wristbands and T-shirts by Friday, March 10.)

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Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Fine Arts Events

Full speed ahead! 2023 finds our students painting, singing, and dancing! Please mark your calendars for the following:

- Come see our Middle School musical, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, on Saturday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. Reservation information will be available next week—you don't want to miss this!
- Joyful Sounds will proudly represent our school at the Houston Rockets game on Sunday, April 2. Howl and make us proud with your performance, Wolves!

February 27: 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 **Monday, February 27**. Anyone can join us—no experience needed! Please [email Annie Hartigan](#) with any questions.

- **When:** Monday, February 27, 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](#).

Upper School Dance Show Is This Friday

Join us for our Upper School Dance Show this 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!)

Primary School

From the Assistant Division Head

It was great to see so many special guests at our Primary School this week for Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Days! They play a vital role in our community, as loving supporters of our students and their education. Our students were very excited to welcome their special guests to their school, and it was clear that the grandparents and grandfriends were thrilled to be with them.

The bond between a child and their grandparents is unique, and occasions like this highlight these special relationships. I remember how I looked forward to spending time with my grandparents and what a significant influence they were on my life, and I saw that same connection during our events this week.

We hope our special guests were able to gain a better sense of what the young ones in their lives experience in our Primary School. Thank you for coming to visit St. Francis. We look forward to seeing you again at next year's event!

Best regards,

Ryan M. Kochel, MEd
Assistant Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 13

- *Open Library*
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Tuesday, February 14

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, February 15

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
 - *Primary School Lunch and Learn:* Noon to 1:00 p.m.
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Monday, February 20

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* No school
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Tuesday, February 21

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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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)
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Monday, February 27

- *Open Library*
-

Tuesday, February 28

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

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

Monday, March 6

- *Open Library*
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Tuesday, March 7

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
 - *Woolrich Awards Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, March 8

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary I parents may attend
 - *Primary I Sings in Chapel*
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Monday, March 13–Friday, March 17

- *Spring Break: No school*
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Monday, March 20

- *Open Library*
-

Tuesday, March 21

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.*; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, March 22

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
 - *Primary I Sings in Chapel*
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Thursday, March 23

- *Primary II Field Trip*
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Monday, March 27

- *Open Library*
-

Tuesday, March 28

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, March 29

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
 - *Primary II Fathers and Friends Picnic: 11:00 a.m.*
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Friday, March 31

- *Primary II Field Trip to Piney Point Campus*

Lower School

From the Counseling Scholar in Residence

New playmates, heartbreak for parents?

Many blessings and opportunities for connection arise when the parents of your child's friends are a good social match for you. The adult connections that accompany your

children's get-togethers may evolve into much more than a convenient bonus. Conversations that organically occur while kids are playing together may grow into deep attachments, offering much-needed support for adults navigating the challenges of parenting and leading to gratifying "playdates" for young and old, for years to come.

Then, one day, your child declares they no longer wish to play with your friend's child anymore. As a parent, you may worry that your child's behavior is ill-mannered and fret about what to do. However, the concern and disappointment you feel may be more so on your behalf than theirs. Knowing that it is normal and healthy for children to explore their world and make new friends may not assuage your own sadness.

The moment when children realize that the friends chosen for them are not the peers they would choose for themselves signals the beginning of an important identity-development phase. Thus, while mourning the loss of time with your friend, empower your child to make their own relational decisions, try on new friendships, and grow their social skills. Anticipate this moment, accept children's right to choose whom they befriend, and begin the next phase of teaching. Help children learn how to choose friends wisely, which should also include how to reject friendships in the kindest way possible.

Best regards,

Crystal Collier, PhD, LPC-S
Counseling Scholar in Residence

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- *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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Tuesday, February 14

- *Lower School Valentine's Day Parties*
 - **Kindergarten:** 12:45–2:00 p.m.
 - **First Grade:** 11:40 a.m.–12:55 p.m.
 - **Second Grade:** 9:30–10:45 a.m.
 - **Third Grade:** 1:00–2:15 p.m.
 - **Fourth Grade:** 9:00–10:15 a.m.
 - *Parent Book Study With Dr. Crystal Collier:* 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Ecclesia Westside (325 Piney Point Dr.); [email Dr. Collier](#) to register; [click here for details](#)
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Wednesday, February 15

- *Art à la Carte Field Trip for Grade 2:* Visit to The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
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Thursday, February 16

- *Lower School Class Photos:* 9:00–11:00 a.m.
 - *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 20

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* No school
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Wednesday, February 22

- *Ash Wednesday 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 23

- *Lower School Fairy Tale Day*
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Friday, February 24

- *Lower School Joyful Sounds Field Trip to The Buckingham and Treemont Senior Living: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
 - *Go Texan Day*
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Monday, February 27

- *Lower School Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Wednesday, March 1

- *Lower School Late-Start Day: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
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Thursday, March 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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Friday, March 3

- *Grade 4 Family Heritage Showcase: 10:00 a.m.–2:45 p.m.*

Middle School

From the Division Head

You may have heard the axiom that “character is what you are when no one is watching.”

I’d love for St. Francis students to be on their best behavior even when they’re out of the watchful view of their teachers and parents. I pray that our students will be people for others even when there’s no chance of being recognized, celebrated, or rewarded for it.

The truth is, in 2023, I am not sure that there are very many times when no one is watching or listening. Whenever I meet with students, parents, or teachers, I hear my dad’s baritone voice quietly quoting leadership expert Zig Ziglar: “The lights are always on and the camera is always rolling.”

Most of us walk around with powerful cameras and microphones in our pockets and purses. With a few thumb taps, we can fire off an angry email, a gossipy text message, an unflattering photo. I know Snapchat snaps disappear in seconds and you can now unsend iMessages, but those images and messages are owned by Snapchat and Apple forever—and what teenager hasn’t taken a quick screenshot of a message before it “disappeared”?

No student wants to receive another parental warning about the need to be careful about sending and receiving messages. As annoying as those reminders might be, consider this another one.

Here’s some homework for the families that are searching for dinnertime conversations: order *What Happens in Vegas Stays on YouTube: Privacy Is Dead* by Eric Qualman. Read it as a family. Discuss a different chapter each night or each week until you finish, or pick the chapters or pages that grab your attention. Consider revising your family’s digital rules of engagement. Don’t blindly embrace the author’s recommendations. Argue with the text. Argue with each other. Share your favorite quotes from the book with your friends. Whatever you do, though, do not post or share something that you wouldn’t want us to publish in *Wolf Watch* next week.

Remember, what happens on the group chat stays on the phones of all your classmates, their friends, their parents, their parents’ friends, their parents’ coworkers, admissions offices, and future employers. That may be a bit of hyperbole . . . maybe.

Warmly,

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Middle School Social Is February 24

Planned by the Student Council, the Middle School Social will be a night full of fun on Friday, February 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Couper Campus fields and gym! Students in fifth through eighth grades are invited. There will be lots to do, including an inflatable obstacle course, a toxic meltdown, and of course, a dance floor and DJ!

- Play classic games like bowling and ping-pong, plus board games, card games, and more.
- Several sports balls will be available for students to use on the field.
- Each student will receive a voucher to get food from the event's food trucks, which will serve chicken, waffles, and fries.

Come for a night full of games, food, music, and fun!

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PAYMENT AND PROCESS

- The price of a half-page ad is \$250.
- **To reserve your space, fill out [this form](#) by this Friday, February 17.**
- Submit payment via check written to St. Francis Episcopal School; label the memo as "Yearbook Ad."
- Please drop off checks to Rose Ann Gregory at the front office of Piney Point Campus. Payment is due no later than this Friday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.
- Parents will supply the photos and copy/text for the ad; students on the yearbook team have designed a template for the ads.
- Once you complete the Google Doc, more information will follow about uploading text and photos, which are due by Friday, March 3.
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If you have any questions, please [email Monica Gutierrez](#), yearbook advisor.

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!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 13

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Sixth-Grade Bible Study:* 12:45 p.m. in Mrs. Flores's room (boys' Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez's room (girls' Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library
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Tuesday, February 14

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Parent Book Study With Dr. Crystal Collier: 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Ecclesia Westside (325 Piney Point Dr.); [email Dr. Collier](#) to register; [click here for details](#)*
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Wednesday, February 15

- *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, February 16

- *Middle School Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, February 17

- *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Eighth-Grade Bible Study: 12:15 p.m. in Mrs. Flores's room, right off of Crum Library*
- *Yearbook Ad Deadline: Deadline to reserve yearbook ad space and submit payment for eighth-grade yearbook ads*

Upper School

From the Division Head

Recently, the talk in education is about a new artificial intelligence (AI) platform that has teachers and university professors very scared—[ChatGPT](#).

Some have decried this as the end of the essay as we know it. Some colleges and universities have considered adopting the “flipped” classroom, whereby lectures and in-class instruction are recorded and become the homework, and writing, solving equations, and the like become the main activity in the classroom. Other ideas include giving up on research papers and extended writing assignments in lieu of timed writings and smaller pieces done under the watchful eye of instructors.

Robert Zaretsky at the University of Houston [suggests](#) that AI may cause us to largely abandon the written word and its processes in favor of the dialogue (or dialectic)—identified by Plato long ago as superior to writing, which can be rather one-sided. I

personally tend to agree with the philosopher Hannah Arendt that the process of writing is the process of thinking and understanding itself ([here](#) interviewed in 1964, 6:55 and following).

At one point I thought, let's put this back on the AI itself. I asked it, "How do you stop students from cheating with ChatGPT?"

Here was ChatGPT's response to my query:

"As an AI language model, I don't have the capability to prevent students from cheating. However, here are some general suggestions that might be helpful in reducing the possibility of cheating:

1. Foster a culture of academic integrity: Encourage students to take pride in their own work and to understand the importance of honesty in their academic pursuits.
2. Clearly communicate the consequences of cheating: Make sure students are aware of the serious consequences that can result from cheating, such as failing a course or being expelled from school.
3. Use technology to your advantage: There are many tools and software available that can help detect instances of cheating, such as plagiarism detection software.
4. Increase monitoring during assessments: Consider having proctors or teachers monitor exams and assignments more closely to reduce the opportunity for cheating to occur.
5. Offer alternatives to cheating: Encourage students to seek help or clarification if they are struggling with course material. Provide resources and support to help them succeed academically.

Ultimately, the most effective way to prevent cheating is to create an environment where students feel motivated to engage with course material and to do their best work."

Convincing, and as usual, the most highly probable response to the question according to what most people have written on the Internet. But the issue at hand is not the answer—it's the posing and framing of the question itself. And the only people who can make the decision to choose that are the students themselves.

Perhaps No. 1 in ChatGPT's answer comes closest: fostering a culture of academic integrity. Yes, we should be honest and feel good about that, but most importantly we should understand that the process of thinking and understanding is the end in itself, not the answer.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Advisory Letters Now Available

Advisory letters are available to view in the Parent Portal. These are holistic appraisals of your student's progress to date.

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- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, February 14

- *"B" Day*
 - *Special Dress*: Pink Spirit shirts will be provided by the school
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Wednesday, February 15

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, February 16

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

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 - *St. Francis Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
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Tuesday, February 21

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, February 22

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Ash Wednesday Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym; ashes only, no Eucharist*
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Thursday, February 23

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, February 24

- *“A” Day*
 - *Go Texan Day*: Students may choose to wear Western attire; those students who do not choose to dress up may wear the regular school uniform
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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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.

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is Tuesday

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 this Tuesday, February 14.** The group meets at The Corner Bakery, and breakfast is provided. Please [email Sally Jo Flores](#) to be added to the email distribution for future notices.

Mark Your Calendar for Shrove Tuesday Festivities

Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Party on **February 21** (the day before Ash Wednesday) from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is a great

time to have some family fun as we feast on pancakes, gumbo, and king cake. Rick Keith and the St. Francis musicians are planning extra special music. You do not want to miss this! [Click here](#) to get details and tickets.

Join Us for Ash Wednesday Services on February 22

Begin your Lenten journey that leads to the cross and the joy of the resurrection with the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The first day of Lent is a special day of holy obligation. Services will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to accommodate your schedule that day.

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.

Eighth Graders, Join Us for Confirmation Class

Eighth graders, if you missed the Confirmation Class Ice Cream Social and Orientation, you can still join the 2023–24 Confirmation Class. If you are in eighth grade and have not been confirmed, please contact Cindy Huteson via [email](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

Join Us Wednesdays for Mom’s Bible Study

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!

—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.

- **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.

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.

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 February: Canned pasta with or without meat**
- 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.
 - **Study:** Book of James
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83321039436>
 - **Meeting ID:** 833 2103 9436
 - **Passcode:** 649679
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays 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](#).