

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of March 5

All School

St. Francis Festival: Order Your T-shirts by This Friday

There are lots of fun activities planned for Festival this year—you won't want to miss it!

- The deadline to purchase St. Francis Festival T-shirts is this Friday, March 10, to guarantee receipt of our order in the correct sizes in time for Festival. [Click here to purchase T-shirts.](#)
- The event website will remain open after spring break so attendees can purchase additional wristbands and any All You Can Drink YETI tumblers or parking spots still available.

Save the Date: Next Parents' Night Out Is March 24

Save the date for our next Parents' Night Out event on Friday, March 24! This event runs on Piney Point Campus from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. for students in Primary II through grade 8, and on Couper Campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for students in Pre-Primary to Primary II. The evening will include dinner, arts and crafts, games, gym (motor) time and, for the older students, Nerf wars in the gym. Cost is \$35 per student. To register, [email our Explore and Extend Office.](#)

Summer on the Point: New Camps Added

Summer on the Point registration is still open, with many camps still having open spots, and some new camps added to the registration. Some of these include the following:

- Additional Primary School Art Camp sessions
- Watercolor Painting
- Landscapes for grades 4–10

- Sculpt This, Take That for grades 4–10
- Creative Writing for grades 6–12
- Basketball for Girls with Mary Gleason
- Basketball Fun with Coach Harold Baber
- Let's Pretend Creative Drama
- Speaking for Success (Grades 6–10)

The registration link can be found on the [Summer Camps page](#) of the school website. We are looking forward to a great summer full of fun!

Thank You From Friends of Fine Arts

Thank you for joining us and supporting our Middle School actors at *Willy Wonka Jr.* this past weekend! We are incredibly proud of our talented cast and crew and of all the hard work they put into making this show such a sweet success. We sincerely appreciate all the parents and volunteers for their help and encouragement. Congratulations also go to our dedicated Fine Arts faculty, who continue to bring out the very best in our students!

Primary School

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Blessings,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School

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- *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*

Monday, March 20

- *Open Library*
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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*
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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

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- *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, March 8

- *Art à la Carte First-Grade Field Trip: 10:00 a.m.–2:15 p.m. to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*
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Thursday, March 9

- *Art à la Carte Third-Grade Field Trip: 10:00 a.m.–2:15 p.m. to The Menil Collection*
 - *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Monday, March 13–Friday, March 17

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

- *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.

Tuesday, March 21

- *Lower School Crime Stoppers*: 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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Thursday, March 23

- *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 24

- *Art à la Carte Fourth-Grade Field Trip*: 10:00 a.m.–2:45 p.m. to Rice University
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Monday, March 27

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Tuesday, March 28

- *Second-Grade Biome Bonanza*
 - **Quine and Wagner**: 10:00 a.m.
 - **McCormick and Shindler**: 1:00 p.m.
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Thursday, March 30

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center

- Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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Friday, March 31

- *Fourth Grade Performance of **Friends** (Music Program):* 1:00–1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
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Monday, April 3

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
 - *First-Grade Field Trip to Nature Discovery Center:* Student-only event
 - **Breeding and Hitchcock:** 9:30–10:15 a.m.
 - **Jules and DuByne:** 10:15–11:00 a.m.
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Thursday, April 6

- *Maundy Thursday 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.
 - *Lower School Early Dismissal:* 11:15 a.m.
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Friday, April 7

- *Good Friday Holiday:* No school
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Monday, April 10

- *Easter Monday Holiday:* No school

Middle School

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Fifth-Grade Colonial Day Is This Friday

Our fifth-grade students will participate in Colonial Day this Friday, March 10. Texian Time Machine will be here to give students a firsthand experience of what life was like in colonial times—including being part of a militia, going to school, baking colonial bread, carding wool, playing colonial games, and more.

Students are encouraged to participate by dressing up in colonial costumes that day. If you would like to create a DIY colonial costume with common clothing items you may already have in your home, [this eHow web page](#) provides easy instructions on how to do so.

Additionally, **fifth-grade students will be dismissed early that day, after lunch at 12:45 p.m.** Fifth-grade teachers will facilitate extension activities for those students who need to remain at school until their normal pickup time.

MS Service Hour Opportunity: Volunteer at Festival!

Setup and cleanup shifts are available to Middle School students who would like to earn service hours by working before or after the St. Francis Festival on Sunday, April 23. [Click here to sign up!](#)

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, March 24, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time seventh grade will meet is on Friday, March 10, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time sixth grade will meet is on Monday, March 20, at 12:45 p.m.
- The next time fifth grade will meet is tomorrow—Monday, March 6, at 12:45 p.m.

Looking Ahead: Fall 2023 Preseason Practice Dates

Looking ahead to the preseason practice plans for the fall of 2023, please note the following start dates for Middle School Athletics. Students interested in playing a fall sport should plan to attend practices during the preseason.

SPORT	START DATE	NOTES
Football	08/02/2023	Equipment distribution
Football	08/03/2023	Practice begins
Boys Volleyball	08/07/2023	Practice begins
Girls Volleyball	08/07/2023	Practice begins
Coed Cross-Country	08/07/2023	Practice begins
Field Hockey	08/07/2023	Practice begins

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Monday, March 6

- *Dress Uniforms*
 - *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, March 7

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, March 8

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Eighth-Grade Art à la Carte Field Trip*

Thursday, March 9

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Friday, March 10

- *Spirit Dress:* Students may wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Fifth-Grade Colonial Day:* Early dismissal for fifth graders at 12:45 p.m.
- *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

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Report Cards Available on the Parent Portal This Friday

Report cards will be available online via the Parent Portal this Friday, March 10. For this trimester, you will see two grades:

- Trimester exam (taken in December, before break)
- Trimester grade (an amalgam of the exam and the Trimester 2 gradebook)

For students who struggled with exams, there are two important considerations:

1. The transcript will have only one grade for a course for the entire year. This means that a lower grade in the second trimester will be averaged with the first and third trimesters. There is still an opportunity to raise that grade!
2. There are end-of-year exams in all core classes (except AP courses). If exams did not go well, now is the time for students to review study methods for those December exams and begin to make adjustments for May.

Looking Ahead: Fall 2023 Preseason Practice Dates

Looking ahead to the preseason practice plans for the fall of 2023, please note the following start dates for Upper School Athletics. Students interested in playing a fall sport should plan to attend practices during the preseason.

SPORT	START DATE	NOTES
Coed Cross-Country	07/31/2023	Practice begins
Girls Volleyball	07/31/2023	Practice begins
Football	07/31/2023	Equipment distribution
Football	08/01/2023	Practice begins
Boys Volleyball	08/07/2023	Practice begins

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 6

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, March 9

- *"A" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, March 10

- *“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, March 13–Friday, March 17

- *Spring Break:* School closed

Church

Join Us at 9:00 a.m. Each Sunday For the Following:

- **Sunday Worship**
- **Let It Shine Children's Bible Lesson**
- **Lighthouse Expressions in Art:** 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).
- **GLOW for Middle School Students (Volunteer Opportunities):** Contact [Allison Devlin](#) to sign up and receive service hours.

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.** RSVP to Sally Jo Flores [via e-mail](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 to sign up.

Palm Sunday Passion Play Is April 2

Join us on Sunday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m. for the Palm Sunday Passion Play.

- Children can participate as we re-enact the events of Holy Week, waving palm branches as Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and reciting the Passion Gospel.
- **Donkey Photos:** A donkey will be available for family photos in the courtyard after the service.

Walk to Calvary Is April 7

Children, meet in the Fine Art Center on Friday, April 7, at noon to follow Father Wismer and Mrs. Devlin on an interactive journey of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Please note: Children ages 6 and up can be dropped off while parents attend the Good Friday service in the church.

Kids' Easter Egg Hunt Is April 9

Kids, join us for He Is Risen! at Let It Shine on Sunday, April 9, at 9:00 a.m. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, enjoy an Easter egg hunt, and pet and feed bunnies.

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

- **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.

Outreach Ministries

- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** has an urgent plea from the pantry team. For additional information, contact the church's Director of Outreach [Heather Burkhart](#).
- The **Fair Haven Food Pantry** needs volunteers and food donations. For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#). To volunteer, [click here](#).

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the "Prayer Requests" link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](#).

Bible Studies at St. Francis

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Book of James
 - **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 March 14.**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Study:** The Life of Abraham
 - **Location:** [The Corner Bakery](#) (9311 Katy Fwy.), breakfast included
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)
- 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](#)

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream

To join St. Francis Episcopal Church's 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday service via livestream, open an Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—sfch.org. Click on the "Watch Live Stream Worship Services" button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.