

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of April 16

All School

Festival Is Next Weekend—Sunday, April 23

- **Packets of Festival goodies that you purchased will go home with one of your children on Monday, April 17.** Please check to make sure you received everything you ordered.
- There will be a special sheet in the packet that will tell you **how to load money to your wristband**. It is preferred that you do this PRIOR to the event, not at the Festival. There will be an opportunity for assistance from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 21, in the People Place on Piney Point Campus.
- Please note that **parking on the day of Festival will be at Chapelwood Church** (Lots A and B only). Unless you purchased a reserved spot at Piney Point Campus, there will be NO on-site parking at Festival.
- We will be sending reminder emails and texts containing important information throughout this week. **If you have questions at any point, please reach out to [Alaina Stephens](#), Director of Special Events, or [Annie Hartigan](#), Festival Committee Chair.**

Order Your School Supplies for Next Year!

School supplies may now be ordered for the 2023–24 school year [online here](#).

- To order for **Lower School**, enter the code STF001.
- To order for **Middle School**,* enter the code STF018.
- The deadline to order is Tuesday, May 23.
- Supplies will be delivered to your child's homeroom/advisory prior to the first day of school.
- Please contact [Stefanie Carper](#) if you have any questions.

*All sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students will also need a TI-30XS calculator.

From the Library: Important Information About Book Fair 2023

Our “Soar into Summer” book fair is just a week and a half away! We are so excited to invite our St. Francis community to shop for some great summer reads, while also supporting the growth of our library collection. [Click here](#) for details on book fair, including to view the tentative schedule and to learn how to set up your child's eWallet.

Volunteers Needed to Help Display LS and MS Art

Join us on Tuesday, April 25, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to hang up Lower and Middle School art in the People Place on Piney Point Campus. No experience needed!

- [Click here to sign up.](#)
- If you have any questions, please [email Annie Hartigan.](#)

From the SFPO: Please Contribute to the End-of-Year Teacher Gift

Twice a year, the St. Francis Parents Organization asks each family to contribute toward teacher and staff appreciation gifts. Both at Christmas and at the end of the school year, the SFPO provides monetary gifts to each and every person employed by St. Francis.

- To make a contribution, [click here.](#)
- For additional details, [click here.](#)

Parents' Night Out Is May 5

Our last Parents' Night Out of the 2022–23 school year will be held on Friday, May 5.

- This is open to Primary School students from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and for students in Primary II through Grade 8 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- During our last evening of Parents' Night Out fun this school year, we will enjoy indoor and outdoor games, water balloons, crafts, dinner, and an ice cream sundae bar. It's sure to be an evening to remember!
- To reserve your spot, please [email Margaret Newsom.](#)
- The cost is \$35 per student.

St. Francis Arts Festival Is April 25–30

The St. Francis Arts Festival is a free, fun, family experience where attendees can enjoy student performances, fine arts galleries displaying student work, parent mixers, and children's art activities on each of our beautiful campuses. **The Festival starts on Tuesday, April 25, and concludes on Sunday, April 30.** [Click here](#) to learn more about some of the events!

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Summer on the Point 2023: New Primary School Tae Kwon Do Camp Added

We have added a second section of Primary School Tae Kwon Do Camp to the itinerary

for Summer on the Point 2023, in response to requests for additional spaces when the July 24–28 session filled up quickly. The new camp is scheduled for July 17–21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is available through SOTP registration, [here](#).

Primary School Dance Showcase Is May 15

Students in Skyler Sinclair’s Primary I and II ballet classes will have their spring showcase on Monday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point campus. Parents of students in these sections should check their email for more information. We’re looking forward to welcoming everyone who comes to “Be Our Guest” for this fun demonstration of learning!

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Friday, April 21

- *Parent Conference Day: No school*
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Sunday, April 23

- *St. Francis Festival: 1:00 p.m.*
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Monday, April 24

- *Open Library*
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Tuesday, April 25

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend*
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Wednesday, April 26

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend*
 - *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others: 1:45 p.m.*
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Thursday, April 27

- *Primary II Mothers and Others: 1:30 p.m.*
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Friday, April 28

- *Primary I Mothers and Others: 1:30 p.m.*
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Monday, May 1

- *Last Open Library*
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Tuesday, May 2

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
 - *Primary II Bible Presentation and Brunch:* 9:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Wednesday, May 3

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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Tuesday, May 9

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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Wednesday, May 10

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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Thursday, May 11, and Friday, May 12

- *Splash Day (Classes TBD)*
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Tuesday, May 16

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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Wednesday, May 17

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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Monday, May 22

- *Primary I End-of-Year Party: 1:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, May 24

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 - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party: 1:45 p.m.*
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Thursday, May 25

- *Primary II End-of-Year Party: 1:00 p.m.*
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Friday, May 26

- *Last Day of School: 11:00 a.m. dismissal*
- *No Explore and Extend*

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- *First-Grade Learning Celebration*
 - **Jules/DuByne:** 9:00–9:30 a.m.
 - **Breeding/Hitchcock:** 10:30-11:00 a.m.
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Thursday, April 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.
 - *Steam Fair:* 8:00–3:00 p.m.
 - *Lower School Class Retake Photos (Some Classes):* 8:50-10:30 a.m.
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Friday, April 21

- *Lower School Festival Pep Rally:* 2:00–2:30 p.m.; student-only event

Sunday, April 23

- *St. Francis Festival: 1:00–4:00 p.m.*
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Monday, April 24

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Tuesday, April 25

- *Lower School Field Day for Grades K–2: 8:30–10:00 a.m.; student-only event*
 - *Lower School Joyful Sounds/Middle School Spring Choir Concert: 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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Wednesday, April 26

- *Scholastic Book Fair*
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Thursday, April 27

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 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, April 28

- *Lower School Poem in Your Pocket Day*

Monday, May 1

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Tuesday, May 2

- *Lower School Field Day for Grades 3–4: 8:30–10:00 a.m.; student-only event*

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, May 5

- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration (Carl, Masini, and Wells): 9:45–10:15 a.m.*

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Congratulations to the Middle School Boys' Golf team for winning the Houston Junior Preparatory Conference Championship! This marks the team's third title in six years.

We also wish good luck to all Middle School teams competing in the HJPC tournaments or their last competitions of the spring season this coming week.

Eighth-Grade Parent Meeting Is April 20

The end of eighth grade at St. Francis is an extremely busy time of year. To help parents wrap their minds around all of the upcoming events, update their calendars, and get their questions answered, the Middle School Office is hosting an Eighth-Grade Parent Meeting to discuss details of the Boston Trip, Awards Day, Recognition Day, exams, and the last day of school. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Hogan Board Room.

Summer on the Point 2023: New Creative Writing Camps Added

We have added three new creative writing camps to the itinerary for Summer on the Point 2023. Taught by Dr. William Black, these camps are open to grades 6–12, and the cost is \$200 per session. Descriptions for the three sessions are below, and registration is available through SOTP registration, [here](#).

Creative Writing: Past, Present, Future

June 5–9 at 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Students will read and experiment with different forms of creative writing, including poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction. They will produce, share, and workshop original work. This week's focus will be on time: writing in the past, present, and future tense, and writing in and out of chronological order. How do we experience time, and do we all experience it the same way?

Creative Writing: Ekphrasis

June 12–16 at 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Students will read and experiment with different forms of creative writing, including poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction. They will produce, share, and workshop original work. This week's focus will be on ekphrasis, a fancy word for writing about art. What happens when you write a story from the point of view of a character in a painting? Or translate a piece of music into words?

Creative Writing: Making and Breaking Rules

June 19–23 at 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Students will read and experiment with different forms of creative writing, including poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction. They will produce, share, and workshop original work. This week's focus will be on rules. The poet Robert Frost once said that writing poetry without rhyme or meter was like "playing tennis with the net down." We'll experiment with different writing forms with unique sets of rules (the haiku, the sonnet, flash fiction) and also see what happens when we take the net down!

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 this **Sunday, April 23**. [Click here to sign up!](#)

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Deadline for Community Service Hours Is May 2

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others. At the Recognition and Awards Ceremony in the spring, students who have completed 20, 30, 50, or 100 hours of service during a school term will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements. **The deadline for turning in your community service forms is May 2.**

Use this form to submit your community service hours. You can drop the form off in the Middle School Office or **email it to Kelly Murray**.

- **Fifth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Sixth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Seventh Grade:** 15 hours
- **Eighth Grade:** 20 hours

May 4 & 5: Volunteers Needed for Seventh-Grade Medieval Faire Day

Seventh-grade parents, please **save the date** for this year's Medieval Faire Day on **Friday, May 5!**

ABOUT MEDIEVAL FAIRE DAY

Medieval Faire Day is a fun-filled day spent exploring multiple cultures during the medieval time period. Students immerse themselves in the different cultures by participating in interactive and hands-on activities that highlight art, music, food, clothing, weaponry, and daily life in Medieval Europe, Japan, and the Arabian Peninsula. This event fully aligns with the seventh-grade World History curriculum students have been studying.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON MAY 4 & 5

In order for this day to be a success, **we need lots of moms and dads to volunteer**—both on **Thursday, May 4, to help with setup** as we transform multiple parts of the school, and **during the entire Medieval Faire Day on May 5**. Please go ahead and

block your calendar for May 5 and/or May 4 if you can help with setup. A SignUpGenius link will be sent soon. It's a fun day to be on campus with all of the seventh graders. We look forward to seeing you!

MS Parents: Get Involved in Booster Club for 2023–24!

The Booster Club is looking for parents to join our team at both a committee level and in leadership roles.

- The Booster Club's purpose is to foster school spirit, provide a sense of community, and enhance the student experience.
- The Booster Club coordinates team parents; manages concessions; provides team banners; assists with senior recognition; and provides decorations and spirit items for pep rallies, tournaments, and championships.
- We support all St. Francis teams in grades 6–12, our coaches, and the Athletic Department.
- The Booster Club also helps organize special events throughout the year, including Homecoming and Hoops & Scoops.

The Booster Club needs your help to expand and continue to promote our school spirit and community! **To get involved, please [click here](#) or email [Colleen Dunlap](#) or [Charity Todd](#).**

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- *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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Friday, April 21

- *Spirit Dress:* Students may 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
- *Trimester 3 Progress Reports Released at 4:30 p.m.*

Upper School

From the Head of Curriculum and Instruction

Many community members are unaware of a unique professional-growth opportunity for our faculty and staff—**The Sally W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty**. Sally Woolrich was the first principal of St. Francis Episcopal School and believed that inspired teaching fosters the love of learning. In this spirit, the fund named after her underwrites unique learning opportunities for faculty and staff.

Over the past 19 years, more than 100 Woolrich awards have funded enriching learning adventures for faculty and staff—from studying the Lewis and Clark expedition to learning how to play the piano to learning about fairy tales in Paris. These excellent opportunities allow the recipients to "fill their buckets" and stay invigorated about course content and the art of teaching.

The process to receive funding is as follows:

1. Teachers submit an application detailing the trip, its budget, and how the trip will impact both them personally and their classroom.
2. A committee of parents, grandparents, alumni, and one former recipient reviews the proposals and chooses the recipients based on the amount of the fund for that year. These funds come from the Woolrich endowment.
3. The recipients are notified, and plans are made!

4. We host a Woolrich Luncheon each year to hear from recipients after they return from their journey. It is a special luncheon as we honor lifelong learners and those who impact our students daily.

This video highlights our 2019–20 recipients. Their travel was delayed by two years due to COVID-19, but they all went and had a wonderful time; it was so fun to hear about their adventures! Our 2022–23 recipients were the special guests during this year’s Woolrich Luncheon. Below are short descriptions of the learning experiences planned by our 2023–24 winners, who will travel this spring and summer.

Lorien Cuneo, Upper School English:

"I will be spending five days in Paris this summer, exploring the haunts of the ‘Lost Generation’— American authors and creatives who fled to Europe after WWI and were inspired by the rich literary history of Paris. I will also collect information and photos to enrich my *A Tale of Two Cities* unit in tenth-grade World Literature."

Eric Lloyd, Middle School Science:

"I plan to travel to Pisa, Italy, to the University of Pisa and take a two-week course on ‘Genes to Cells.’ This short molecular biology course is a full-immersion, practical class covering biotechniques used in classrooms and laboratory settings and applied to studying cell biology, genetics, and ecosystems to analyze health and disease. Biology is a hands-on subject, and exploring new lab environments and gaining techniques abroad will enhance and augment my current classroom activities to raise the rigor of the course. The result is that students will become more knowledgeable, and experiences will become deeper and more enriched."

Ghada Raad, Alex Thies, Claudia Schoelman, and Amanda Acton, Primary School Faculty:

"We will visit Madrid and Barcelona, Spain, where we will further deepen our understanding of the Reggio Emilia approach and be immersed in the art culture of Spain. In Barcelona, we will attend an art workshop for hands-on experience at an Atelier, an artists’ workshop, or a studio, an integral component of the Reggio approach. This will allow us to see what the children experience, as well as being able to see how the freedom of creativity can be inspiring to them. Next, we travel to Madrid to visit Colegio Reggio Explora, a school where the Reggio approach is used in all grade levels, with students from 2–18 years old. At St. Francis Primary School, our students are the designers and artists of our school. Bringing back all of the knowledge we will be learning in Spain will provide St. Francis with abundant culture and new creativity."

Halie Berrigan, Middle School Math:

"This summer, I will be traveling through Italy and Greece to immerse myself in the world of ancient and modern mathematics. I'm eager to explore world-renowned, STEM-based museums, historic sites, and unique observatories! I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to explore and gain a more holistic appreciation for the continual enhancements in mathematics and technology."

Rachel Bennett, Middle School English:

"I will be going on a literary trip through the United Kingdom. Each stop along the itinerary includes literary museums, visits to authors' homes, and sites that inspired famous works. This trip highlights the life and work of some of the most influential English authors in history, including—but not limited to—William Shakespeare, Jane Austen, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Emily and Charlotte Brontë, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Wordsworth, Charles Dickens, Christopher Marlowe, and Sir Walter Scott. This will allow me a trip of a lifetime to examine how some of the most famous writers gained inspiration for their writing. This information will inspire our students to write with greater depth and passion in the classroom. I cannot wait to share everything I learn with our Wolves!"

We thank all those who have contributed to this endowment that allows our teachers to explore, learn, and grow. These gifts directly impact our students.

Have a fantastic week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Curriculum and Instruction

KOBI Photography Exhibition: Entries Due April 25

The KOBI Photography Exhibition will be on display on both campuses from Wednesday, April 26, through Monday, May 1. Entry forms may be picked up in the division art rooms.

- **Theme:** Woven Memories
- **Due Date:** Tuesday, April 25
 - Lower School students turn in photographs to Ms. Miller.
 - Middle School students turn in photographs to Ms. Chandler.
 - Upper School students turn in photographs to Mrs. Herrin.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your division's art teacher.

Register Now: Upper School World Religion Summer Blended Learning Class

Register for the Upper School World Religion Summer Blended Learning class through Summer on the Point registration, which is available [here](#).

- Students are expected to attend seven in-person sessions, which will be scheduled at 1:00–2:30 p.m. on June 1, 5, 8, 12, 19, and 26, and on July 10, with a makeup date, as well. The rest of the learning will take place online.
- The cost is \$575, and the course description is below.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

Students will explore the major religions and belief systems of the world: the

“Abrahamic” religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; the “Eastern” religions of Hinduism and Buddhism; and “secular” belief systems, including atheism and agnosticism. For each religion, students will explore the historical context from which the religion emerged and its major tenets and modern-day practices. As part of this exploration, students will read passages from sacred texts.

US Parents: Get Involved in Booster Club for 2023–24!

The Booster Club is looking for parents to join our team at both a committee level and in leadership roles.

- The Booster Club’s purpose is to foster school spirit, provide a sense of community, and enhance the student experience.
- The Booster Club coordinates team parents; manages concessions; provides team banners; assists with senior recognition; and provides decorations and spirit items for pep rallies, tournaments, and championships.
- We support all St. Francis teams in grades 6–12, our coaches, and the Athletic Department.
- The Booster Club also helps organize special events throughout the year, including Homecoming and Hoops & Scoops.

The Booster Club needs your help to expand and continue to promote our school spirit and community! **To get involved, please [click here](#) or email [Colleen Dunlap](#) or [Charity Todd](#).**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 17

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Senior Seminar Presentations:* Required senior event at lunch
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Tuesday, April 18

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, April 19

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel (National Honor Society Induction): 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, April 20

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, April 21

- *“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*
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Saturday, April 22

- *Upper School Prom for Juniors and Seniors: 8:00–11:00 p.m. at the Blossom Hotel; semi-formal*
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Monday, April 24

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Senior Seminar Presentation: Required senior event at lunch*
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Tuesday, April 25

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, April 26

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School "Blessing of the Seniors" Chapel*
 - 3:30 p.m. in Crum Gym
 - Final senior chapel
 - Attendance is mandatory for seniors.

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

- *"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

Church

High School Students: Q & A Session + Seeking Volunteers

On **Sunday, April 30**, high school students are invited to come hear from parishioners across all grades. Get tips on balance, studying, faith, and friends. Make connections with students at local high schools. The discussion will be led by Beth Martinez in the People Place at 10:00 a.m.

Adults, if you have a heart for teaching high school students, please [email Allison Devlin](#). She is **looking for a few volunteers** to teach the kids weekly on a rotating basis.

April 26: Wednesday Evening Music Program

Mark your calendar for the next Wednesday Evening Music Program: *Ceremonial Music for Brass Quintet & Organ*. The music will begin at 7:15 p.m., and will encompass sacred music of Giovanni Gabrieli (1557–1612), the music of John Philip Sousa (1854-

1932), and more.

May 4: Ladies' Night Out

Gather for socializing, food, and drinks at the Houston Racquet Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. For more information and to RSVP, please [email Allison Devlin](#).

May 14: High School Graduate Blessing

Graduating from high school and heading off to college or other pursuits is a life-changing event. We invite all high school graduates to join us on Sunday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the church for a short service of prayers and blessings to mark this momentous event. For more information, please [email Cindy Huteson](#).

Submit Names of Graduates for the May 14 Bulletin

We are collecting the names of our eighth- and twelfth-grade graduating students as well as of our college graduates to put in the bulletin on Sunday, May 14. Please [email Cindy Huteson](#) to provide your graduate's name and career plans or where he or she will be going to school next year.

Join Us at 9:00 a.m. Each Sunday for Our Family-Focused Service and Events

- **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.

Mom's Bible Study Meets on Wednesdays

- **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 [Heather Burkhart](#). To volunteer, [click here](#).

Dress for Success Houston Needs Our Help!

Each year, Dress for Success Houston (DFSH) holds the Her Path Forward giving campaign, which helps provide women with access to programs, services, and tools that will help them achieve economic advancement. There are a couple of ways you can help support this important work:

- Write a check payable to "St. Francis Episcopal Church" and indicate "Dress for Success" on the Memo line.
- Donate handbags and closed-toe shoes at DFSH (3310 Eastside). Donations are accepted on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

With questions, please [email Karen Bloomfield](#).

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 May 9.**)
 - **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.