

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of April 23

All School

Celebrating Earth Day

St. Francis recently launched a recycling and composting program overseen by the People for Others Council. [Click here](#) to read more about how our students are taking action to protect the planet.

Important Details on This Week's Book Fair

Our "Soar Into Summer" book fair is here! 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.

BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE

[Click here](#) to view the schedule for the book fair. **Parents of Lower School students are invited to come and shop with their students during their class book fair time.** If an unexpected change to your child's class time occurs, the teacher will contact you directly.

As a reminder, the book fair will also be open to the St. Francis community this Thursday, April 27, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and this Friday, April 28, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **We encourage our families with Primary School students to plan on attending during these times.**

SETTING UP EWALLETS

All parents of students in grades K–8 are encouraged to create an "eWallet" for their student(s) to facilitate shopping. This will do away with the need for kids to keep up with cash and will allow family and friends with a student's eWallet link to contribute to that student's book fair shopping funds.

- To view a video about eWallets and how they work, [click here](#).
- **To set up your child's eWallet, begin by clicking on [this link](#).** You will need to create a Scholastic parent account or log into an existing Scholastic parent account. Please be aware that any money left over in an eWallet will not be refunded, but can be used online at the Scholastic store.

Traditional forms of payment (cash, check, debit/credit cards) will be accepted, as well.

NEW THIS YEAR: FACULTY/STAFF EWALLETS

[Click here](#) to access faculty/staff eWallets. This list reflects eWallets set up as of this *Wolf Watch* publication. Contributing to faculty/staff eWallets is optional, but is a way to add to a faculty member's fund for classroom libraries or to let teachers or staff members know they are appreciated. These links will also be available at the book fair for those wanting to make a donation.

NEW THIS YEAR: BOOK BASKETS

Shoppers should be on the lookout for **the opportunity to win some fun book baskets**. Anyone who makes a purchase can enter to win, but the more you buy, the more chances you have to win!

St. Francis Arts Festival: Buy Upper School Play Tickets Now!

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 this Tuesday, April 25, and concludes this Sunday, April 30.

- **[Click here](#)** to see the schedule of events.
- **[Click here](#)** to purchase tickets to the Upper School performance of *Almost, Maine* (ages 13 and older only).

Volunteers Needed Tuesday to Help Display LS and MS Art

Join us this 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](#)**.

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 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.

Primary School

From the Primary School Motor Teacher

My main objective as the Primary School Motor Teacher is to teach students about the importance of physical movement and how it helps develop muscles they need in everyday life. There are many benefits to having Motor class in the Primary School. It promotes long-lasting health, boosts confidence and self-esteem, provides an avenue for energy release, and promotes brain development.

During Motor, students learn a warm-up routine of exercises and stretches. They also begin building their cardio after warm-ups. Students are encouraged to participate to help increase confidence and keep their bodies moving. They then play a variety of games and participate in activities that help strengthen their fine and gross motor skills, as well as their hand-eye

coordination. The students love the games and do not even realize that they are strengthening their motor skills through play.

To help encourage students who are hesitant to join the activities or are non-active, I like to play along and model the activity. The students love when I am involved in the games, and this gives them another reason to get up and play. In the Reggio-inspired approach, teachers are guides who learn alongside the children. Motor offers another opportunity for a partnership between the students and the teacher.

I really enjoy working with all the grade levels in the Primary School and am grateful for the opportunity to work in the Primary School with amazing children, faculty, and staff.

Coach Bey
Primary School Motor Teacher

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!

Mark Your Calendar

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

- *Primary II Bible Presentation and Brunch: 9:30 a.m. in Crum Gym; for Primary II parents only*
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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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Monday, May 15

- *Spring Showcase for Skyler Sinclair's Primary I and II Ballet Students: 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus*
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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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Tuesday, May 23

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend*
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Wednesday, May 24

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

Lower School

From the Lower School Art Teacher

"Creativity is contagious. Pass it on." —Albert Einstein

Creativity abounds in our SFE school community. Whether they are sinking their hands into fresh clay, creating detailed drawings, or splattering paint in an abstract design, our students are full of energy and imagination.

Students explore and experiment with a variety of materials and techniques, with the goal of gaining confidence in their own ideas and abilities as artists. They practice observation skills and self-expression, learn about artists and art history, and share thoughts about what they see and create. Participation in visual arts impacts the way students see the world around them and the way they see themselves. When asked what was most special about her artwork, one student reflected, "It brings out who I am."

Students in our People for Others Council share their creative talents with the community. These artists have welcomed new and visiting students with cards, brought cheer to retirement-home residents with drawings and paintings, and created ceramic Empty Bowls to benefit and bring awareness to the Houston Food Bank.

This week's upcoming Fine Arts Festival is dedicated to showcasing our outstanding community of artists through presentations in music, dance, drama, and visual art. Artwork will be

exhibited on both campuses, featuring Primary through Upper School students. I welcome and encourage you to celebrate and be inspired by our wonderfully creative and uniquely talented young artists.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fine Arts Festival!

Warmly,

Wendy Miller
Lower School Visual Arts

KOBI Photography Exhibition: Entries Due Tuesday

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, April 23

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

- *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, 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: Check Seesaw for your child's designated shopping time.*
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Thursday, April 27

- *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.
 - *Scholastic Book Fair: Check Seesaw for your child's designated shopping time.*
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Friday, April 28

- *Lower School Poem in Your Pocket Day*
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Monday, May 1

- *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, May 2

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

- *Lower School Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, May 4

- *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, May 5

- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration (Carl, Masini, and Wells):* 9:45–10:15 a.m.
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Monday, May 8

- *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.
 - *Kindergarten Learning Celebration (Armintor and Senchuck):* 9:45–10:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, May 9

- *Lower School Kindergarten Field Trip:* 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. to the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science
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Thursday, May 11

- *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.
- *Fourth-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience to Camp Allen:* 7:00 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

Middle School

From the Division Head

The students on our record-breaking Middle School Track team will tell you that you don't run TO the finish line, you run THROUGH the finish line. I'm no track coach, but my high school track coach told the sprinters that if we ran to the line, then our bodies would start to slow down before we reached the end and someone who was close could pass us up in the final meters of the race.

Middle schoolers, don't let up. I know that summer is right around the corner, but it's not here yet. What does it look like to finish strong?

1. **Make a plan.** You still have homework, projects, quizzes, tests, and games. Put them in your planner. Identify specific times when you will prepare for those assessments, participate in those activities, and submit those assignments. If you're struggling in math, pick one day a week or more when you will visit your math teacher for tutorials or study hall. Write down when you are going to create your Quizlet for your Spanish test. What will it take to be ready? Do that and a little more. Spread the preparation out over multiple days.
2. **Show up.** Get to school on time. Get to class on time. Come prepared. Restock your pencil bag with pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, earbuds (for watching teacher-assigned videos), and whatever else you use in class often. Whenever you leave class to go get school supplies, you miss instruction or practice. Show up ready to learn.
3. **Respect yourself, other people, and our property.** After nine months in the same advisory, the same first-period class, the same lunchroom, the same locker, and the same hallways, it's easy to get frustrated with your teachers and your peers. Their jokes have turned from funny to annoying. Their personalities have changed from charming to grating. Give them grace. Respect them.
4. **Stay curious.** There's more to learn. There's more to experience. Rather than checking out or complaining, consider the possibility that you might be able to learn more. Keep asking great questions and listening for the answers.

This is not the time for quitting or easing up. Finishing strong is a habit and a skill. Resist the urge to ease up in April and May. Finish strong, Wolves!

Congratulations to all of our sports teams. Special shout-out to all of our Houston Junior Preparatory Conference champs! Thank you for finishing strong.

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Middle School Athletics Update

Congratulations to the 7th/8th Girls Lacrosse team, who won the Houston Junior Preparatory Conference Championship this past Thursday! This marks the first championship in program history. Congratulations to this talented group of players and dedicated coaches for a fantastic championship season!

Congratulations to *all* spring sport athletes, coaches, and teams for a successful season—and THANK YOU to our parents for all the help and support.

FALL PREVIEW BEGINS TOMORROW

Beginning tomorrow, we will transition to our Fall Sports Preview for students in grades 6 and 7. Students will follow their fall sport selections for next year and will work on skills and fundamentals during condensed practice sessions. Students should bring the necessary clothing, footwear, and equipment for cross-country, field hockey, football (no pads), volleyball, and physical education.

Fall Sports Preview will be held Monday through Wednesday of this week. MS Athletics will not practice on Thursday due to the Powder Puff Football Game or on Friday due to MS Field Day. Fall Sports Preview will resume on Monday, May 1.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>LOCATION*</u>	<u>CARPOOL TIME</u>	<u>PICKUP LOCATION*</u>
Coed Cross-Country	PPC—Field	4:00 p.m.	PPC—Dining Hall
Football	PPC—Field	4:00 p.m.	PPC—Dining Hall
Physical Education	PPC	4:00 p.m.	PPC—Dining Hall
Boys' Volleyball	CC—Crum Gym	4:20 p.m.	CC—Crum Gym
Girls' Volleyball	CC—Crum Gym	4:20 p.m.	CC—Crum Gym
Field Hockey	CC—Turf Field	4:20 p.m.	CC—Crum Gym

* PPC=Piney Point Campus; CC=Couper Campus

Important: Note on Picking Up Your Student Early

Please **DO NOT** pick up your student in front of the Chapel or the kindergarten hallway. If you are picking up your child before 4:00 p.m., you have two options:

- **At any time before 4:00 p.m., you may come into the front office and sign them out.**
- **After 3:05 p.m. but before 4:00 p.m., you also have the option to pick up your student in the back by the green awning.** If you choose this option, you can pass the carpool line once you make the curve to the side of the school by the cafeteria. Please go through the gate and get back in the right lane. Once you curve around the back, you will see the circle. This is when you can get in the left lane. The left lane is for early Middle School pickup.

Please do not use the Ecclesia parking lot to pick up or drop off students.

With questions, email [Kelly Murray](#).

Seventh Grade Visits Upper School This Thursday

The seventh grade will be visiting the Upper School this Thursday, April 27, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Thursday: Annual Powder Puff Football Game

This Thursday, April 27, the eighth-grade girls will take on the seventh-grade girls in a friendly game of football. The Booster Club will be selling concessions for \$1, and exact change is appreciated. **Please note this is a student-only event.**

Middle School Spring Dance Is Friday

We look forward to seeing students in grades 6–8 at the Middle School Spring Dance this Friday, April 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

Seventh-Grade Medieval Faire Day: Sign Up to Volunteer

An email was sent to all parents on Monday, April 17, sharing all of the details for Medieval Faire Day, including costume instructions by Advisory. Please [click here](#) to view the letter.

PARENT 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 Friday, May 5. Please [click here](#) to access the SignUpGenius. We appreciate all of your time!

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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

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. **To get involved, please click here or email Colleen Dunlap or Charity Todd.**

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, April 23

- *St. Francis Festival:* 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24

- *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

Tuesday, April 25

- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, April 26

- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, April 27

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Middle School Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
- *Seventh-Grade Students Visit Upper School (Special Schedule): Students board the bus at 9:45 a.m. and return to Piney Point Campus at 1:15 p.m.*
- *Seventh- and Eighth- Grade Powder Puff Game: 3:15–4:00 p.m.; student-only event*

Friday, April 28

- *Spirit Dress: Students may wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Eighth-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*
- *Middle School Field Day: 2:00–4:00 p.m.; student-only event*
- *Middle School Spring Dance (Grades 6–8 Only): 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the gym*

Upper School

From the Division Head

We are happy to introduce St. Francis's first for-credit academic class this summer—World Religions, available to current sophomores (rising juniors). There are a few reasons why summer classes are beneficial:

- **Demonstration of Academic Interest**—The summer is a long time. Sure, we have vacations and the like, but there is plenty of room to take a trimester-length course.

Moreover, taking classes in the summer will demonstrate to colleges that these students are engaged.

- **Freedom in the Schedule During the Year**—Required trimester classes, while enriching and an important part of our curriculum, can burden a student’s schedule. Knocking the course out in the summer allows students to pursue their interests: extra AP classes, participating in both productions, programming classes, etc.
- **But What About Our Summer Schedule?!** This summer class will be offered in a “blended online” format, whereby the majority of the content, homework, and assessments will be online. Seven classes will be offered sporadically throughout June and the beginning of July. While attendance at every class is encouraged, students are required to attend only four classes. To offer further convenience, students can attend class virtually. All class lectures will also be recorded and saved for later review.

For more information, please [email Dr. Bill Black](#).

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Upper School Athletics News

Congratulations to Kaitlyn P., Ella B., and Luc D. for advancing to the TAPPS 3A Tennis State Championships, which were held in Waco this past week. And congratulations to Luc for winning the first match at the state championships in school history and for finishing in the top 8 in the state for TAPPS 3A tennis.

Congratulations to Teddy L. and Cayla P. for their performances at the TAPPS 3A South Regional Golf Tournament this past week. Teddy finished in first place out of 59 golfers and has advanced to the State Championship Tournament in Waco in early May. Cayla finished in fourth place out of 34 golfers and has also advanced to the State Championship Tournament.

Congratulations to the entire Varsity Baseball team for a successful first season in TAPPS. The following players earned All District Honors this season:

- **First Team:** Austin R.
- **Second Team:** Andres G.
- **Honorable Mention:** John L.

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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*
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Wednesday, April 26

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School Blessing of the Seniors Chapel:* Final senior Chapel at 3:00 p.m. in Crum Gym; [special schedule](#)

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 Rising Senior Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Senior Exams:* 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (exception for extended-time students) in Room 109

Monday, May 1–Wednesday, May 10

- *AP Exams:* Please refer to the communication from Steven Scales regarding AP testing; each day's testing times are listed below

Monday, May 1

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exam—Chemistry:* 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *AP Exam—Psychology:* 12:00 p.m.
 - *AP Exam—Psychology XT:* 12:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 3

- "A" Day
 - Regular Uniform
 - Late-Start Day: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.; **no late start for students taking AP exams**
 - No Chapel
 - AP Exam—English Literature: 8:00 a.m.
 - AP Exam—English Literature XT: 8:00 a.m.
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Thursday, May 4

- "B" Day
 - Regular Uniform
 - AP Exam—Statistics: 12:00 p.m.
 - AP Exam—Statistics XT: 12:00 p.m.
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Friday, May 5

- "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
- AP Exam—European History: 8:00 a.m.
- AP Exam—US History: 8:00 a.m.
- AP Exam—US History XT: 8:00 a.m.
- AP Exam—Art History: 12:00 p.m.
- AP Exam—Art History XT: 12:00 p.m.
- AP Exam—Art History XT2: 2:00 p.m.

Church

This Wednesday: Join us for the Evening Music Program

Mark your calendar for this Wednesday's Evening Music Program: *Ceremonial Music for Brass Quintet & Organ*. The music will begin this Wednesday, April 26, 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.

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.

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](#).

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. **(First meeting is May 10.)**
 - **NEW Study:** *Women of the New Testament (LifeGuide Bible Study)* by Phyllis J. Le Peau
 - **Study will be held via Zoom.**
 - **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.