

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of May 14

All School

Shop New Designs at This Week's Spirit Store!

The Spirit Store will be open this Tuesday, May 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come shop the new designs that premiered at St. Francis 101! These are available in limited supply only and when they're gone, they're gone! [Click here](#) to see prices and the available designs.

2023–24 Upper School Musical: Auditions for *Grease* Are This Week and Next

Auditions for the 2023–24 Upper School musical are this week and next, and you are encouraged to audition for THE classic high school musical, [***Grease***](#)!

[**Click here for all the details on how to audition.**](#)

Wednesday: Volunteers Needed for the Last Art Changeout

Please come help us beautify the Piney Point Campus halls for the summer with student art. Join us this Wednesday, May 17, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the People Place. Anyone is welcome!

- [Email Annie Hartigan](#) with questions.
- To sign up, [click here](#).

Join Us Thursday to Celebrate Don Hicks

After 52 years in education, 21 of them with St. Francis, Associate Head of School for Programs Don Hicks will retire at the end of the 2022–23 school year. We will host a reception in his honor this **Thursday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on**

Piney Point Campus. You should have received an email invitation this past week, and you may also [RSVP here](#). We look forward to celebrating Don and his storied career!

May 23–26: Donate Your Gently Used Uniforms

The Uniform Donation Drive will be held on both campuses during carpool, from Tuesday, May 23, through Friday, May 26.

- Donate any St. Francis–branded items or uniform clothing that is clean and in good used condition for resale to other school families.
- With questions, please contact Ali Williams, Uniform Resale Coordinator, at 713.870.7608.

Order School Supplies for Next Year by May 23

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.

Primary School

From the Division Head

Evidence of community emerges in many different ways when you learn and work in a place that has a mission to always think of others. During Wednesday's downpour, I grabbed my boots, jacket, and umbrella to assist with carpool. Following an extended, but safe, carpool, I reflected on all that transpired to make it efficient and comfortable for our families.

My first thought was how I observed teachers working in unison to make adjustments that would allow the day to continue, but also would support a natural course of movement that would keep students dry and traffic flowing.

First, teachers began using the porte cochere of the Primary II cottage, which is not used during our regular carpool routine. This allowed Primary II students to exit under the porte cochere, versus taking the small stroll from Primary I to Primary II in pouring rain.

Second, a Primary II teaching assistant grabbed an umbrella, and without prompting, began to direct traffic at the new carpool stop. His pants were drenched at the bottom, but he never wavered from his bright smile, with which he greets children and their families every morning.

Third, I observed thoughtful and kind teachers who were happy to receive the children on a very gloomy day.

Following carpool, I ventured to the cottages to say good morning to our students and teachers. On my way, and along the path of the large playscape, I returned to my childhood for a bit, as I made large splashes with my rainboots. I started thinking about what a mess it would be when the children came out to travel to enrichments.

Just as I began to wonder what I could do to help alleviate the possibility of wet shoes, I noticed a “bridge” on the walkway where some water had collected. Upon investigation, I was informed that Mrs. Agee’s Primary I class had built the bridge with milk crates for the entire Primary School to use as a solution to water puddles on the path.



My heart immediately filled with joy at yet another example of how St. Francis cultivates a community where we are always considering others. I visited Mrs. Agee’s class to

thank them for their ingenuity and praise them for creating something that would serve the entire Primary School. They were proud to be recognized as people for others.

It does not take much to think of others. These are a few examples of what it means to be a member of an incredible community where we show up every day ready to serve.

This is my final *Wolf Watch* submission before I leave for Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta, GA. I would like to thank the entire St. Francis community for an amazing and memorable three years. You welcomed me with open arms into the community during a very strange and unpredictable time. Your kindness, love, and confidence in me never wavered, and as a result, I grew as a person and leader. I am grateful for your partnership and appreciate the many opportunities and experiences that were afforded to me during my tenure at St. Francis. I will miss the St. Francis Wolf Pack, but find comfort in knowing that once a Wolf, always a Wolf.

With joy and appreciation,

Kenyetta Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Primary School Transitions and Farewells

Please note the following changes to our faculty and staff for the 2023–24 school year:

TRANSITIONS

- Kelsey Coster, current Pre-Primary Teaching Fellow, will transition to Primary I Teaching Fellow.
- Annie Ferguson, current 5-day Primary I Lead Teacher, will transition to 3-day Primary I Lead Teacher.
- Floy Griffith, current Pre-Primary Teaching Fellow, will transition to Primary II Teaching Fellow.
- Kitzya Jaramillo, current Primary I Teaching Assistant, will transition to Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant.
- Ryan Kochel, current Assistant Head of Primary School, will transition to Head of Primary School.
- Julie Mills, current Primary II Teaching Assistant, will transition to Primary I Teaching Assistant.
- Michelle Ordonez, current Pre-Primary long-term substitute, will transition to Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant.
- Krystal Polk, current Pre-Primary Teaching Fellow, will transition to Primary II Teaching Fellow.
- Amber Robles, current Primary I long-term substitute, will transition to Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant.

FAREWELLS

Pre-Primary Lead Teacher Susan Biehl, who has served the Primary School for eight years, will devote her attention full time to her yoga and wellness company, Susan Biehl Yoga. We are grateful for the many gifts Mrs. Biehl has shared with St. Francis and wish her very well!

Mark Your Calendar

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.; parents of students in Primary II and in Mrs. Oteiza's and Ms. Greenwood's Pre-Primary classes may attend
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Wednesday, May 17

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; parents of students in Primary I and Mrs. Biehl's, Mrs. Britton's, and Mrs. Husain's Pre-Primary classes may attend
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Thursday, May 18

- *Splash Day:* Ms. Greenwood's and Mrs. Oteiza's Pre-Primary classes and Primary II
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Friday, May 19

- *Splash Day:* Mrs. Biehl's, Mrs. Britton's, and Mrs. Husain's Pre-Primary classes and Primary I
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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.; parents in Primary II and Mrs. Oteiza's and Ms. Greenwood's Pre-Primary classes may attend*
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Wednesday, May 24

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; parents of students in Primary I and in Mrs. Biehl's, Mrs. Britton's, and Mrs. Husain's Pre-Primary classes 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 Assistant Division Head: Reflection on a New Position

As teachers, we ask students to reflect on their actions, feelings, and assignments as part of a growth mindset. I would like to share some reflections as I end my first year as Assistant Head of Lower School and my twenty-sixth year at St. Francis Episcopal School.

While I was unsure about leaving the classroom, the opportunity to interact with each Lower School student daily keeps my heart full, whether we are sharing smiles, laughter, or tears. I marvel at the wondrous, creative work our teachers do every day

and appreciate witnessing their passion and talents. Each parent conference or conversation reminds me that we are in this together and need support to develop these imaginative, critical thinkers and people for others. Every Chapel service reconfirms why I have chosen this profession, this position, and this school.

Over the last twenty-six years, I have seen many changes at St. Francis, but I can say with certainty that one thing has remained the same. Focusing on nurturing the whole child and doing what is best for students is always at the forefront of all we do. I am blessed to be a part of the St. Francis family and look forward to continuing my service in this community.

I wish each of you a summer filled with fun and joy because, before we know it, we will be reflecting on our summer and anticipating a new school year!

With gratitude,

Mary Peña
Assistant Head of Lower School

Lower School Transitions and Farewells

Please note the following changes to our faculty and staff for the 2023–24 school year:

TRANSITIONS

- Ashley Stephenson is transitioning from Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Specialist to the role of Assistant Head of Primary School.
- Christine Nguyen will be transitioning from Fourth-Grade Math Teacher to the role of Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Specialist. We are currently finalizing the search for a new fourth-grade math teacher.
- Kristen Bryant has accepted the position of Lower School Counselor for the 2023–24 school year.

FAREWELLS

Sue Nelson, Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Specialist, has accepted a position at a local independent school. We are grateful for the years Mrs. Nelson has invested in St. Francis and wish her all the best in her new position!

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- Please contact [Stefanie Carper](#) if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 15

- *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, May 17

- *Third-Grade Math Olympics: In the Fine Arts Center*
 - 9:00–10:15 a.m. (Gonzales/Womack)
 - 1:30–2:45 p.m. (Johnston/Morales)
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Thursday, May 18

- *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.
 - *Joyful Sounds Party: 3:30 p.m.*
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Monday, May 22

- *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, May 25

- *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 End-of-Year Parties*
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Friday, May 26

- *Last Day of School*
- *Early Dismissal*
 - 11:15 a.m. for kindergarten and first grade
 - 11:30 a.m. for second, third, and fourth grades
- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center; fourth-grade parents only*

Middle School

From the Division Head

My first *Wolf Watch* article was published on August 14, 2022. This will be my final article of my first year at St. Francis. What a year it has been! Thank you for all of your support, encouragement, and patience with me as I learn the St. Francis Way.

With finals and unit exams rapidly approaching, I want to encourage students to maximize the time they have left to prepare. This will make the preparation process less stressful and more productive. Dedicating twenty to thirty minutes a day to each subject will be more helpful than cramming in two or three hours the night before.

As we look toward summer and next school year, keep in mind that each grade level has required summer reading. Students should purchase their own copy of the required summer reading book for their grade level, as each class will start the school year with a few weeks studying that novel.

- [Click here for the Summer Reading List for students entering grade 5.](#)
- [Click here for the Summer Reading List for students entering grade 6.](#)
- [Click here for the Summer Reading List for students entering grade 7.](#)
- [Click here for the Summer Reading List for students entering grade 8.](#)

We had two special Chapels last week.

Chapel Council President Tali B. gave an inspirational homily about friendship, and Charlie P. blessed us with a phenomenal performance on the organ at our Eighth-Grade Chapel on Monday. Thank you to all the eighth-grade parents who joined us and to the entire eighth-grade class for leading our Middle School.

Fr. Wismer and I had the privilege of interviewing Generation One's Ms. Brandi Lightfoot during Thursday's Chapel. Ms. Lightfoot shared with us how our students' servant leadership and generosity impacts the preschool students that Generation One serves in Houston's Third Ward. [Click here to see images of our students' visits to Generation One.](#)

These servant leaders make me proud to be a Wolf.

In partnership,

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Middle School Farewells

We wish a fond farewell to the following faculty members, who will be leaving St. Francis at the end of this school year: Curriculum Specialist and Fifth-Grade English Teacher Sue Nelson; Director of Library Services and Fifth-Grade Advanced English Teacher Ali Salinas; Middle School Art Teacher Amy Chandler; Middle and Upper School Technical Theatre Director Joe Demonico; Eighth-Grade English Teacher Rachel Bennett; and Seventh-Grade Dean and History Teacher Chad Knesek.

We thank them for their years of dedicated service to St. Francis and congratulate them as they move on to new adventures.

Locker Cleanout Schedule This Week and Next

Middle School students will be cleaning out their lockers on designated days this week and next. Please send an extra bag with your child on his or her specified day:

- **Grades 5, 6, and 8:** Locker cleanout is Tuesday, May 23.
- **Grade 7:** Locker cleanout is Friday, May 19.

Athletics Physicals: Return Completed Forms by Tuesday

St. Francis will be providing on-campus **athletics physicals for returning students this Wednesday, May 17**. An information packet was sent home with your child. Please have your child **return the completed forms to the school nurse no later than this Tuesday, May 16**. If you have any questions, please [email Jamie Platt](#).

Order Your School Supplies for Next Year by May 23

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

- To order for **Middle School**, enter the code STF018. (All sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students will also need a TI-30XS calculator.)

- 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.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 15

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Eighth-Grade Final Exams Bootcamp Resumes:* 3:15–4:00 p.m. in English, history, math, science, and Spanish classrooms
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Tuesday, May 16

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Completed Forms for Athletics Physicals Due to School Nurse Today*
 - *Middle School Awards Ceremony:* 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; parents have been notified if their child is receiving an award
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Wednesday, May 17

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Athletics Physicals*
 - 11:00 a.m.—Current seventh graders
 - 12:00 p.m.—Current sixth graders and eighth graders returning for ninth grade
 - Please note that this is not an early dismissal day.
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Thursday, May 18

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, May 19

- *Spirit Dress*: Students may wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *Grade 7 Locker Cleanout*
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Monday, May 22

- *Eighth-Grade Final Exams Begin*
 - **Eighth-Grade Math Exam**: 8:00–9:30 a.m. (7:30–9:45 a.m. for Extended Time)
 - **Eighth-Grade Spanish Exam**: 10:00–11:30 a.m. (10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for Extended Time)
 - *Sixth-Grade Unit Exams Begin*
 - **Sixth-Grade English Unit Exam**: During regular class period
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Tuesday, May 23

- *Locker Cleanout for Grades 5, 6, and 8*
 - *Eighth-Grade Recognition Ceremony Rehearsal*: 8:00–9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center
 - *Eighth-Grade Final Exams*
 - **Eighth-Grade English Exam**: 10:00–11:30 a.m. (10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for Extended Time)
 - *Seventh-Grade Final Exams Begin*
 - **Seventh-Grade English Exam**: 10:00–11:30 a.m. (10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for Extended Time)
 - *Sixth-Grade Unit Exams*
 - **Sixth-Grade Science Unit Exam**: During regular class period
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Wednesday, May 24

- *Eighth-Grade Final Exams*
 - **Eighth-Grade History Exam**: 8:00–9:30 a.m. (7:30–9:45 a.m. for Extended Time)
 - **Eighth-Grade Science Exam**: 10:00–11:30 a.m. (10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for Extended Time)
- *Seventh-Grade Final Exams*
 - **Seventh-Grade History Exam**: 8:00–9:30 a.m. (7:30–9:45 a.m. for Extended Time)

- **Seventh-Grade Science Exam:** 10:00–11:30 a.m. (10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for Extended Time)
 - *Sixth-Grade Unit Exams:* Regular class schedule and dismissal
 - **Sixth-Grade History Unit Exam**
 - **Sixth-Grade Advanced Math Part 1 Unit Exam**
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Thursday, May 25

- *Eighth-Grade Recognition Ceremony and Class-Video Viewing:* 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
 - Family members are invited to join us in the Fine Arts Center for a final celebration of our eighth graders and their time in the St. Francis Middle School. After they receive their Middle School Completion Certificates, we will view a video that celebrates their entire educational journey.
 - This is a formal event. It has become somewhat of a St. Francis tradition for girls to wear white dresses to this event and for boys to wear khakis or slacks with blazers, dress shirts, and ties.
 - *Seventh-Grade Final Exams*
 - **Seventh-Grade Math Exam:** 8:00–9:30 a.m. (7:30–9:45 a.m. for Extended Time)
 - **Seventh-Grade Advanced Math Exam:** 8:00–9:30 a.m. (7:30–9:45 a.m. for Extended Time)
 - **Seventh-Grade Spanish Exam:** 10:00–11:30 a.m. (10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for Extended Time)
 - *Sixth-Grade Unit Exams:* Regular class schedule and dismissal
 - **Sixth-Grade Math Unit Exam**
 - **Sixth-Grade Advanced Math Part 2 Unit Exam**
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Friday, May 26

- *Grade 8:* No school
- *Grades 5–7:* Dismissal at noon
- *Sixth-Grade Unit Exams:* Special class schedule and early dismissal
 - **Sixth-Grade Spanish Unit Exam**

Upper School

From the Division Head: Five Tips for a Great Summer

As the end of the school year approaches, I wanted to bring back a list of

recommendations I gave to our community last year. Here are five tips for a great summer:

#1: GET A JOB

As a parent, nothing was more profound in helping my children mature than getting their first job. My wife and I provided for our kids, but that wasn't the point. Maybe, actually, that was the point. They had grown up not having to worry about food, or housing, or even the private education we provided. On most days, this was a source of parental pride, but it also meant that there was a world out there of which my kids were unaware.

Going through the process of finding a job, interviewing, and being denied (or ignored) was critically important. Once they had a job, they learned to schedule their day, exchange shifts with other employees, receive consequences for being late, etc. They made their own money, and each child responded to this newfound commodity in his or her own way. They also met people different from themselves who had not attended private school.

For younger students, community service is a great way to start down this path.

#2: WALK OUTSIDE FOR 30 MINUTES A DAY

One of the hardest tasks we have on campus is controlling cell phone use. It's not uncommon to witness students walking into a static physical structure, like a pole or wall, or tripping over a parking curb because of their intent gaze on their phone. So much of their life is moderated by electronics. They go from one screen to another, and the white earbuds are ubiquitous companions as they navigate the archipelago of technology.

I want to make the audacious suggestion that every day, maybe right after lunch, they walk outside for 30 minutes unencumbered by any sort of tech. They walk slowly and inhabit the world around them. What do they see? What do they smell? Most importantly, when they are separated from the noise of the screen or some digital feed, what thoughts come unbidden to their minds? Things they did or left undone, friends, opportunities, or just a relaxing solace? What happens when they are all by themselves?

#3: READ A BOOK

I begin with a utilitarian appeal. On the SAT and ACT, reading comprehension is most clearly facilitated by reading. To use a metaphor, tutoring companies dress the edge of a blade, but they do not put the fundamental shape on it. The ability to take a test for hours (or, for extended time, a test that lasts for many more hours); the ability to build a vocabulary in excess of 30,000 or 40,000 words; the comfort that comes from constantly reading—all these derive from daily exercise.

The future of work is evermore becoming a service industry. Many jobs will soon be made obsolete through automated production or artificial intelligence. What remains are

the abilities to manage relationships and to communicate. Reading and writing skills will be paramount.

Beyond the utilitarian argument are two additional appeals. I've never been one to believe that the acquisition of knowledge and experience necessarily make one better. That, I believe, is an innate disposition. However, I strongly believe that reading increases perspective, whether the reader absorbs information from nonfiction or reads a novel. Getting into someone else's shoes, learning about different times and places—all of these help students to see the world differently.

I know that reading can be hard. I have often found myself snoozing or my mind wandering once I return to reading after having a significant break. It can be hard work, but patience and diligence will pay off.

#4: DO COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of our main commitments at St. Francis is to be “people for others.” There is no better expression of this than to do community service. In the great city of Houston, there is always the opportunity to work in a food bank, walk a dog at a shelter, or just pitch in somewhere. According to Wordsworth:

*The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers.*

It was his suggestion that we look to Nature. It's not a bad notion, but at St. Francis we ask that we also look to our neighbors to share our gifts.

#5: WRITE A LETTER

In this age of digital communication, it takes no time to send a text—literally seconds. Emails, which some treat in the same style of discourse as a text exchange, take hardly longer. They are quick and efficient. Sometimes, of course, it is an easy way to say hello or to wish someone well. I suggest that it means something more to spend some time writing a physical letter to someone. By sheer time investment, you are saying to the receiver, “You are worth more than 20 seconds of my time.”

For the past two years, I have asked students to write letters of gratitude to people in our community. Teachers, coaches, and even administrators received letters of appreciation, which brightened their day. It also reminded our students of all that they have to be thankful for. Writing a letter to a distant relative, a grandparent, or a friend they haven't seen is such an act of personal kindness and investment. Letters are also mementos. Unlike texts or emails, they become treasured possessions to hold onto and reread when an occasion merits.

I hope you have a wonderful summer, filled with rest and rejuvenation!

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Upper School Transitions and Farewells

TRANSITIONS

Dr. Jared Staller, who has served the last two years as an Upper School History Teacher, will now be Academic Dean for the Upper and Middle School divisions.

FAREWELLS

We wish a fond farewell to Upper School Math Teacher Anna Wimmer, English Teacher Wendy Laughton, Director of College Counseling Steven Scales, and Director of Post-Secondary Success Tracey Addington, who will be leaving St. Francis at the end of this school year. We are grateful for the invaluable contributions they have made to our school, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

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Wednesday: Meet Interim Head of Upper School Mark Kelly

Interim Head of Upper School Mark Kelly will be on the Couper Campus on Wednesday, May 17, to meet with students, faculty, staff, and parents. Mr. Kelly will meet with students, faculty, and staff at 8:00 a.m. and with **parents at 8:45 a.m.** in the **Nau Family Dining Hall, Student Life Center**. Coffee and scones will be served.

Final Exam Schedule for Trimester 3

Trimester 3	8:00–11:00 a.m.	12:00–3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23	B2	A4
Wednesday, May 24	A2	B4
Thursday, May 25	B1	A3
Friday, May 26	A1	B3

Calculus Prep Offered in July

We are offering a course to help current precalculus students prepare for AB Calculus next year. By no means is this course necessary for enrollment, but it offers students the opportunity to keep their pencils sharp over the summer.

- **Details:** Upper School Calculus Prep for Students Taking Calculus in Fall 2023: Mondays–Thursdays, July 17–27; 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; with Upper School Math Teacher Ytri Tonthat
- **To Register:** If you are interested, you can register from the portal via the “Explore and Extend Registration” link.
- **Questions?** With any questions, please [email Mr. Tonthat](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 15

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, May 16

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Completed Forms for Athletics Physicals Due to School Nurse Today*

Wednesday, May 17

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Mark Kelly, Interim Head of Upper School, Meeting With Parents:* 8:45 a.m. in Nau Dining Hall, Student Life Center
- *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Athletics Physicals:* In Crum Gym; see information above

Thursday, May 18

- *“B” Day*
- *No Assessment Day*
- *Senior Experience Expo:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Senior Picnic:* 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- *Baccalaureate and Commencement Rehearsal for Seniors:* 1:00–3:00 p.m.; meet in Crum Gym outside the concessions area

Friday, May 19

- *“A” Day*
- *Field Day Dress:* T-shirt provided by school, with athletic shorts or yoga pants and athletic shoes; clothing appropriate for water sports
- *No Assessment Day*
- *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Field Day:* 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- *Baccalaureate and Senior Dinner:* 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church (335 Piney Point Road)

Saturday, May 20

- *Graduation:* 4:00 p.m. in Crum Gym (Couper Campus, 2300 South Piney Point Road); seniors should arrive by 2:00 p.m. (Nau Dining Hall, Couper Campus)
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Monday, May 22

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *No Assessment Day*
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Tuesday, May 23

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Exams: See schedule above*
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Wednesday, May 24

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Exams: See schedule above*
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Thursday, May 25

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Exams: See schedule above*
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Friday, May 26

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Last Day of School*
- *Upper School Exams: See schedule above*

Church

Healing Prayers and Anointings Available

Healing prayers and anointings are always available after Sunday Eucharist services, or you may schedule an appointment with a priest. For more information or to schedule, email [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stjohns.org) or call 832.325.2983.

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 Resumes This Fall

- **WHAT:** New material in the fall
- **WHEN:** On summer break until September
- **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 24.**)
 - **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 June 13.**)
 - **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.