

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 29

All School

St. Francis Fund Update

St. Francis is truly blessed by the big spirit of giving among our parents. We are happy to announce that this year's St. Francis Fund is off to a great start, already bringing in over \$450,000—one third of the way to our \$1.3 million goal. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

If you haven't made your pledge or gift yet, we hope you will [**Give or Pledge Now**](#), or for more information on the St. Francis Fund and how your gift supports our most valued priorities, [**click here**](#). Thank you for giving generously this year!

Key Scripture Verses From Our Athletics Team

As promised, here are some verses from our Scripture that guide, inspire, and comfort our coaches and other members of our Athletics Department. I think you'll find them very solid!

- **T Riley, Director of Athletics:** "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." —1 Corinthians 13:4
- **Jamie Platt, Associate Director of Athletics/Director of Physical Education:** "Let all that you do be done in love." —Corinthians 16:14
- **Aric Anderson, Coach:** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law." —Galatians 5:22–23
- **Mike August, Program Head Coach (Baseball):** "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." —Isaiah 40:31

- **Harold Baber, Dean of Upper School Students/Program Head Coach (Basketball), and Jeffrey Garner Sr., Coach:** “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” —Proverbs 27:17
- **Loure Dews-Gray, Program Head Coach (Volleyball):** “But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” —Job 23:10
- **Brittany Hawkins, Program Head Coach (Field Hockey):** “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” —Romans 5:3–4
- **Marge Vinzant, Upper School Math Faculty/Coach:** “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” —Philippians 4:13
- **Mitriel Vinzant, Library Services Assistant/Coach:** “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” —Proverbs 3:5

I hope that you have a verse of Scripture that is special to you, and I hope that you will share these verses with your children and help them find a key verse that will accompany them on their journey.

If you have a favorite verse you’d like to share with me, please [get in touch!](#)

Blessings,

Fr. Bob Wismer
Senior Chaplain

St. Francis Yard Signs Are Back in Stock

Show your Wolf pride with a St. Francis yard sign! We have a fresh new stock of signs ready to be purchased and taken home to display in your yard. Signs are \$95 and are available for purchase [here](#), or you can pick one up at any of our Spirit Store events.

Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest: Drop-off Begins This Afternoon

Our popular Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest will be held tomorrow—Monday, October 30.

- We have added an additional pumpkin drop-off option, due to parking and carpool limitations. Please drop off on one of the following:
 - Today—Sunday, October 29—between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. by the Dining Hall
 - Tomorrow—Monday, October 30—between 7:15 and 8:15 a.m. by the Dining Hall
- Pumpkins must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow—October 30—or they will be thrown away.
- School administration will be judging the contest.
- [Click here](#) to download the entry form.
- Here are the winning categories: Best in Your Grade, Best Pumpkin Overall, Best "Collab" Pumpkin (Family, Friends, or Class Pumpkin), School Spirit Award, Best

Book Character, Most Detailed, Most Unique, Most Adorable, Best TV/Movie Character, Best Food, Best Person, Best Animal, Silliest, Grossest, Spookiest, Best Sports Theme, and Best Carved Pumpkin

Please contact [Lauren Wuertz](#) or [Jacqui Mackel](#) with any questions.

Tomorrow: Join Us for the E&E Halloween Bash!

Join us tomorrow—Monday, October 30—from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a Halloween Bash hosted by Explore and Extend. On both the Piney Point and Couper campuses, participants will enjoy lots of games, activities, prizes, and surprises! We will end our day with extended recess and a party on the lawn.

- Students in After-School Enrichment Classes who would like to stay will be able to enjoy activities after their classes end.
- Not registered for Explore and Extend? As always, drop-ins are welcome. If this is your first time using the Explore and Extend drop-in service, please note that the drop-in fee is \$15/hour, and there is a \$50 annual registration fee.
- With questions, please [email Traci Callender](#), Director of Explore and Extend.

Holiday Poinsettias: Limited Number Available—Reserve Yours Now

One way to support the arts at St. Francis is to purchase beautiful red poinsettias grown by The Brookwood Community! [Click here](#) for details and to reserve your poinsettias today.

Go, Houston Dynamo!

Let's cheer on the Houston Dynamo as they battle Real Salt Lake tonight in match 1 of the 2023 MLS Cup Playoffs! To show our support, **students are invited to wear a Dynamo shirt with a uniform bottom for match 2 on Monday, November 6.**

Connections Event: Watch the Replay

Thank you to everyone who joined us on October 24 for our Connections event, "Rethinking Our Story About Failure and Why It Matters to Parents." If you were unable to attend or would just like to watch the presentation again, you can view a recording of it on the Parent Portal.

Are You Missing Something? Check the Lost & Found!

The Lost & Found closet has been filling up quickly. Please remember to **label all items** that your student brings to school, including uniforms.

- We have a team of volunteers who organize the closet once a week, and items are separated by labeled and unlabeled. **We do our best to return labeled items to their owners.**

- Every four weeks, we donate unlabeled items that have not been claimed. This includes items from the main closet under the stairs and from the clothing rack located in the boys' locker room.
- **All unlabeled items will be donated or sent to uniform resale on Friday, November 17.**
- With questions, please [email Megan Meyer](#).

Primary School

From the Division Head

Our recent parent conferences in the Primary School were a success. They epitomized the essence of our approach, emphasizing collaboration and open dialogue. Parents and teachers engaged in rich, child-centric conversations, exploring the intricacies of our children's learning journeys. These conferences beautifully reflected the principles of respect, relationships, and shared responsibility that define our educational philosophy. We're excited to continue this enriching journey together, nurturing our children's growth and creativity!

Another way to foster the partnership between home and school is by taking advantage of our weekly open-library time, which takes place between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Monday afternoons. Ms. Bush loves providing time for families to explore the library together.

Open-library opportunities are essential in a Reggio-inspired school. They encourage exploration and support various forms of communication. Children can collaborate, respect their own and others' individuality, and cultivate a love for reading and learning. Furthermore, open libraries actively involve parents, creating a strong partnership between home and school, which is a fundamental aspect of the Reggio Emilia approach.

In summary, open libraries in Reggio-inspired schools play a crucial role both in promoting child-centered, experiential learning and in nurturing the intellectual and creative development of young learners. We hope to see you and your child at an upcoming open library!

Best regards,

Ryan Kochel
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 30

- *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, October 31

- *Students May Wear Halloween Attire (No Costumes, Please)*
 - *Chapel: Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, November 1

- *Chapel: Primary I parents may attend*
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Monday, November 6

- *Primary II Students Step Forward to Lower School (Hughes and Capasso): Students only*
 - *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, November 7

- *Chapel: Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, November 8

- *Chapel: Primary I parents may attend*
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Friday, November 10

- *Primary II Students Step Forward to Lower School (Owens and Wiener): Students only*
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Monday, November 13

- *Pre-Primary Parent Step Forward: 10:45 a.m.*

- *Pre-Primary Lunch on the Lawn*: 11:00 a.m. at the playscapes
 - *Open Library*: 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 14

- *Chapel*: Primary II parents may attend
 - *Primary II Parent Step Forward*: 9:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus
 - *Primary II Lunch on the Lawn*: 11:00 a.m. at the large playscape
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Wednesday, November 15

- *Chapel*: Primary I parents may attend
 - *Primary I Parent Step Forward*: 10:45 a.m.
 - *Primary I Lunch on the Lawn*: 11:00 a.m. at the large playscape
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Monday, November 20–Friday, November 24

- *Thanksgiving Holiday*: School closed
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Monday, November 27

- *Open Library*: 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 28

- *Chapel*: Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, November 29

- *Chapel*: Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, December 4

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 5

- *Chapel:* Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, December 6

- *Chapel:* Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, December 11

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 12

- *Chapel:* Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, December 13

- *Chapel:* Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, December 18

- *Primary I Christmas Parties:* 1:30 p.m.
 - *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 19

- *Chapel:* No parents in Chapel—students only
 - *Primary II Nativities and Parties:* Time TBD
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Wednesday, December 20

- *Chapel:* No parents in Chapel—students only
 - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties:* 1:45 p.m.
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Thursday, December 21

- *Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*
 - *No Explore and Extend*
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Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5

- *Christmas Holiday:* School closed

Lower School

From the Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Specialist

While I have had the privilege of meeting many of our families in this first trimester, I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. In 2017, I started as the Lower School Teaching Fellow for two years before transitioning into the Fourth-Grade Math Teacher position. Over the past six years, working at St. Francis has nurtured and expanded my love of educating children. I am honored to step into the Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Specialist role.

In this position, I have the privilege of partnering with our teachers to support all areas related to curriculum and instructional practices and social-emotional programming. I enjoy the collaborative work with teachers, planning and creating classroom environments that spark curiosity and foster a love for learning. Together, we encourage students to reflect and grow in the classroom as they learn to advocate for themselves and others, deepen their own and others' knowledge, and positively impact the world in which they play a part.

I am so happy to work with all the grade levels, and I am inspired by our Lower School teachers' work in their classrooms. They are truly a cut above and invested in helping their students grow.

I hope to meet all of you soon, whether we say hello in the hallways or share a quick wave at carpool!

With gratitude,

Christine Nguyen, MEd
Lower School Curriculum and Instruction Specialist

Volunteers Needed: Grandparents & Grandfriends Days on Piney Point Campus

Grandparents & Grandfriends Days for Lower School will be held on Piney Point Campus on Wednesday, November 15; Thursday, November 16; and Friday, November 17. We need parent volunteers for every session. If you're able to help, you may [click here to sign up](#). Please help our organizing efforts by only signing up for the session in which your child is participating. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 30

- *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, October 31

- *Lower School Favorite Book Character Day*: Student-only event
 - *All Saints' Class Parties*
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Wednesday, November 1

- *Late-Start Day*: School starts at 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, November 2

- *All Saints' 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.
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Monday, November 6

- *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.
 - *Third-Grade ERB Testing*
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Tuesday, November 7

- *Third-Grade ERB Testing*
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Wednesday, November 8

- *Third-Grade ERB Testing*
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Thursday, November 9

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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Monday, November 13

- *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, November 15

- *Grandparents Day for Fourth Grade: 12:30–2:15 p.m.*
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Thursday, November 16

- *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.
 - *Grandparents Day for Third Grade: 8:45–10:30 a.m.*
 - *Grandparents Day for Second Grade: 12:30–2:15 p.m.*
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Friday, November 17

- *Grandparents Day for First Grade: 8:45–10:30 a.m.*
 - *Grandparents Day for Kindergarten: 12:30–2:15 p.m.*
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Monday, November 20–Friday, November 24

- *Thanksgiving Holiday: School closed*
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Middle School

From the Sixth-Grade Dean

On Thursday, October 19, the sixth graders boarded buses headed for Carolina Creek to begin their overnight Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) trip. Fifth graders followed the next day for their day trip. These trips offered a wide range of activities that not only enhanced physical skills, but also promoted teamwork, problem-solving, and social connections.

Here are some of the activities that were offered to students:

- **Canoeing:** This is a great way to experience nature and teamwork as students work together to paddle along in the water. It's not only fun, but also helps develop coordination and cooperation skills.
- **Arrow Tag:** A thrilling combination of archery and paintball, arrow tag is an exciting and safe way for students to experience archery.

- **Zip-Lining:** Zip-lining is another exhilarating activity, allowing participants to glide through the air on a cable. Students found creative ways to ride the zip line, gaining both an adrenaline rush and a unique perspective on the natural surroundings.
- **Adventure Park High Ropes:** While safely harnessed, students tackled challenging obstacles and overcame elements that tested their balance, courage, and problem-solving skills.

During their free time, students enjoyed playing Newcomb ball and kickball. Both games blended teamwork with friendly competition.

After dinner, some played a few rounds of bingo with the best bingo caller I have ever seen (Mr. Lakoski!), while others watched the Astros play Game 4 of the American League Championship Series.

Of course, no outdoor trip is complete without indulging in classic campfire treats! After dinner, students roasted marshmallows and assembled gooey s'mores, enjoying a time-honored tradition that adds a delicious touch to any outdoor adventure.

Spending the night in the cabins, making new bonds, and engaging in the many activities offered great opportunities to develop social skills and teamwork. The students made connections with peers in a relaxed and natural environment. Such connections often lead to stronger friendships and a sense of belonging.

It was such a pleasure seeing the students balance adventure, learning, and social bonding. These experiences are not only enjoyable, but also contribute significantly to personal growth and development. Overall, the fifth- and sixth-grade OLEs at Carolina Creek were memorable events that the students will be talking about for years to come.

Sincerely,

Liz Ward
Sixth-Grade Dean/Spanish Teacher

Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

This Tuesday, October 31, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with the casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear Spirit Wear shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

- Blood or weapons
- Immodest dress
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt

Remember that we share our hallways with our Lower School friends. We wouldn't want any of them to be frightened by scary or horror-themed costumes, so **no skeletons, zombies, ghosts, goblins, demons, or devils**, please. The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts apply to costumes as to regular uniforms or casual-dress days. *Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.*

Volunteers Needed: Grandparents & Grandfriends Day for Grades 6 & 8

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day for grades 6 and 8 will be held on Piney Point Campus on **Wednesday, November 15**. We need parent volunteers! If you can help, [click here to sign up](#). Please help our organizing efforts by only signing up for the session in which your child is participating. Thank you!

This Wednesday Is a Late-Start Day

St. Francis's next Late-Start Day is this Wednesday, November 1. School will begin at 10:00 a.m. on this day.

Submit Your Fall Sports Photos for the Yearbook!

The Yearbook needs your fall sports photos! [Click here](#) to submit photos. With questions, please [email Monica Gutierrez](#), yearbook advisor.

Middle School ERB Testing: General Reminders

All Middle School students will take the ERB test online on Thursday, November 9; Friday, November 10; and Monday, November 13.

Please see below for a few general reminders for you and your child related to ERB days:

- There are no tutorials during ERB days.
- There are no homework assignments or assessments during ERB days.
- **Bring a fully charged computer and charging cord to school each day.**
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Have a good breakfast, and remember to bring a water bottle, a snack, and a good book!
- Bring a St. Francis sweatshirt or jacket in case the testing room is cool.
- Keep a positive attitude about the assessments!

Summer Travel: Sign Up by November 15

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the exciting opportunities for Middle School students to travel the globe in the summer of 2024! **Note: This includes pricing info and a link for the Costa Rica trip parent Zoom session scheduled for tomorrow—Monday, October 30.** Sign-ups are due Wednesday, November 15.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 30

- *"A" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
 - *Eighth-Grade Boys Bible Study: 12:05 p.m. in the MakerSpace*
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Tuesday, October 31

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or Dress Up for Halloween*
 - Halloween costumes may not be scary or horror-themed, and may not feature blood, weapons, immodest dress, cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs.
 - Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.
 - Jeans, slacks, or shorts the same length as uniform shorts may be worn.
 - No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys may be worn, except over a T-shirt.
 - *Seventh-Grade Girls Bible Study: 12:05 p.m. in the MakerSpace*
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Wednesday, November 1

- *Late-Start Day: School starts at 10:00 a.m.*
 - *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Seventh-Grade Boys Bible Study: 12:05 p.m. in the Mac Lab*
 - *Eighth-Grade Girls Bible Study: 12:05 p.m. in the MakerSpace*
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Thursday, November 2

- *"B" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School All Saints' Day Eucharist Chapel: 9:35 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, November 3

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
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Monday, November 6

- *“B” Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Tuesday, November 7

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Seventh-Grade Girls Bible Study: 12:05 p.m. in the MakerSpace*
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Wednesday, November 8

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Seventh-Grade Boys Bible Study: 12:05 p.m. in the Mac Lab*
-

Thursday, November 9

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School ERB Testing*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
 - *Sixth-Grade Boys and Girls Bible Study: 12:30 p.m.; boys and girls meet separately, in either the Mac Lab or the MakerSpace*
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Friday, November 10

- *“B” Day*

- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
- *Middle School ERB Testing*
- *Trimester One Ends*

Upper School

From the Division Head

As I listened to Dr. Becca North give her talk on student failure earlier this week, I was reminded of a couple of conversations I have had that were somewhat related to this topic. Simply put, they were about how adults, despite their best intentions, don't help their children when they are struggling.

A former student, now a mother herself, clarified this for me a few years ago. She said that she was okay if she ever thought I was mad at her or mad at something she had done, but if she thought I was *disappointed* in her, she couldn't handle that. She even called it "the D word."

This makes sense, because when parents say they are disappointed in you, the child hears that he or she is a disappointment as a person. That's not what the parents are meaning to convey, but that is what the child hears. That's why "the D word" is so damaging to children. You are better to say you are upset by what they did, especially because you know that they know better and they aren't that kind of person.

The following conversation took place in one of my English classes a few years ago:

"This is a pivotal moment in the book, because the father has just connected with his son. The irony is that the father realizes that his son has lied, but in doing so, the son has turned himself in on purpose, even though he didn't actually do what he said he did. So, is this the kind of conversation you could have with your parents?" I asked.

"Not when they pull the 'disappointed card,'" one girl answered quickly.

"The 'disappointed' card?"

"Yes . . . you know, 'We are disappointed in you.' That kind of thing."

Others agreed.

"I HATE that," reacted one boy.

"Oh, I see," I responded. "Why is that a problem?"

“Well, it is fine if they are just mad at us for something we did. But disappointment is being disappointed in who we are as people,” he explained.

“There is no recovering from that,” said another student. “I mean, where do we go from there? You can’t.”

“So, if they are just mad at you, you can be remorseful, take your punishment or consequence, and move on,” I said. “But, being disappointed in you is a comment on your character, on who you are as a person, and one can’t recover from that. Is that what you are saying?”

“Yes!”

Ah, yes, I thought. “The D word.” I remember that.

And so, just a reminder to us all to be careful of how we judge our children. If a child lies or fails, do not take it personally, as it is not an indictment of us as parents. We are not bad parents because of it.

Children do lie, but they lie to get out of something—to make something uncomfortable go away. Lying is not a character flaw; rather, it is a technique, of sorts, that children use to avoid conflict. And children do fail, but they certainly don’t mean to. So, when you are tempted to say that you are disappointed in your child, just be careful of “the D-word.”

Warmly,

Mark Kelly
Interim Head of Upper School

Submit Your Fall Sports Photos for the Yearbook!

The Yearbook needs your fall sports photos! [Click here](#) to submit photos. With questions, please [email Monica Gutierrez](#), yearbook advisor.

Volunteers Needed for the Upper School Musical

Friends of Fine Arts is coordinating volunteer opportunities for the Upper School musical, *Grease*. To help provide snacks for rehearsals, [click here](#) to sign up for the *Grease* Food Crew. To volunteer in other ways, [click here](#) to sign up for the *Grease* Volunteer Crew.

US Travel Leadership Program: Apply by Friday

Students in grades 9–11 have the opportunity to apply to serve as a student leader on the St. Francis Travel Program’s Middle School Washington, DC, or Middle School Costa Rica trips in summer 2024.

- Please [click here](#) to learn more about this incredible opportunity to travel, serve others, and grow as a leader.
- Students who would like to be considered for this unique program must apply by this **Friday, November 3**.
- Spaces are limited.

Summer 2024 Travel Program: Sign Up by November 15

Please [click here](#) for more information about the Summer 2024 Travel Program offerings. The November 15 sign-up deadline is fast approaching.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 30

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform (Dress Uniform Required for Picture Makeups)*
 - *Picture Makeup Day: 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Primary School Library; dress uniform required*
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Tuesday, October 31

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, November 1

- *“B” Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Late-Start Day: School starts at 10:00 a.m.; special schedule*
 - *All Saints' Eucharist Chapel: 1:05–1:40 p.m. in Crum Gym*
-

Thursday, November 2

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, November 3

- *“B” Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Monday, November 6

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, November 7

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, November 8

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
-

Thursday, November 9

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, November 10

- *“A” Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Trimester One Ends*
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Church

Outreach Ministries: Opportunities to Serve

For additional information about any of the following outreach opportunities, please contact the church's Director of Outreach [Heather Burkhart](#).

- **Lord of the Streets** needs weekday volunteers between 8:00 a.m. and noon to serve our homeless neighbors. Over 300 hot meals are served daily. St. Francis also collects men's clothes on an ongoing basis—men's shoes are always needed.
- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** has an urgent plea from the pantry team.
- The **Fair Haven Food Pantry** needs volunteers and non-perishable food donations.

Join Us Each Sunday for Our Family-Focused Service and Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service:** 9:00 a.m.
- **Let It Shine Children's Bible Lesson:** On Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service, join Mrs. Devlin to learn about the Bible as we act out Scripture with costumes and props and pray together.
- **Coffee, Donuts, and Crafts:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship while young children color, create an art project based on the lesson learned at Let it Shine, and have fun with friends.

Students, Join Us for Weekly Book Studies on Sundays

On Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria, join your friends for weekly meetings to talk about some amazing, Biblically inspired stories. Books will be provided. Please contact [Allison Devlin](#) to sign up.

- **Grades 1–4:** *The Dead Sea Squirrels* by Mike Nawrocki
- **Grades 5–8:** *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis

High School and Adult Volunteer Opportunities: Sign Up Now

This year, we are tracking and giving awards to high school students and adults for completing hours of service at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

- There will be a Gold Wolf Award for completing 50+ service hours, a Silver Rabbit Award for completing 25–49 service hours, and a Bronze Bird for completing 10–24 service hours. Award recipients will be recognized in May on Mother's Day.
- We need volunteers to help lead weekly book clubs and First Communion Classes, set up crafts and supervise kids on Sundays, and serve at events like Pizza and Bingo Night, the Blessing of the Animals, the Children's Christmas Party, and much more!
- To sign up, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below with your mobile phone:



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 an appointment, email [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org) or call 832.325.2983.

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the “Prayer Requests” link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](http://www.stfrancis.org).

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Articles of Religion
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](mailto:DavidPrice@stfrancis.org)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month)
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**The next meeting is November 14.**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Study:** The Book of Genesis (Life of Jacob)
 - **Location:** [The Corner Bakery](http://www.thecornerbakery.com) (9311 Katy Fwy.), breakfast included
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Nehemiah
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](mailto:GeorgeHippard@stfrancis.org)

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream

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