

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of December 10

All School

Giving Week Update

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for making Giving Week such an astonishing success! Because of your generosity, we brought in a record number of donors, doubled the parent participation rate, and raised the St. Francis Fund total to **over \$1.1 million!** Your giving also inspired ours—we're happy to report that faculty and staff participation reached a high of **99 percent!** Words aren't enough to express our gratitude, so we hope you received our thank-you video message. If not, you can still view it [here](#). We appreciate your generosity and support of the St. Francis Fund!

Gala: Underwriting Opportunities Still Available

Help support Gala by underwriting a portion of the event! Proceeds will help fund security priorities on both campuses. There are still opportunities available ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Perks are included at every level, including strategic company logo placement, two event tickets, or two passes to the exclusive VIP bar with premium alcohol offerings! [Click here](#) to browse and purchase.

SFPO Faculty & Staff Christmas Collection: Thank You for Giving!

The St. Francis Parents Organization expresses its sincere gratitude to those who contributed to this year's Christmas collection. As a result of your generosity, this year's collection was a great success and will certainly show our teachers and staff our heartfelt appreciation for their hard work and dedication! We will be distributing the collection to faculty and staff at the December Employee Appreciation Social, along with special treats. Many thanks for your support, and we wish you holidays full of blessings!

Joyful Sounds, MS, and US Christmas Choir Concert Is Friday

Please join us for our Christmas Choir Concert featuring the Joyful Sounds, Middle School, and Upper School choirs this Friday, December 15, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (11612 Memorial Dr.). Doors open at 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed for Upper School Art Show

Please come help hang art in the Student Life Building on Couper Campus. It is not necessary to have a student in Upper School! This is a great chance to check out some Upper School artwork, see what's happening in the new building, and help out. Please join us on the morning of either Tuesday, January 9, or Wednesday, January 10 (or both)!

- [Sign Up to Volunteer on January 9](#)
- [Sign Up to Volunteer on January 10](#)

With questions, please [email Annie Hartigan](#).

Spring 2024 Enrichment Classes: Registration Postponed to December 15

Due to unavoidable technical difficulties, we have pushed the opening of registration for Spring 2024 Enrichment Classes to **Friday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. To help you plan, we have put together a list of classes and class descriptions, which are available to [view here](#).

School of Music Recitals Are Today and Next Sunday

Our fall School of Music recitals will be held today—Sunday, December 10—and next Sunday, December 17. If your child participates in School of Music lessons, please refer to the email sent by Andrew Nishikawa to learn the day and time of your child's recital, as well as expectations for the day. With questions, please [email Mr. Nishikawa](#).

Now Delivering Letters to Santa: Drop Them in the Mailbox by Tomorrow!

Through tomorrow, all of our St. Francis families are invited to drop letters to Santa in the special red mailboxes on both campuses. It's the fastest service around, with direct delivery to the North Pole ... guaranteed! To give Santa and his busy elves enough time to reply, please make sure your child's letter is in the mailbox by tomorrow—Monday, December 11—with the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Grade
- Return address on the envelope

Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer!

Fall Enrichment Classes: Dates for This Week's Recitals and Belt Ceremony

Thank you all for contributing to the success of our Fall Enrichment Classes! Please note the following dates for this week's recitals and belt ceremony:

- **Monday, December 11:** Primary I Ballet Recital (Monday Class) at 2:45 p.m. in the Drama/Chapel Room on Couper Campus
- **Tuesday, December 12:** Primary I & II Ballet Recital (Tuesday Class) at 2:45 p.m. in the Drama/Chapel Room on Couper Campus
- **Friday, December 15:** Jiu Jitsu Belt Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus (after Athletics practices have ended)

With questions, [email Traci Callender](#).

Book Fair 2023: Online Shopping Closes Tuesday

Our in-person Bookopoly Book Fair is over, but if you still have money in your eWallet or didn't quite find everything you were looking for in person, **you can still shop our book fair online via [this link](#)**. Online shopping for our Bookopoly Book Fair will close this Tuesday, December 12, and all online orders will be shipped directly to your home.

Calling All Bakers! Help Provide Festive Treats for Faculty and Staff This Friday

The St. Francis Parents Organization will distribute teacher and staff Christmas gifts this Friday, December 15, and we need your help providing festive holiday cookies and treats! Feel free to either bake or purchase items. Additional information is provided on the SignUpGenius pages for each campus:

- [Click here to provide treats for Piney Point Campus.](#)
- [Click here to provide treats for Couper Campus.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Alicyn Gawryliuk, Teacher Appreciation Chair, at 937.367.5883. Thank you!

Gala Special Project: Buy a Book in Honor of Father Wismer

There's No Place Like Home is a book dedicated in honor of Father Bob Wismer, a cherished member of our community. Proceeds from this Gala Special Project will be combined with proceeds from Paddles Up (a Gala night tradition) to create **The Father Bob Wismer "People for Others" Endowed Fund for Tuition Assistance**.

- These books make great Christmas gifts! All books ordered on or before Friday, December 15, will be sent home with your child before the holidays.
- [Purchase yours online today.](#)
- Books will also be on sale at the Lower School Christmas concerts on December 11 and 12. (You can also pick up copies you've already purchased at the same Christmas concerts!)

Primary School

From the Division Head

As the holiday season draws near, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable legacy of St. Nicholas—a figure celebrated for his boundless compassion, generosity, and unwavering commitment to helping those in need. Last week, we honored the spirit of St. Nicholas in our Primary School Chapel services. Father Wismer spoke to the children about St. Nicholas and how his spirit continues to inspire us to embody the values of kindness, empathy, and giving in our daily lives.

At St. Francis, we take pride in nurturing the development of character and virtues that shape our students into compassionate individuals. This time of year serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of spreading joy, lending a helping hand, and supporting one another in our communities.

St. Nicholas exemplified the true essence of giving, encouraging us to extend kindness beyond our immediate circles. As we approach this festive time, I encourage each of you to embrace the spirit of St. Nicholas within your families and communities.

This season, let us come together as a community and carry forward the spirit of St. Nicholas. Together, we can create a ripple effect of kindness and generosity that extends far beyond our school walls.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, love, and the spirit of giving.

Warm regards,

Ryan Kochel
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

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

- *Students May Wear Holiday-Themed Clothing*
 - *Primary I Christmas Parties:* 1:30 p.m.
 - *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 19

- *Students May Wear Holiday-Themed Clothing*
 - *No Chapel*
 - *Primary II Nativities and Parties*
 - 9:00 a.m.—Hughes
 - 10:00 a.m.—Wiener
 - 12:00 p.m.—Capasso
 - 1:00 p.m.—Owens
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Wednesday, December 20

- *Students May Wear Holiday-Themed Clothing*
 - *Primary I and Primary II Lessons and Carols Chapel:* No parents in Chapel—students only
 - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties:* 1:45 p.m.
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Thursday, December 21

- *Students May Wear Holiday-Themed Clothing*
 - *Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*
 - *No Explore and Extend*
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Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5

- *Christmas Break: No school*
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Monday, January 8

- *Classes Resume*

Lower School

A Note From Lower School Music

The gift of music is a beautiful way of expressing the joy of God's love for us. Through singing, we join our voices with the angels and shepherds at the Nativity to celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth. It was our own patron saint, Francis of Assisi, who introduced carols and dancing at the first manger scene in 1223. In the spirit of St. Francis, our Lower School students will continue this tradition in a series of Christmas concerts.

THE CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

In the programming, there is a delicate balance between the sacred, traditional folk, and novelty song repertoire. As the children spend time with the words of our Christmas songs, they develop an understanding of the meaning of our Savior's birth and what it means in their lives. Based in Scripture, the words evoke images of the mystery and beauty of Christmas. Phrases such as "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14) and "Today a Savior is born" spark the children's curiosity to learn more about loudly praising angels, frightened shepherds, the quietude of Bethlehem, and Mary who gently rocks the holy infant.

In addition to sacred selections, the children enjoy singing folk songs and fun novelty songs influenced by other art forms and media, including ballet, radio, and film. The contrasts in tempo and mood provide a satisfying change for the performers and the audience. Because our culture is rich in history and tradition, we enjoy singing about reindeer, Santa Claus, candy, and snowmen. Children appreciate the mystery and surprise of Christmas through their everyday and spiritual lives.

OUR MUSICAL JOURNEY

We begin our preparation together in the first week of October. After introducing the songs, students engage in fun, lively vocal exercises to build healthy singing habits. With a balanced, aligned posture, we learn to support and manage the breath. We practice in-tune singing and diction so that the words are clearly understood.

Creative movement plays an important role. Movement not only activates and directs the students' natural energy, but also expresses the meaning of words and aids in memorization. The actions and gestures support musical elements, including melodic contour, phrase length, and formal structure of the music.

I am blessed to take this journey every year with your children. We look forward to seeing you at the concerts!

Melissa Jurick
Lower School Performing Arts Faculty

Important: Parking Information for LS Christmas Concerts

Please click on the links below for important parking information related to this week's Lower School Christmas Concerts:

- **First- and Second-Grade Christmas Concert:** Monday, December 11, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; [click here for parking information](#)
- **Third- and Fourth-Grade Christmas Concert:** Tuesday, December 12, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; [click here for parking information](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 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.
 - *First- and Second-Grade Christmas Concert:* 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
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Tuesday, December 12

- *Third- and Fourth-Grade Christmas Concert:* 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
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Thursday, December 14

- *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.

Friday, December 15

- *Joyful Sounds/MS/US Christmas Choir Concert*: 6:30–7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

- *Joyful Sounds Christmas Party*: 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- *LS Christmas Parties (Students Only)*

Thursday, December 21

- *LS Lessons and Carols (Student-Only Event)*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Early Dismissal*
 - 11:15 a.m. for Kindergarten and First Grade
 - 11:30 a.m. for Grades 2–4

Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5

- *Christmas Break*: No school
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Monday, January 8

- *Classes Resume*

Middle School

From the Middle School Choir Director

It's hard to imagine that, in just a few short weeks, we will finish out the first half of the 2023–24 school year! The Middle School Choir and I recently joined Father Wismer's Chapel Council on a caroling trip to The Buckingham, a nearby retirement community which also happens to be home to several congregants of St. Francis Episcopal Church. Although this was my first time taking the MS Choir there, Father Wismer and the Chapel Council have visited many times before.

It was a magical event: Father Wismer led us in prayer; students and residents sang beloved Advent and Christmastide hymns, in addition to several popular favorites; and some of the MS Choir members were even brave enough to volunteer to dance for the residents during instrumental interludes in some of our songs! Those students worked hard to learn and rehearse the choreography that my wonderful new dance colleague, Kristina Revaz, came up with for this event. It was the cherry on top!

After singing, students passed out homemade pumpkin muffins (generously supplied by a choir mom), along with the SFES holiday cards and candy canes that Father Wismer and the Chapel Council had prepared. Students had the opportunity to connect with residents as they passed out these goodies. I, too, had the opportunity to chat with several elders as this was all going on.

I had mentioned during the program that the music for the hymn *Silent Night* originated in Germany, and gave the crowd the tune name *Stille Nacht*, which is the title of the song in German. One woman informed me that she was born in Germany and was thrilled that I had given the background information on that piece and had correctly pronounced the tune name; she then proceeded to speak the original German lyrics for me.

I could see in her eyes that the music shared with her that day had touched her in a meaningful way. She shared that she vividly remembered learning that hymn as a child and going with her school choir to sing it for elderly residents in her homeland.

Music has the power to transport you through time and soothe your soul. The joy of hearing how that musical pattern had repeated itself through the decades is something that will stay with me for quite some time.

One of my absolute favorite performances of the year is right around the corner—the Joyful Sounds, Middle School, and Upper School Christmas Choir Concert! This is a wonderful

opportunity to hear students ranging in age from eight to eighteen years old sing melodies that also range in age. Some were composed 600+ years ago, and some were composed in the last decade. **The Christmas Choir Concert will take place on Friday, December 15, at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (11612 Memorial Dr.).** Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and the concert starts at **6:30 p.m.** This concert is free of charge. The parking at the back of the church is plentiful, so don't let parking be a deterrent!

On behalf of the music team, we hope to see you there.

Warmly,

Eric Murillo
Middle School Choir Director

Important Details About MS Spring Sports

SPORT / PE SELECTION SURVEYS THIS WEEK

As we look ahead to the spring sports season, it is very important that we have accurate roster information so that we can make plans for scheduling, coaching, equipment, and transportation.

- **Students will complete a brief survey this coming week to confirm or update their sport or PE selections for the spring season.**
- Winter sports will conclude on Friday, January 26. Spring sports will begin on Monday, January 29.
- Sport participation will be finalized after the second day of practice, and sport-change requests will not be accepted after this time.

SPRING SPORTS OFFERINGS

Students in grades 6–8 are required to participate on a team or enroll in a Middle School Physical Education class each season. Spring sports offerings are Baseball, Softball, Boys Lacrosse (if enough interest), Girls Lacrosse, Coed Golf, Coed Tennis, Coed Track and Field, and Middle School Physical Education.

- **With the exception of Coed Golf and Coed Tennis (which will have modified practice schedules), teams will practice or play every day after school.** Most golf practices will be done on the student's own time. Tennis will average about four days per week over the course of the season.
- **Teams will be split by grade level, when possible.** If roster numbers do not allow for this, teams will be formed with mixed grade levels, as needed. For sports that have enough students for multiple teams, coaches will split rosters into separate teams after the first few days of practice and evaluations. Some sports will manage and communicate competition rosters throughout the season, dependent on numbers and availability. Competition rosters for Coed Golf and Coed Tennis will be restricted due to facility availability and limited playing opportunities.

- **Students may participate in a team sport and participate in Coed Golf or Coed Track & Field as a secondary sport if they meet the standards of the sport, and if they are able to meet the practice requirements on their own outside of school.** Team sport schedules will take priority for competitions and practices. Additional communication will be required for dual-sport student-athletes.

NOTE ABOUT PE EXEMPTION REQUESTS

Students/families seeking an exemption from the Middle School Physical Education requirement must submit a completed Physical Education Exemption Request Form to the Director of Athletics no later than one week prior to the start of the first practice for that season. Late applications will not be accepted for the spring season.

Themed Dress Week: December 18–21

Students will have a themed dress week the last week of school before Christmas Break, as follows:

- **Monday, December 18: Red and Green**
 - Grades 6 and 8 wear red.
 - Grades 5 and 7 wear green.
- **Tuesday, December 19: Holiday Sweaters**
 - There will be an ugly sweater contest during lunch.
- **Wednesday, December 20: Christmas/Holiday PJs**
- **Thursday, December 21: Wear Santa and Christmas Hats With Dress Uniform**
 - Students may not wear hats to Chapel.
 - Beginning at 7:15 a.m., we'll have hot chocolate, candy canes, and Christmas music in front of the Fine Arts Center!

A Note About Community Service Hours

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others. During the 2023–24 school year, **students in each grade level are required to complete a minimum number of service hours**, as follows:

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

At the Recognition and Awards Ceremony in the spring, **students in any grade level who have completed 20, 30, 50, or 100+ service hours during the school term will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements.** In addition, one graduating student will be recognized for exemplifying and representing the quality of being a “person for others.”

To submit your service hours, complete this [Community Service Hours Request Form](#) and drop it off in the Middle School Office or email it to [Sarah Flores](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 11

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *“B” Day*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Tuesday, December 12

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, December 13

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, December 14

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, December 15

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
 - *Clubs C2*
 - *Joyful Sounds/MS/US Christmas Choir Concert: 6:30–7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church*
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Monday, December 18

- *Holiday-Themed Dress—Red and Green*
 - Grades 6 and 8 wear red.
 - Grades 5 and 7 wear green.
 - “A” Day
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Tuesday, December 19

- *Holiday-Themed Dress—Holiday Sweaters:* There will be an ugly sweater contest during lunch.
 - “B” Day
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Wednesday, December 20

- *Holiday-Themed Dress—Christmas/Holiday PJs*
 - “A” Day
-

Thursday, December 21

- *Holiday-Themed Dress—Wear Santa and Christmas Hats With Dress Uniform:* Students may not wear hats to Chapel
 - “B” Day
 - *Hot Chocolate, Candy Canes, and Christmas Music:* Beginning at 7:15 a.m. in front of the Fine Arts Center
 - *Dismissal at Noon:* Beginning of Christmas Break
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Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5

- *Christmas Break:* No school
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Monday, January 8

- *Classes Resume*

Upper School

From the Interim Head of Upper School

We have been informed that the St. Francis Upper School has earned Silver recognition on the 2023 AP (Advanced Placement) School Honor Roll! In deciding whether to recognize St. Francis on the Silver Honor Roll, the College Board reviewed the number of students in our AP program, analyzed our AP scores, and reviewed the number of AP classes taken by each student.

In addition to receiving Silver recognition, the St. Francis Upper School has been awarded the AP Access Award. The AP Access Award recognized our school's efforts in providing AP opportunities to all students, including those in underrepresented populations.

Both of these achievements are significant for our school, especially considering that we are only in our third year of offering Advanced Placement classes. Congratulations to St. Francis's teachers and students!

Warmly,

Mark Kelly
Interim Head of Upper School

Noon Dismissal on December 21

On Thursday, December 21, we will have a noon dismissal following midterm exams. Please mark your calendars. School is closed on Friday, December 22, for the Christmas Break. School resumes for students on Monday, January 8.

The Social Institute: 'Play to Your Core'

In the past week, each advisory group ran a specific Social Institute lesson on the topic of "Play to Your Core," reflecting on one's own values, character, and interests in actions online and off. Please click on your student's grade link below for further information on the curriculum and for resources that will help you continue the conversation at home.

- **Ninth Grade:** "Dealing With Disagreement Without All the Drama: How to Find Common Ground"
- **Tenth Grade:** "Redefining How We Portray Ourselves Authentically on Social Media"
- **Eleventh Grade:** "Creating or Enhancing Your Resume to Land Dream Opportunities"
- **Twelfth Grade:** "Recognizing the Role of Values in Choosing a Career Path or College Major"

Midterm Exam Schedule: December 15–21

Please note the schedule for midterm exams, below. For tips and strategies on taking midterms, please refer to Mark Kelly's email from November 28.

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	12/15	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.	English I English IV AP Literature	World History I AP Psych AP Art History AP CompSci Principles	Physics 9 AP Biology Enviro AP Enviro	Algebra I Algebra II College Algebra AP CompSci A	Spanish (All) Latin (All)
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.	English II English III AP Language	World History II US History APUSH AP Euro	Chemistry AP Chemistry Physics 11	Geometry Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AP Statistics	School Day Ends at Noon on 12/21

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 11

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, December 12

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, December 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Lessons and Carols: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, December 14

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Choir to Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church for Rehearsal: Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.*
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Friday, December 15

- *No Chapel*
 - *Joyful Sounds/MS/US Christmas Choir Concert: 6:30–7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church*
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Friday, December 15–Thursday, December 21

- *Midterm Exams: See chart above for schedule*
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Thursday, December 21

- *Noon Dismissal for MS*
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Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5

- *Christmas Break: School Closed*
-

Monday, January 8

- *Classes Resume*

- “A” Day
- Regular Uniform

Church

Now on Spotify: Sermons From St. Francis

St. Francis has launched **Sermons From St. Francis** on **Spotify**. You can listen on an Apple or Android device, on your desktop computer, or on your tablet. The Sunday sermons are available anytime you want to be inspired while on the go. No Spotify account is necessary. **Click here** to start listening today!

Join Us for Holiday Eucharist Services

St. Francis Episcopal Church will be hosting several Eucharist services over the holidays, according to the following schedule:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 2:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Nativity pageant
 - Music begins at 1:30 p.m.
 - Childcare will be provided.
- 5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Nativity pageant and choral concert
 - Music begins at 4:30 p.m.
 - Childcare will be provided.
- 9:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with choral concert
 - Music begins at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

- 11:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7: EPIPHANY SERVICE

- 9:00 a.m.—Family worship with Holy Eucharist
 - Kid-friendly, with contemporary music
 - Epiphany celebrates the Magi’s visit to the baby Jesus.

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, serve at events like 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](#).

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](#)
 - **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 December 12.**)
 - **Study:** The Book of Genesis (Life of Jacob)
 - **Location:** [The Corner Bakery](#) (9311 Katy Fwy.), breakfast included
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Women of the Old Testament
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Location:** Via Zoom (Contact Louise for additional information.)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Exodus
 - **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.