

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of January 14

### All School

#### Winter Weather Watch

St. Francis is closely monitoring the weather in anticipation of the arctic front moving into Houston. We will notify you by text and email on the evening of Monday, January 15, if there are any updates to the schedule on Tuesday, January 16. Stay safe!

#### Go, Texans!

Let's cheer on the Houston Texans in their playoff run! To show our support, **students are invited to wear a Texans shirt with a uniform bottom this Friday, January 19.** Go Texans!

#### Woolrich Luncheon Is January 23: Register by Friday

Join us at the Woolrich Luncheon on Tuesday, January 23, to celebrate lifelong learning at St. Francis!

- **The last day to register to attend is this Friday, January 19.**
- Purchase a table and invite your friends or family to sit with you, or purchase an individual ticket and request individuals or grade-level parents at checkout.
- For luncheon details and to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).
- About the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty: Inspired teaching is often what makes the difference between a child who merely attends school and one who truly enjoys learning. It is in this spirit that St. Francis Episcopal School established the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty. Named for our school's remarkable first principal, the fund is designed to enhance the educational experience of our students by first expanding the horizons of our faculty.

We can't wait to see you!

### **Coming Soon! Middle School Play Is February 3 & 4**

Save the dates for St. Francis's Middle School Play, *The Alibis*, on Saturday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m.

*Synopsis: When eccentric billionaire J. Leslie Arlington is murdered, a clueless detective finds the suspects are all reluctant to admit their alibis . . . because they were all committing other ridiculous crimes at the time. You never know what's coming next in this dark comedy when your suspects include elusive gardeners, sleazy lawyers, and vengeful divas, but one thing's for certain: Every alibi is absolutely absurd.*

Look out for ticket sales in upcoming *Wolf Watch* announcements!

### **Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) News**

#### **NEXT FOFA MEETING IS THIS FRIDAY**

Join us this **Friday, January 19, at 8:30 a.m.** for the next Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) meeting, which will be held in the Advancement Conference Room of the Administration Building (9000 Westheimer Rd.).

#### **UPPER SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION IS WEDNESDAY**

New art for the New Year! What better way to ring in 2024 than by celebrating with our Upper School student artists at their second annual Art Gallery Opening in the Student Life Center. After all, "Art, undeniably, is conducive to happiness." (Author unknown)

Please join us for an **Upper School Art Exhibition this Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. on Couper Campus.** We'll gather in the Fine Arts Cottage and walk together to the Student Life Center to join the artists for their exhibition.

With questions, please [email Caroline Herrin](#).

### **Nominations Now Open for SFPO Officers**

It's time to start thinking about the 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Executive Committee. The SFPO supports the mission of St. Francis by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities that enable our parent community to uphold the four pillars of care and compassion, school spirit, teacher appreciation, and community-building.

- If you are interested in serving on the SFPO Executive Committee—or know someone who is interested—please fill out [this form](#).
- Click [here](#) to view the list of positions for which nominations are currently being accepted.

## **Primary School**

### **From the Division Head**

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break filled with joy and memorable moments. As we embark on the second half of the school year, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership in fostering a positive and enriching educational environment for our students. Our teachers have been busy planning and preparing engaging lessons and activities to ensure that the upcoming months are filled with exciting discoveries.

Here are a few highlights and reminders as we commence the new year:

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Pajamarama:** This Friday, January 19, we will be hosting the Barker Pajamarama Pajama Party. The children may wear their pajamas to school. For more information, please see the letter that came home last week.
- **Late Start After the St. Francis Festival:** Per Dr. Collins's message on November 17, the day after the St. Francis Festival—Monday, April 29—will be a Late-Start Day for all divisions. School will begin at 10:00 a.m.

### **CARPOOL REMINDERS**

We are so glad the construction in front of Couper Campus is completed!

- As a reminder, morning carpool ends at 8:15 a.m. If you arrive after this time, you will drop off at the front office.
- To ensure everyone's safety, please have your child stay in their seatbelts while in your vehicle.

We are thrilled to start this 2024 journey with you, and we look forward to witnessing the growth and achievements of each student in the months ahead. Together, let's make the remainder of the school year a time of inspiration, collaboration, and success.

Best regards,

Ryan Kochel  
Head of Primary School

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, January 15**

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday:* No school

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**Tuesday, January 16**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
- *Pajama Ingathering*

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**Wednesday, January 17**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend
- *Pajama Ingathering*
- *Explore and Extend Enrichments Start*

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**Thursday, January 18**

- *Pajama Ingathering*

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**Friday, January 19**

- *Primary School Pajamarama:* Students only
- *Pajama Ingathering*

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**Monday, January 22**

- *Open Library*

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**Tuesday, January 23**

- *Chapel Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
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**Wednesday, January 24**

- *Chapel Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend
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**Friday, January 26**

- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends:* 8:15-9:00 a.m.
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**Tuesday, January 30**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
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**Wednesday, January 31**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend
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**Monday, February 5**

- *Open Library*
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**Tuesday, February 6**

- *No Chapel*
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**Wednesday, February 7**

- *No Chapel*
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**Thursday, February 8**

- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for Primary II*
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**Friday, February 9**

- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for Primary I and Pre-Primary*
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**Monday, February 12**

- *Open Library*
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**Tuesday, February 13**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith): Primary II parents may attend*
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**Wednesday, February 14**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton): Primary I parents may attend*
  - *Primary School Valentine's Parties (Students Only)*
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**Monday, February 19**

- *No School*
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**Tuesday, February 20**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith): Primary II parents may attend*
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### **Wednesday, February 21**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend
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### **Friday, February 23**

- *Darla McNay Rodeo Day*
  - *Go Texan Day:* No guns or spurs, please
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### **Saturday, February 24**

- *St. Francis Gala*
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### **Monday, February 26**

- *Open Library*
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### **Tuesday, February 27**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
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### **Wednesday, February 28**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend

## **Lower School**

### **From the Division Head**

It is a joy to be back in the Lower School and starting our second half of the school year

together! Our first week back was filled with catching up with friends and teachers, while settling back into school-day routines.

We ended the week with students in kindergarten through third grade stepping forward to see and learn more about the next grade level. Step-forward days allow our students to see and hear about what to look forward to at the next grade level and to meet the teachers.

I encourage you to talk with your child about their step-forward experience last Friday. Our fourth graders will have their step forward to fifth grade on Wednesday, January 31, so this is an excellent opportunity to discuss what is to come with your fourth grader.

As we start the new calendar year and the second half of the school year, I want to encourage all in the Lower School to revisit the academic goals set at the start of the school year. Now is a great time to review our personal academic goals, track goal progress, and plan next steps in achieving personal academic goals for the 2023–24 school year goal.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, and notification to sign up for your child's parent-teacher conference will be shared next Tuesday. We look forward to the continued home and school partnership to ensure the success of each of our Lower School students.

I hope you have a wonderful Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday!

Kindly,

Clifton Walker  
Head of Lower School

### **Lower Schoolers, Hoops and Scoops Is January 26!**

Lower Schoolers, come out to cheer on the Upper School Boys Basketball team against Westbury Christian—and grab some ice cream and toppings while you're here! Hoops and Scoops will be held **Friday, January 26, at 6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym. (Please note the time change.)** There will be swag, photo ops with Wolfie, and sweet treats!

### **Reminder: Please Sign Into Raptor and Display Your Parent Name Badge**

Please help us keep our community safe by signing into Raptor and wearing a visible parent name badge anytime you are on Piney Point Campus.

- Reminder, you must present your driver's license to security the first time you visit campus so they can enter you in the Raptor security system. Once your information is in the system, you can simply sign in at the Raptor station to print out a name badge.
- Signing into Raptor each time you visit helps us quickly identify visitors in the building in case of an emergency.

- Please note that even if you already have a name badge from your division office, you must still sign into Raptor upon your arrival.

Thank you!

### **Crime Stoppers to Visit on January 22**

Steve Johnson, Director of Instructional Technology, has been meeting with students in Grades 2–4 to discuss cybersafety. To further the discussion, Houston Crime Stoppers will be on campus on Monday, January 22, to present additional important information about keeping safe online.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Thursday, January 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.
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#### **Friday, January 19**

- *ERB Parent Meeting for Grades 3 and 4*
    - 9:15-10:00 a.m. via Zoom
    - Zoom Meeting Link: <https://erblearn-org.zoom.us/j/97083296588?pwd=V09ndTduODJIN1V5aU5zMHNHMS9YZz09>
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- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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#### **Wednesday, January 24**

- *Lower School Parent Conferences:* In classrooms
- *No School*

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## Thursday, January 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.
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## Friday, January 26

- *Lower School Hoops and Scoops*: 6:00 p.m.

## Middle School

### From the Division Head

Are we there yet?

About this time last year, I began an article with these words:

“Where are we going in the Middle School? I truly believe that students ought to, as often as possible, engage in activities that closely resemble the work of experts in the field that they are studying.”

Later in the same article, I wrote, “Scientists conduct research, formulate hypotheses, design and run experiments, analyze the data, and reach conclusions. That’s why our science students extract DNA from strawberries, melt Starbursts, and build sound cannons.”

I ended that article by reminding readers, “That’s where we are going,” and asking rhetorically, “Are we there yet?”

The obvious answer was and still is, no, but guess what? We are getting closer every day.

- **Historians in Training:** In history classes, students are creating their own research questions, reading widely and deeply about their chosen topics, developing original thesis statements, and writing essays that support their historical claims. Much like public historians, they are putting their research on display in their museum exhibits, which will be open for viewing by their classmates and teachers during our upcoming History Days.
- **Scientists in Training:** Adolescents make some of the best scientists, because of their healthy levels of curiosity and skepticism. You’re probably well-acquainted with your child’s science projects. They designed experiments from scratch, chose the

variables that they wanted to isolate and observe, conducted their experiments, analyzed the data, and will present their findings to their classmates at this week's Science Fair in the FAC. They'll also show off their engineering, design, coding, and programming skills at the upcoming STEAM Fair in the library.

- **Writers in Training:** In their work with the Alley Theatre and our in-house poetry expert, Ms. Eliades, eighth graders are preparing their slam poems. If they are half as good as the fifth-grade poems, then the St. Francis community is in for a huge treat!
- **Spanish Speakers in Training:** In their Spanish classes, students have many opportunities to practice their language skills. The Wax Museum in Spanish 1A, Spanish Shark Tank in fifth grade, and Hispanic History and Heritage projects in Spanish 1B and Spanish 2 all pushed students to think, speak, and listen like true Spanish speakers.
- **Artists in Training:** Students are helping design an art car, painting a wolf mural on the wall of the Fine Arts Hallway, singing across the city and country, performing *Alibis* and *Legally Blonde* on stage, and constructing set pieces. They're already young working artists.
- **Mathematicians in Training:** The questions and answers I heard from students in math class this past week made me want to be a math student again. They were fully engaged in trying to understand the difference between proportional and non-proportional linear relationships. Graphing those equations was a breeze for them, but it was fun watching them identify the ways that these ideas play out in the world around them.

Are we there yet? Not yet, but we are on an exciting journey in that direction.

Byron R. Williams, EdD  
Head of Middle School

### **Middle Schoolers, Join Us for Nothin' But Net and Nachos This Tuesday**

Middle Schoolers, come out for an evening of basketball, food, and fun this Tuesday, January 16, in Crum Gym!

Here is the schedule for the event:

- 5:00 p.m.—Chick-fil-A will be available at Concessions.
- 5:30 p.m.—JV Boys Basketball game
- 6:00 p.m.—Swag, photo ops, and free nachos available
- 7:00 p.m.—Upper School Boys Basketball team against Pasadena First Baptist Christian Academy

**New this year: Eighth graders may enter a raffle to participate in a three-point shooting contest at halftime.**

Can't wait to see you there!

### **Let's Celebrate Lunar New Year!**

Does your family celebrate Lunar New Year? We would love to celebrate with you. We are looking for parent volunteers to help come up with ideas and spearhead Lunar New Year celebrations for our Middle and Upper Schools. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Wlede Frankfort](#), Coordinator of Community and Inclusivity.

### **Summer 2024 Japan Trip Now Open to Rising SFES Freshmen**

Current eighth graders who will attend St. Francis Upper School in fall 2024 are now eligible to participate in the Japan trip! This is a tremendous opportunity to travel to Japan with our incredible freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

More information about the program, including a link to a Zoom recording of an informational parent meeting, is below:

- **Trip Dates:** June 5–14, 2024
- **Faculty Leader:** Liat Goldstein
- **Chaperones:** Ted Lakoski and Ximena Allub
- **Travel Brochure:** [Japan PDF.pdf](#)
- **Trip Application:** [Japan Application](#)
- **Parent Zoom Recorded Session:** [Japan Presentation.mp4](#)

Financial assistance for these trips is still available by applying directly to the [Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund](#).

Please email [Ted Lakoski](#), Director of Experiential Travel, with any questions.

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### **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, January 15

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday:* School closed
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### Tuesday, January 16

- *Dress Uniform*
  - *“B” Day*
  - *Sign-ups Open for January 24 Parent Conferences*
  - *Nothin’ but Net and Nachos*
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### Wednesday, January 17

- *Regular Uniform*
- *“A” Day*

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**Thursday, January 18**

- *Regular Uniform*
- *“B” Day*
- *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*

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**Friday, January 19**

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

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**Monday, January 22**

- *Dress Uniform*
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**Wednesday, January 24**

- *Parent Conferences*
  - *Student Holiday*
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## Thursday, January 25

- *Regular Uniform*
  - *“A” Day*
  - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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## Friday, January 26

- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
- *“B” Day*

## Upper School

### **From the Interim Division Head**

The speaker’s words stuck with me. “Parents and schools should be preparing children for life, not protecting them from it.” Although his remarks were actually part of a workshop on coping with grief within a school setting, he was talking more generally at this moment. “We need to give them opportunities to deal with life.”

Driving back to school later that morning, I was reminded of a speaker I had heard years earlier on the factors that contribute to being a happy and successful adult. This professor, a man named Doug Heath, had done a long-term study in an effort to determine the reliable predictors of students who would become successful adults. Having investigated such factors as grades, achievement test scores, SAT test scores, and overall performance over several years, he outlined the following findings in his book *Fulfilling Lives*:

- School grades and achievement test scores predict moderately well which students will do well in school the next year; they do not predict well which students of average and above-average grades and test scores will succeed later in life.
- Scholastic aptitude (as shown in SAT scores) does not predict adult success.
- Intelligence—when more broadly defined than just as scholastic aptitude—contributes to success, particularly occupational, but less than many character strengths do.
- Failure to do well in school does not limit youths’ future success *if* they have developed the character strengths necessary to succeed.
- ***Extracurricular participation is a school’s best predictor of an adult’s success.***<sup>1</sup>

In the discussion I attended, Heath emphasized two main points. First, he stressed that participation had to be genuine, not just including the name of a club to pad a resume. Participation had to be regular and consistent. Second, he analyzed why this was crucial to students’ success. To involve oneself regularly in an extracurricular activity demands three elements: one has to work with people, one has to work for people, and one has to pay

attention to time management. All of these elements will be important in all facets of one's life.

Participation on a team or in a club certainly fosters the sense that one has to be a contributing part of something larger than oneself. However, being a member of a team or a club is often done mainly for oneself. Community service, however, takes this one step further. Participation in community service requires getting *beyond* oneself to do something for the benefit of others. What the participants gain is a greater sense of self-worth simply because they are needed.

This concept of self-worth is key to anyone's success, but it is something that was inadvertently removed from the family after World War II. Before and during the war, all members of a family tended to contribute to the running of the family in some way. It might have been working in the family business or on the family farm or ranch or simply doing chores as part of the running of the household. Children were important to the continuing success of the family. In short, they were needed.

The post-war prosperity of the 1950's changed that. Parents wanted to provide for their children the freedom from extra responsibility that they did not have growing up. In doing that, they gave their children a great deal of free time—however, they took away something else. They unintentionally took away that sense of being needed.

Being involved in *Grease* last November gave me an opportunity to see how students are needed at St. Francis. Because the show is student-run, as opposed to simple participation, everyone is needed for the show to be successful. This is also why clubs and committees are led by students here. Students are asked to get outside of themselves and work together in a collaborative effort to see something through to successful completion.

A strong work ethic, asking children to think critically, and asking them to do public speaking on a regular basis are all important pieces in preparing our children for life after high school. Community service, however, may be the most important piece in preparing them to be successful adults.

Warmly,

Mark Kelly  
Interim Head of Upper School

1) Heath, Douglas H., *Fulfilling Lives*, Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, 1991, pages 291–292

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### **Summer Travel News: Registration Deadline Extended + New Spain/France Dates!**

Please note the following important updates to our St. Francis Travel Program for summer 2024:

- Our travel partner, ACIS, has allowed us to reopen registration for the summer trips to Japan and Spain/France! Sign-ups are open now through Tuesday, January 30. [Click here](#) for trip details and information on how to register.
- The Spain/France trip has been moved to June 17–27, 2024.
- Financial assistance for summer travel with the St. Francis Travel Program is still available through the Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund. [Click here to apply](#).

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  - *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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### **Saturday, January 20**

- *Upper School Winter Social: 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Crum Athletic Field on Couper Campus*
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### **Monday, January 22**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Church**

### **Spring Events at St. Francis**

We have so many fun events planned over the next few months!

- [Click here](#) for details on church events and volunteer opportunities in spring 2024.
- To sign up to volunteer, please [click here](#).

### **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

### **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!

### **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.

### **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](http://stfrancis.org).

## **Bible Studies at St. Francis**

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Exodus
  - **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 February 13.**)
  - **Study:** The Book of Genesis (Life of Jacob)
  - **Location:** [The Corner Bakery](http://stfrancis.org) (9311 Katy Fwy.), breakfast included
  - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org)

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

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

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

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

## **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](http://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.