

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of April 14

### All School

#### **Friendly Reminder: Check Lost and Found for Missing Items**

Please have your child check the Lost and Found closet if they are missing anything.

- The Lost and Found team works hard to return labeled items, so please LABEL EVERYTHING—especially water bottles and sweatshirts! ([These](#) are great non-iron labels for clothes if you need last-minute labels to finish out the school year.)
- Non-labeled items will be donated every four weeks.
- With questions, [email Megan Meyer](#).

#### **This Wednesday: Brainabouts Speaker Series**

David Magee, bestselling author and founder of the William Magee Institute for Student Wellbeing at the University of Mississippi, will be speaking about student mental health and the substance misuse crisis. The event, hosted by The Kinkaid School, takes place this **Wednesday, April 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Please [click here](#) for details and to RSVP.

#### **St. Francis Fine Arts Festival Starts Wednesday**

The [St. Francis Fine Arts Festival](#) is a fun, family experience where attendees can enjoy student performances, meet visiting authors, attend our fine arts galleries displaying student and alumni work, and enjoy a full-scale art car parade on both of our beautiful campuses during the school day and into the evening!

- The Fine Arts Festival starts this Wednesday, April 17, and concludes this Sunday, April 21.

- Our Festival is a collaboration featuring work from each division, across two campuses.
- It provides a chance to celebrate our robust arts program, which is acclaimed citywide. Whether patrons choose to listen to the choir sing; attend the Upper School play, [\*\*\*The Cat in the Hat\*\*\*](#); tour our art exhibitions and installations; or enjoy a Middle School musical preview and Upper School dance show, there is something for everyone. Come join us in celebrating the talents of our student artists!
- [\*\*Click here\*\*](#) to view the event lineup.

### **Rescheduled Pack the Park Is Thursday**

Join us for Pack the Park this Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Baseball Field 6. We'll cheer on our Varsity Baseball Team as they play Alpha Omega.

- [\*\*Click here\*\*](#) for the map, directions, and parking information.
- James Coney Island hot dogs are first come, first serves, so get there early.
- Wear your school colors and SFE gear!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PACK THE PARK**

Please [\*\*click here\*\*](#) to sign up to help out at this event. We particularly need help with setup and clean-up crews.

Can't wait to see you there. Go Wolves!

### **Singing in Spring: LS/MS/US Choir Concert Is Friday**

Join us for a night of glorious voices featuring the Lower, Middle, and Upper School choirs in concert this **Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center**. Selections include a variety of musical styles—from Bach to rock—that are sure to please everyone!

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## **Primary School**

### **From the Pre-Primary Team**

As parents, we love spending time with our children, but sometimes we aren't sure of the best ways to foster our children's academic growth at home. Teachers inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach believe children learn best through hands-on learning experiences, and these opportunities can be easily created throughout our everyday lives!

For example, a trip to the grocery store can be filled with all sorts of teachable moments. For young learners, we know that it is imperative that they hear as much language as possible. Research tells us that the more words they hear, the more robust their verbal and listening skills will be.

Imagine a walk through the produce section naming items you see. "Look, a lemon!" Then describe it. "The lemon is yellow and round. It feels bumpy! I see lots of lemons all together." An added challenge would be to compare the items. "Here are limes. They are the same shape as lemons, but they are green instead of yellow."

As children grow, you can turn this into more of a conversation by asking questions. "What do you notice? What colors can you spot? How does it feel?" This encourages them to learn about important details and make sense of their world. To extend even further, you can incorporate phonological awareness into the game by introducing rhymes and letter sounds.

Math games like counting, comparing, estimating, adding, and subtracting can be seamlessly worked into a grocery-store trip. And, of course, you can tell a story anywhere, about anything. Daily routines with your child are a great opportunity to incorporate learning in a fun and meaningful way!

Sincerely,

Maggy Britton, Floy Griffith, Emily Husain, Vanessa Labarthe, and Jane Oteiza  
The Pre-Primary Team

### **Special Open Library Is Tomorrow**

Tomorrow—Monday, April 15—at 3:00 p.m., please join us for a special reading of *The Cat in the Hat* during Open Library in the Primary School Library. You and your child will be treated to an in-character reading by one of our Upper School drama students. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### **Primary School Book Fair Is April 24–26**

Primary School is hosting a book fair! On Wednesday, April 24, through Friday, April 26, all Primary School families are invited to expand their child's home library and contribute to their child's classroom library through the e-wallet feature. (Details will be provided through Seesaw.)

- Primary School Book Fair hours are as follows:
  - **Wednesday, April 24:** 12:00–4:00 p.m.
  - **Thursday, April 25:** 12:00–6:00 p.m. (Please note the extended afternoon hours.)
  - **Friday, April 26:** 7:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (Please note the extended morning hours.)
- With questions, please [email Brittney Bush](#).

We can't wait to see you there!

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, April 15**

- *Special Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.; in-character reading of *The Cat in the Hat* by an Upper School drama student
  - *Primary II Field Trip to Piney Point Campus for Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type Performance:* Student-only event
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#### **Tuesday, April 16**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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### **Wednesday, April 17**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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### **Thursday, April 18**

- *Pack the Park (Varsity Baseball Team vs. Alpha Omega):* 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Baseball Field 6
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### **Friday, April 19**

- *PS Parent Conference Day:* Student holiday
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- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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### **Wednesday, April 24**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
  - *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others:* 1:30 p.m.
  - *Primary School Book Fair:* 12:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library
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### **Thursday, April 25**

- *Primary II Mothers and Others:* 1:30 p.m. **(Please note time.)**

- *Primary School Book Fair*: 12:00–6:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library
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### **Friday, April 26**

- *Primary I Mothers and Others*: 11:00 a.m.
  - *Primary School Book Fair*: 7:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Primary School Library
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### **Sunday, April 28**

- *St. Francis Festival*
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### **Monday, April 29**

- *Late-Start Day for All Divisions*: School starts at 10:00 a.m.
  - *Open Library*: 3:00 p.m.
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### **Tuesday, April 30**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith)*: Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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### **Wednesday, May 1**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton)*: Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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### **Tuesday, May 7**

- *Primary II Bible Presentation*: 9:00 a.m. in the Crum Athletics Center
  - *Primary II End-of-Year Parties*
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**Wednesday, May 8**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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**Thursday, May 9**

- *Splash Day for Primary II and 5-Day Pre-Primary (Griffith, Husain, and Oteiza)*
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**Friday, May 10**

- *Splash Day for Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary (Britton and Labarthe)*
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**Tuesday, May 14**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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**Wednesday, May 15**

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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**Monday, May 20**

- *Primary I End-of-Year Parties:* 1:30 p.m.
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**Tuesday, May 21**

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II and Pre-Primary parents may attend
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## Wednesday, May 22

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I and Pre-Primary parents may attend
  - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Parties:* 1:45 p.m.
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## Friday, May 24

- *Last Day of School:* 11:00 a.m. dismissal
- *No Explore and Extend*

## Lower School

### **Phases of the Sun: Lower School Reflections on the Solar Eclipse**

This past week, our students experienced an exciting event—the solar eclipse. The sky tried to cloud up during the event, but our students waited patiently and attentively for any possible glimpse! Third and fourth graders prepared for the eclipse during STEAM class with Ms. Womack and Mrs. Rossy by observing the positions of the Moon, Earth, and Sun to understand the moon's phases. They learned the names of moon phases and in what order they occur.

Student comments were thoughtful and comical as the eclipse came in and out of view.

- One student said, “I think the solar eclipse looked like it was on fire, and the clouds looked like smoke. You had to be patient because the clouds covered up the eclipse. I also think that in the whole world, at least one person is now blind.”
- Another exclaimed, “It was my first solar eclipse, so I was really amazed by it. I’m ready to see it again when I’m thirty!”
- And finally, there was a connection to their learning: “My favorite part was when I heard that it looked a lot like a banana. I thought it looked like a smiley face. Then everyone cheered, ‘It’s back, it’s back!’ It was sun phases, not moon phases—like it was a crescent sun.”

While an eclipse is undoubtedly a fantastic event, it also reminds us of our God and how wonderful and majestic He is to make such an amazing world. He has made the Moon, stars, and galaxies, just as He has made the Earth and animals.

Sometimes, things block the light of God, like the Moon blocking the light of the sun—but only for a moment. We knew the light would come back. We knew the light was there even if we couldn’t see it for a moment. Whatever clouds or troubles block your view of God’s love, know He is always there to shine His light and love on your path.



Warmly,

Mary Peña, Assistant Head of Lower School  
Bob Wismer, Senior Chaplain  
Linden Womack, Third Grade STEAM Faculty

### **Calling All Volunteers: We Need Help With Field Day**

We need your help to make Field Day 2024 a success! If you are available to volunteer, please sign up using the links below:

- **“Funza-Poppin” Field Day for Grades K–2**
  - Tuesday, April 30, 8:00–11:00 a.m.
  - [Click here to volunteer.](#)
- **“Battle of the Homerooms” Field Day for Grades 3–4**
  - Thursday, May 2, 8:00–11:00 a.m.
  - [Click here to volunteer.](#)

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- *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.
  - *Main Street Theater Performance of Click, Clack, Moo for LS Students: 9:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center; students only*
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## **Tuesday, April 16**

- *Kindergarten Art à la Carte*: 11:15–11:55 a.m.
  - *Fourth-Grade Art à la Carte*
    - 9:10–10:05 a.m.—Rosa/Rosy
    - 1:20–2:15 p.m.—Hardee/Hayden
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## **Wednesday, April 17**

- *LS Author Visit*: Presentation by Cathey Nickell, author of *Arthur Zarr's Amazing Art Car*; students only
    - 9:10–10:05 a.m.—Grades 3 & 4
    - 10:20–11:05 a.m.—Grades 1 & 2
    - 11:20 a.m.–12:05 p.m.—Kindergarten
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## **Thursday, April 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.
  - *First-Grade Art à la Carte*: 10:10–11:00 a.m.
  - *Second-Grade Art à la Carte*: 9:30–10:20 a.m.
  - *LS Poem in Your Pocket Day*: Students only
  - *LS/MS Art Car Parade*: 1:15–2:00 p.m.; students only
  - *Pack the Park (Varsity Baseball Team vs. Alpha Omega)*: 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Baseball Field 6
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## **Friday, April 19**

- *Kindergarten Field Trip to Houston Museum of Natural Science*: 9:00–11:45 a.m.
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## **Monday, April 22**

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

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## Thursday, April 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, April 26

- *Lower School Pep Rally: 2:00 p.m.; students only*

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## Sunday, April 28

- *St. Francis Festival*

## **Middle School**

### **From the Middle School Math Department**

Middle school students crave connections to the world around them when they are faced with learning new material. This fact often appears in mathematics classes when they ask, “When are we ever going to use this?”

Some topics in our coursework have more obvious connections to everyday life, such as how to compute the interest earned on a savings account or how much gasoline is needed to drive to Dallas. However, it can be difficult for them to see the usefulness of learning the skills needed to solve algebraic equations. When students are given the chance to use those skills to select the best price from various party-planning companies, they feel empowered by their knowledge of how to mathematically make the best choice.

A challenge we have discussed in the math department is how best to help students evaluate their answers for reasonableness. We frequently prompt our students to check each answer to ensure that it makes sense. Recognizing when a response cannot possibly be correct is a critical mathematical skill, and it can lead to some valuable life lessons. Arriving at a \$200 tip on a \$150 restaurant bill should raise a red flag and motivate students to go back and try again.

As we inch closer to summer vacation in a couple more months, math teachers will continue to challenge your children to grow their knowledge and evaluate their work.

We hope that students will find ways to practice their math skills during the summer outside of the classroom. IXL will continue to be available to all returning students in June and July, but shopping trips and vacation planning can be great ways to show young people how math fits into life. I encourage parents to ask their children to try their tipping skills next time they are at a restaurant. Hopefully, you will be pleased with the results!

Warmly,

Julie Downs  
Department Head  
Sixth-Grade Math

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### **Grades 6–8: Middle School Dance Is NEXT Friday, April 26**

The Middle School Dance will be taking place on **Friday, April 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus**. The dance is for students in grades 6–8. The theme of this year's dance is "Mission Impossible"! Students are encouraged to interpret the theme how they see fit, but they must be sure to wear school-appropriate attire.

### **Athletics Physicals for Returning Students Are May 15**

St. Francis will be providing on-campus athletics physicals for returning students on Wednesday, May 15. Please be on the lookout for the information packet that will be sent home with your student in the coming days. If you have any questions, [email Jamie Platt](#).

### **Submit Community Service Hours by May 3**

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\*\*](#). **The deadline to submit Community Service Hours for the 2023–24 school year is Friday, May 3.**

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Monday, April 15**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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### **Tuesday, April 16**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Wednesday, April 17**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *LS/MS Art Car Parade:* 1:15–2:00 p.m.
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### **Thursday, April 18**

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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- *Pack the Park (Varsity Baseball Team vs. Alpha Omega): 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Baseball Field 6*
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### **Friday, April 19**

- *"A" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
  - *Seventh-Grade Visits Upper School*
  - *LS/MS/US Spring Concert: 6:30 p.m.*
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### **Monday, April 22**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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### **Tuesday, April 23**

- *"A" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Wednesday, April 24**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## Friday, April 26

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  - *Middle School Dance: 6:00–9:00 p.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus*
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## Sunday, April 28

- *St. Francis Festival*

## Upper School

### From the Interim Head of School

I shared the following homily this week with the Upper School:

Several years ago, on a Wednesday evening as my wife and I were cleaning up after dinner, our telephone rang and my wife answered. "Hi, Lauren," my wife said with a twinkle in her eye. I knew it was our daughter calling from college. But then my wife's face turned to a look of concern. "Here, talk to Dad." And she handed me the phone.

"Dad," said Lauren. "OK, I have just had a car accident on I-85 on the way to church. Don't worry; I am fine. Listen, the car is on its side, and I can't get into it to get the insurance information from the glove compartment, so I need you to give me our insurance number. A police officer is standing here waiting for it, so can you tell me what it is?"

Stunned, I could hear a great deal of chaos in the background. I could hear someone crying; sirens were blaring; horns were sounding; and there was much yelling and commotion. Through it all, Lauren was as calm as could be. It was as if she were reading a book rather than having been in an accident. I asked her what phone she was using, and she said it was the cell phone of a lady who had stopped to help her because she could not get to her own, which was inside the car.

After talking her through the insurance information and making sure that the car was being towed back to a garage near her school and that she was, indeed, OK, I hung up. Both my wife and I were struck by how calm she was. Because she had not really described in detail what happened, and because no other vehicles were involved, we assumed that she was in the right-hand lane of the highway, lost control, and flipped over onto the right shoulder. It was a bit alarming, but because she seemed to be fine, we did not worry.

The following night, we got a phone call from the same number that had called us the previous night. It turned out to be the woman who owned the cell phone. She had called to see how Lauren was doing. And then she explained another reason she was calling.

"I have to tell you the story of last night, because I have been telling people all day long. I was driving in the far left-hand lane, and Lauren was right behind me. Traffic was heavy since it was rush hour, but we were all moving along at 60 to 65 miles per hour. Suddenly, the cars in our lane ahead of us started to break. Apparently, a truck had a fender-bender with a car, but instead of working his way over to the right-hand shoulder, he just stopped in the far left-hand lane.

'Cars were braking wildly. I was able to stop without hitting the car in front of me, so I looked into the rear-view mirror. Lauren was behind me, and I saw a brief look of panic as she realized that she had to brake quickly. She was surrounded. There was nothing but guardrail to our left; I was directly in front of her; a big tractor-trailer was on her right, and one was right behind her. Lauren chose to steer hard to the right so as not to hit me.

"I thought this was going to be bad because she had nowhere to go. I turned around to look back at what was to unfold. When I turned around, I couldn't believe what I saw. Suddenly, all of the traffic was completely gone from the road. It was just Lauren in her car. Because she had steered so hard, her car had gone into a slow spin. Spinning around three times as it worked its way to the right-hand side of the road, her car crossed three lanes of traffic until it came to a stop in the breakdown lane of the far right side. Her car flipped over on its side, and then, suddenly, all the traffic was back rushing past. She was never touched by another vehicle.

"Cars began to stop to see if she was OK. Two men stopped, rushed over, and pulled her out of the car through the passenger window. I worked my way over to see how she was. When I reached her, I couldn't believe how calm she was. When I mentioned it to her, she said, 'I am fine. God was with me.' When she said that, and with what I had just witnessed, I just started to cry. I had just seen a miracle."

When I had a chance to talk further with my daughter, she did not see it as a miracle. She saw it as having put her complete faith in God. Remember that I said she was going to church? Well, she had just been to one service, and she was heading to a second one in a neighboring town. Wednesday nights in her church are mainly evenings of testimonials—stories where people share healings they have experienced—and she told me that in the service she had just attended, many of the testimonials happened to be about surviving car accidents. She also admitted something else to me. She said, "When I steered hard to the right, I was suddenly so sure of God's presence, I just let go of the wheel and let Him take over. I was never worried or afraid."

We often pray to God, and we ask a lot of Him. But I am wondering how often we really trust in Him and truly put our faith in Him. I am thankful that my daughter did.

Warmly,

Mark Kelly  
Interim Head of Upper School



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### **Monday, April 15**

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Junior Ring Ceremony: 6:00–7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church; mandatory for juniors; dress uniform required*
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  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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- *Regular Uniform*

- *Art Car Parade (Special Schedule)*
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  - *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
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  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Senior Exams Begin*
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## Friday, April 26

- “A” Day
  - *SFES Spirit Dress*: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
  - *Senior Exams*
  - *Blessing of the Seniors Chapel*: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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## Saturday, April 27

- *Junior and Senior Prom*: 8:00–11:00 p.m. at Blossom Hotel; formal dress

## Church

### **Wednesday Evening Music Program—Danny & Friends**

Join us Wednesday, May 8, when Dr. Danny Kelley, Carol Tsai, and a flutist colleague of Dr. Kelley’s will be performing a special music program in the church. Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by this much-anticipated musical event at 7:15 p.m. If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP to Julie Lowery via [email](#) or at 832.325.2994.

### **May 12: High School Graduate Blessing**

Graduating from high school and heading off to college or other pursuits is a life-changing event. We invite all high school graduates to join us on **Sunday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the church** for a short service of prayers and blessings to mark this momentous event. If you have a high school senior in your family, please plan to come to this special service to receive a blessing for them, their family, and their future. For more information, [email Allison Devlin](#).

### **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.

### **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, [visit the St. Francis Episcopal Church Outreach page](#) or contact the church's Director of Outreach [Heather Burkhart](#).

- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** has an urgent plea from the pantry team. For additional information, contact the church's Director of Outreach
- **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.
- The **Fair Haven Food Pantry** needs volunteers and donations of non-perishable food.

### **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 special events, 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:** Exodus
  - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](mailto:DavidPrice@stfrancis.org)
  - **Location:** La Madeleine
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is May 14.**)
  - **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)

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

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Waiting for God (**New study began April 3.**)
  - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](mailto:LouiseRichman@stfrancis.org)
  - **Location:** Via Zoom (Contact Louise for passcode.)

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Minor Prophets
  - **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://www.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.