

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of April 28

All School

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Spring Athletics Teams Make History—Go Wolves!

HJPC CHAMPIONS

- **Eighth-Grade Baseball:** Congratulations to the Eighth-Grade Baseball team who defeated a tough Second Baptist team, 6-4, to win their first HJPC championship since 2013!
- **Eighth-Grade Girls Lacrosse:** Congratulations to the Eighth-Grade Girls Lacrosse team for winning the 2024 HJPC Championships this spring! The Girls Lacrosse team went undefeated this season and beat St. John's, 17-5, to bring home their second championship in as many years.

HJPC APPEARANCES

- **MS Golf:** Christina Z. represented St. Francis as she competed in the HJPC Girls Golf Championships this spring. The boys were represented by the following players who competed in the HJPC Championship Tournament: Connor P., Parker H., Wofford S., Blake C., and Carson C. The boys team finished fifth overall in the tournament on a wet and soggy course.
- **MS Softball:** The MS Softball team advanced to the first round of the HJPC Championship tournament this spring.

- **MS Tennis:** The MS Boys and MS Girls teams both competed in the HJPC Championship Tournament. Sofia C. finished as runner-up in the Girls Singles division. Owen M. made it to the semifinals of the Boys Singles division.
- **MS Track & Field:** HJPC Individual track highlights include first place and a new MS record for Hanna B. and second place for Mila W. in the 800m; second place for Hanna B. and a new MS record and second place for Mila W. in the 1600m; fourth place for Elle W. in the 80mH; and sixth place and a new MS record for Thomas D. in discus.

TAPPS

- **Varsity Baseball:** Congratulations on advancing to the TAPPS playoffs for the first time in school history! The team finished third overall in the district and, in the second round of the state playoffs yesterday, lost a close ballgame 2-1 on a very windy day in Hearne, TX. We are very proud of the players and coaches for their outstanding season and the best finish in school history.
- **Varsity Golf:** Good luck to the following students who qualified for and advanced to the TAPPS State Golf Tournament: Marc D., Cayla P., and Riley W. The players will compete in Waco, TX, on Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30.
- **Varsity Tennis:** Congratulations to the following students who advanced to the TAPPS State Tennis Tournament in Waco, TX, and competed two weeks ago: Cally C., Luc D., Nickel E., Kaitlyn P., and Gauri P.
- **Varsity Track & Field:** Four student-athletes advanced to the TAPPS Regional Track & Field Meet in Seguin, TX, for the first time in school history. Toryus B., Gaby M., Wilkin P., and Dylan S. represented St. Francis well at the regional meet this past Friday. Toryus finished sixth in the 400m. Gaby finished sixth in discus and seventh in the shot put. Dylan took sixth in the 100m and 200m. Wilkin ran personal bests in both the 800m (2:12) and 1600m (5:08).

We are proud of these players, coaches, and teams—as well as of all our spring sport athletes and teams. We will celebrate our athletics school-wide on Friday, May 17. See below for details!

Buy Your Commemorative T-shirt to Celebrate our First-Ever State Championship!

To celebrate our first Varsity Basketball state championship, we are offering a limited-edition SFE Champs Spirit Wear T-shirt! Please [click here](#) to purchase the T-shirts for the whole family.



Primary School, Lower School, and Upper School students are invited to wear their T-shirts on Friday, May 17, when we celebrate all our student-athletes with cake at lunch. Due to the Middle School Awards Ceremony on May 17, **Middle School students may wear their T-shirts on Thursday, May 16.**

NEW! Stay tuned for the reveal of our “All-In” Spirit Wear T-shirt celebrating all our 2023–24 championship teams! The new design will be available at the first Spirit Wear sale of the 2024–25 school year.

St. Francis Art Car Wins Third Place

Congrats to all our student-artists who had a hand in creating the St. Francis Art Car, Wolf Pack, which placed third in the 37th Annual Houston Art Car Parade! Read all about its journey [here](#), and tune in to ABC-13 at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, to see highlights from this year’s parade.

May 8: Help Needed to Change Out Art on PPC

Please join us **Wednesday, May 8, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.** to help change out the student art display in the People Place and outside the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus.

- Anyone is welcome to join us—no experience needed! [Click here to sign up.](#)
- If you have any questions, please [email Annie Hartigan.](#)

Save the Date: Come See *Legally Blonde JR.* on May 10 & 11!

Mark your calendar! Our Middle Schoolers will be performing *Legally Blonde The Musical JR.* on Friday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 11, at 3:00 p.m. Look out for ticket-sale info in upcoming *Wolf Watch* announcements!

Primary School

From the Head of Primary School

What a joyous week it has been in the Primary School as we celebrated the extraordinary love of mothers and special friends! Our students poured their hearts into crafting special gifts and sharing precious moments with their beloved mothers, grandmas, and special friends. The children beamed with pride as they presented their creations, followed by a fun celebration where families shared stories and laughter.

Mothers hold a special place in our lives, guiding us with their wisdom, comforting us with their love, and nurturing us with their care. They are our first teachers, teaching us some of life's most valuable lessons through their words and actions. From comforting us when we're sad to cheering us on in our triumphs, mothers are our unwavering supporters, always there to lift us up and encourage us to be our best selves. To all the mothers in our St. Francis family, we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate you.

In addition to our Mothers and Others celebrations, we were thrilled to welcome back the St. Francis Primary School Book Fair this week! We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to prepare the book fair and to all the families who attended and purchased books. Book fairs play a crucial role in fostering a love for reading among our students, as they provide an opportunity for children to explore new stories and authors, igniting their passion for learning and discovery.

Best regards,

Ryan Kochel
Head of Primary School

Tomorrow Is a Late-Start Day

After a fun-filled Festival, all students, faculty, and staff will get to enjoy a few extra hours of rest tomorrow—Monday, April 29. Primary School carpool will begin at 9:30 a.m., and Early Birds will NOT be available. The school day will begin at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy your extra time!

Mark Your Calendar

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.; no Early Birds; carpool begins at 9:30 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

- *No Chapel for Pre-Primary*
 - *Primary II End-of-Year Parties*
 - *Primary II Bible Presentation: 9:00 a.m. in the Crum Athletics Center*
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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

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

From the Lower School Counselor: The 'I AM Project'

Throughout this year, our Lower School students have been working on various social-emotional learning skills during our monthly counseling lessons. These skills—which include growth mindset, goal-directed behavior, decision-making, self-awareness, personal responsibility, relationship skills, optimistic thinking, social awareness, and self-management—are constantly revisited and spiraled throughout our everyday learning.

This month, all of our LS students and staff participated in the “I AM Project,” which focuses on self-awareness and optimistic thinking. This mural is a wonderful representation of the unique and diverse qualities that we each possess, and it highlights how great we are when we all work together!

Order Your School Supplies Now Through May 21

It's time to order your child's school supplies for the 2024–25 school year! Orders may be placed until Tuesday, May 21, by following these steps:

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks.
2. Enter the school ID:
 - a. STF001 (St. Francis Lower School)
 - b. STF018 (St. Francis Middle School)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order. (Orders will be charged tax at checkout.)

Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Calling All Volunteers: We Need Help With Field Day This Week

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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Sunday, April 28

- *St. Francis Festival*
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Monday, April 29

- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, May 2

- *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.*
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Monday, May 6

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
 - *Fourth-Grade Field Trip to Camp Allen: 7:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, May 7

- *Kindergarten Art à la Carte: 11:15–11:55 a.m.*
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Wednesday, May 8

- *Third-Grade Art à la Carte: 8:30–9:20 a.m.*
 - *Lower School Preview of Middle School Musical: 1:30 p.m. in the FAC*
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Thursday, May 9

- *Ascension Day 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.

Middle School

Interview With Christopher G., Head of Middle School for the Day

Q: How long have you been at St. Francis?

A: I've been at St. Francis since first grade; this is my fifth year.

Q: What is your favorite memory at St. Francis?

A: The first Parent's Night Out that I went to for Explore and Extend. I'd never really done it before, but when I first did it, it was really fun. We did a Nerf gun war in the library, watched movies, and had dinner on campus. A fun night out.

Q: What is your favorite classroom experience at St. Francis so far?

A: In first grade for Ms. Jules, we did a presentation on our favorite restaurant. I think I did Maggiano's.

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: Math is one of my favorite subjects.

Q: Who is your favorite teacher?

A: My advisor, Sra. Cruzalegui. She lets us do a lot of fun things. We do a lot of celebrations in class. We won an award for the Pumpkin-Carving Contest and the Door-Decorating Contest.

Q: What advice do you have for students who are new to Middle School?

A: You have to be prepared, because there are a lot of quizzes and tests. You have to make sure that you're studying the right thing. If you spend too much time studying something that's not on the quiz, then you'll waste time and still be unprepared.

I find a bunch of videos to help me study. I will use the videos to review the topics and help me remember. I study differently than some other people. I have to see someone do it in order to get it. Sometimes the notes are confusing, but if I watch a video, then I have a better understanding of how to do the assignment or prepare for the quiz.

Q: What advice do you have for teachers at St. Francis?

A: Post videos and notes in case someone misses the class notes. This helps students who miss class or who had trouble understanding, so that they can go back and learn what they missed. This helps a lot.

Q: What advice would you give to St. Francis parents?

A: There are going to be a lot of nights when your students are going to stay up late finishing homework or finishing projects. Be patient and understanding with them as they learn to manage their time and try to finish all of their work.

Q: What do you like most about Middle School?

A: We have a computer that we can do all of our work on. I like that we have more classes like history and science, and I like that we have Spanish every day, because I really did like Spanish last year.

Q: What are your overall impressions of the Middle School?

A: It is fun, but it comes with a lot of challenges: projects, quizzes, tests, and homework. But it's a lot of fun.

Q: What have you learned from all of your classroom observations?

A: While conducting multiple classroom observations during my time as the Head of Middle School, I noticed that students seemed to be calm, engaged, and focused. I noticed that the teachers were making sure that students stayed on task and that they were all working on

the same things. The teachers care about their students and make sure that they are doing the right thing. It's a great place to work and learn.

It has been a joy and an honor to serve as the Head of Middle School for the Day. I enjoyed visiting classrooms and giving teachers feedback on their lessons. I also had the opportunity to announce a free dress day and to meet with the eighth-grade teachers and a candidate who was interviewing for a job at St. Francis. This is a great place to work and learn.

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Christopher G.
Head of Middle School for the Day

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St. Francis 2024 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent. This year, more than 300,000 students across the United States submitted original works in 28 different categories related to art and writing. On behalf of the Middle School arts and English programs, we are pleased to announce that the following students are recipients of a 2024 Scholastic Art and/or Writing Award!

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD WINNERS

- Eliza B.—Gold Key Award for *Self-Portrait*
- Eliza B.—Honorable Mention for *Howler*

- Sienna G.—Silver Key Award for *Gardenia*
- Lily T.—Honorable Mention for *Aussie Creature*

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARD WINNERS

- Eliza B.—Silver Key Award for *The Lilies*
- Eliza B.—Honorable Mention for *Freedom*
- Lily S.—Honorable Mention for *Poet Varley*
- Lily S.—Honorable Mention for *Colors*

REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARD CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION DATES

- **Gold Key Award Ceremony:** Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 a.m. at the University of Houston main campus.
 - The ceremony address is 4300 University Dr., Houston, TX 77004.
 - The ceremony parking garage is at 4434 University Drive.
- **Live Streaming of Ceremony:** The Scholastic Art Gold and Silver Awards will be streamed live on the Harris County Department of Education YouTube channel on Wednesday, May 8. (The link will be available on the [HCDE website](#) on Monday, May 6).
- **Printed Programs:** All Gold and Silver Key winners will receive printed programs detailing this year's honorees by Friday, May 31.
- **Reception for Middle School–Aged Artists Awarded Gold and Silver Awards:** Wednesday, May 1, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at Texas Art Supply, 2001 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX 77006.
- **Exhibition:** Artwork by middle school–aged winners of Gold and Silver Awards is on view through Monday, May 13, at Texas Art Supply, 2001 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX 77006.

Submit Community Service Hours by This Friday

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 this Friday, May 3.

Chapel: Eighth-Grade Parents Invited May 6

Father Wismer would like to invite the parents of eighth-grade students to attend Middle School Chapel on Monday, May 6, from 9:55 to 10:20 a.m. in St. Francis Episcopal Church. Our eighth graders will be highlighted throughout the service, from saying the prayers to giving the address. Please join us if you are able!

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](#).

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Wednesday, May 1

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, May 2

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, May 3

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
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Saturday, May 4

- *Admissions Placement and Advanced Academics Makeup Testing: 8:30–10:30 a.m. on Couper Campus*
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Monday, May 6

- *"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, May 7

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, May 8

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, May 9

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, May 10

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

Upper School

From the Interim Head of Upper School

The following are my remarks from the Junior Class Ring Ceremony:

Several summers ago, I attended a workshop of heads of school from around the country. At the opening session, the moderating psychologist talked briefly about the concept of courage, and then he asked us a question.

"When did you come into your own?" he asked. Explaining what he meant, he outlined the criteria necessary for the concept of "coming into one's own." It had to be a specific moment, probably sometime in our teens or early twenties, which included the following elements:

- It was a test for you.

- You were alone psychologically.
- You were taking care of others.
- It involved some sort of commitment.
- You were taking some risk.
- It was something bigger than yourself.

As he concluded his criteria, I knew exactly what that moment was for me—I was sixteen, and it was the last time I ever saw my grandfather alive.

Propped up in his hospital bed, “Gramp” was losing his battle with cancer. Having been there for several months, slowly deteriorating, his time was growing short. Despite this, he still managed the smile and twinkle I knew so well. We chatted a bit, but, because of his weakened condition, I did most of the talking. He was well enough, however, to remind me to wait until the pine tree pollen had subsided before washing the windows of his house. Then he blindsided me.

“One last thing,” he whispered. “You know ... when I am gone, it is going to be up to you to take care of the place ... and the family.” His words crushed me. Blinking back tears, I struggled to find the composure to reply. Heavy thoughts raced through my head, nearly consuming me. He had just handed me an enormous responsibility—one that I was not sure I could handle. Finally, he was also saying goodbye. I just didn’t know what to say. Recognizing my reaction, and my distress, Gramp had an answer. “Don’t worry. You know what path to follow ... and ... you are up to it.” With that, he squeezed my hand. I had just come into my own.

Looking back on it now, I realize that the psychologist knew what he was talking about. It was a test, and it was indeed bigger than I; I was supposed to take care of others; it involved both commitment and risk; and I certainly was alone psychologically.

The hour-long drive home from the hospital provided time to recover and to reflect on my grandfather’s words. Despite the heavy burden I was feeling, a few thoughts came into perspective. First—and this was the hardest part—I knew that he was right. It was up to me. Although I was third in line out of four kids, I had grown up being a sidekick to my grandfather, and, in that role, he had taught me a great deal about the running and upkeep of his property. I knew more than anyone else in the family did about it all, so I was the natural choice. Second, I realized that he wasn’t just unloading this on me—he also believed in me. Not only did he trust my resolve, but also he trusted my ability to see the right path and to follow it. Through his words—and the loving squeeze of his hand—he was telling me that he had chosen me on purpose. “You are up to it” helped calm me down on that day, and it has furnished the encouragement necessary to face countless situations during the years since then.

One thing did nag at me, however. Did I have the *courage* to see this through? Was I *brave* enough to accept this? Apparently, my grandfather thought I was, and so I gained my strength from him.

Since that day I have learned a few things about courage. I have learned that the only way to deal with fear is to face it. In the words of Robert Frost, “The best way out is always through, and the only way around is through.” In confronting fear, I have learned that courage is not the absence of fear—it is accepting it as part of the circumstances and meeting the challenge regardless of it. I have learned that courage is really having faith. It is the faith of believing in others, even knowing they are apt to fail. I have learned that *recognizing* the right path to take in any situation does not require courage—*choosing* to take the right path does require it. Finally, I have learned that courage grows not from the faith that you have in yourself, but from the faith that others have in you. That is the true source of strength. Being courageous is simple—it just isn’t easy.

Most of you probably have not yet come into your own, but you will at some point. College is the time when you are deciding *what* you want to be, such as your profession. Coming into your own, however, will force you to confront a different question: *who* do you want to be? This will be a matter of character, and it will determine the path you follow in life.

Randy Pausch, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University, became famous several years ago when he delivered, and then published, a book called *The Last Lecture*. Stricken with cancer, he discussed a series of beliefs he wanted to share with his students and with his children about how to live a good life. One of the most important ones was simple, and, although he was talking to his daughter about how to assess a man she might date, the belief is one all of us could apply about how to be dependable, how to be counted on to do the right thing. It is simply this: Don’t pay attention to what a person says, pay attention to what he does.

As you go forward, use your ring or keepsake to represent a commitment you have made. Make that object remind you to ask this question of yourself: “Can they depend on what I do as opposed to what I say?” If the answer is “yes,” then you are well on your way. Make that commitment today, Class of 2025; make that commitment today. You are up to it. Congratulations to you all.

Warmly,

Mark Kelly
Interim Head of Upper School

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Good Luck, Student-Athletes!

Good luck to the following students who qualified for and advanced to the TAPPS State Golf Tournament: Marc D., Cayla P., and Riley W. The players will compete in Waco, TX, on Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30.

Final Exams: Important Info + Schedule

Final exams are quickly approaching. This communication is to help you plan the week. Remember, attendance at the exams is required, and they count for 20% of the Trimester 3 grade. **Notice that the start time for exams is 8:00 a.m.** If a student does not have an exam, they do not have to be at school. Lunch will be provided for students who are on campus between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Students will receive more information about specific exams, as well as review guides, a few weeks before exams begin.

| Final Exams (May 2024) | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| | 5/20 | 5/21 | 5/22 | 5/23 | 5/24 |
| 8-11 a.m. | English I English II | World History I World History II | Spanish I Spanish II Latin I Latin II | Algebra I Algebra II | Physics 9 Chemistry Physics 11 |

Final Exams (May 2024)

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| 12-3 p.m. | English III | US History | Spanish III | College Algebra | |
| | | | Environmental Science | Pre- Calculus | |
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- *"B" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *No Chapel*
 - *Last Day for Seniors*
 - *Upper School Awards Ceremony*: 3:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
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Thursday, May 2

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, May 3

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

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 - *AP Exams Begin*: Exams end May 17
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Friday, May 10

- “A” Day
- *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

Church

May 19: Pentecost Baptisms

Pentecost is a day for celebration, a special day for baptisms. If you would like to have your child baptized, email [Sally Jo Flores](#) or call 832.325.2983 for more information.

Wednesday Evening Music Program—Danny & Friends

Join us Wednesday, May 8, for a special music program in the church, performed by Dr. Danny Kelley, piano; Dr. Carol Tsai, soprano; and Dr. Daniel Pardo, flute. 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 (\$15 per person), 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 Worship and Family-Focused 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 and Donuts**: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy a time of fellowship.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I Service**: 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional Service With Choral Music**: 11:00 a.m.

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](#) 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:** Exodus
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine
- The Men of St. Francis: 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:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Book Study:** *Waiting for God*
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **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](#)

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.