

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of August 18

All School

From Fr. Bob: Welcome, Wolves!

“Faith is confidence in what we hope for... .” —Hebrews 11:1

Welcome, St. Francis Community, to a new year! I am so excited to stand at the beginning of this year and to imagine the wonderful things God has in store for us! There is a wonderful little book by Charlie Mackesy called *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* that begins with these lines:

“I’m so small,” said the mole.

“Yes,” said the boy, “but you make such a difference.”

We may feel very small, and we may feel that our faith is very small, but when our small faith is placed in a very big God, we will all make such a difference in our world.

Over the course of the coming year, this banner space in *Wolf Watch* will highlight Scripture that binds us together and unites us in our faith. I look forward to walking this journey together at St. Francis.

In faith,

Father Bob Wismer
Senior Chaplain

Introducing a Revised *Wolf Watch* for the 2024–25 School Year

For our new families, *Wolf Watch* is our weekly newsletter, sent out nearly every Sunday during the school year and designed to keep you informed about activities across our campuses and divisions.

For our returning families, you might notice some changes to *Wolf Watch* this year. Along with an introductory Bible verse, we will also be streamlining the content to highlight only the most important updates each week. As a result, some editions may be shorter than others. But don't worry! We will still provide all the essential information you need.

We're excited to welcome all our students back to campus this Wednesday. Go Wolves!

Back-to-School Events: View This Week's Schedule

Back-to-school events are ongoing this week! All divisions have specific dates and times to meet teachers, set up lockers, receive laptops, and purchase Spirit Wear on both campuses. [View the full schedule here.](#)

Save the Date: St. Francis Festival Is October 20

The St. Francis Festival will be held on Sunday, October 20, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us this fall for fun, faith, and friendship—plus lots of good food and a chance to win a fish! More information about the St. Francis Festival can be found [here](#).

Welcome, New Faculty and Staff!

Join us in welcoming our new faculty and staff this year:

- **Stefanie Bates**, *Director of Human Resources*
- **Grace Cadwell**, *Primary I Teaching Fellow*
- **Shiao Chang**, *Upper School Science and Math Faculty*
- **Kaiyu Chin**, *Pre-Primary Teaching Fellow*
- **Amy Das**, *Primary I Teacher Assistant*
- **Yaneash Donaldson**, *Program Head Coach/Physical Education Faculty*
- **Dominique Dorsey**, *Primary II Teacher Assistant*
- **Delia Dunavin**, *Kindergarten Faculty*
- **Graham Eldridge**, *Upper School Spanish Faculty*
- **Casey Fleming**, *Upper School English Faculty*
- **Sharon Fry**, *Middle School English Faculty*
- **John Gibbs**, *Physical Education Teacher/Strength and Conditioning Coach*
- **Julie Gibbs**, *Pre-Primary Teacher Assistant*
- **Katherine Gould**, *Chaplain*
- **Emily Graves**, *Second-Grade Humanities Faculty*
- **Emily Hylden**, *Chaplain*
- **Christine Keyes**, *Pre-Primary Teacher*
- **Christina Longofono**, *Upper School History Faculty*
- **Katherine Morris**, *Primary II Teaching Fellow*
- **Alex Niestrawski**, *Upper School Math Faculty*
- **Erin Preston**, *Kindergarten Faculty*
- **Jason Prince**, *Middle School English Faculty*
- **Hatziri Rancaño**, *Middle School Spanish Faculty*

- **Melanie Richardson**, *Primary I Teacher*
- **Eli Rivera**, *Lower School Spanish Faculty*
- **Ernest Robertson**, *Director of Athletics*
- **Craig Roylance**, *Technical Theatre Director, Middle and Upper School*
- **Fabián Saldaña**, *Middle School Math Faculty*
- **David Settle**, *Middle School Math and Science Faculty*
- **Alaina Stephens**, *Director of Marketing and Communications*
- **Kimberly Suckow**, *Primary II Teacher*
- **Carolina Urrea**, *Kindergarten Faculty*
- **Danny Vega**, *Athletics Manager*
- **Hsiao-Lan Wang**, *Staff Pianist*
- **Laurel Wheatley**, *First-Grade Faculty*

For more information about all our wonderful faculty and staff, please [visit our online directory](#).

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, August 21—First Day of School

- *Regular St. Francis Uniform for PI and PII*
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Thursday, August 22

- *Regular St. Francis Uniform for PI and PII*
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Friday, August 23

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear (All) or St. Francis Uniform (PI and PII)*
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Note: *Chapels on Tuesday, August 27, and Wednesday, August 28, are student-only events.*

Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, August 21—First Day of School

- *Regular St. Francis Uniform*
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Thursday, August 22

- *Regular St. Francis Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
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Friday, August 23

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear: St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or St. Francis uniform bottoms*
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Note: Opening Eucharist is on Thursday, August 29.

Middle School

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, August 21—First Day of School

- *Regular St. Francis Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Thursday, August 22

- *Regular St. Francis Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*
- *First MS Chapel*

Friday, August 23

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or St. Francis uniform bottoms
- *Regular Class Schedule*

Note: *Opening Eucharist is on Thursday, August 29. Full Dress Uniform.*

Upper School

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, August 21—First Day of School

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular St. Francis Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*

Thursday, August 22

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular St. Francis Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*

Friday, August 23

- *“A” Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or St. Francis uniform bottoms; St. Francis sweats
- *Regular Class Schedule*

Note: *Opening Eucharist is on Friday, August 30. Full Dress Uniform.*