

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 8

All School

This Week's Bible Verse: 'Take Every Thought Captive'

"We take every thought captive to obey Christ." —2 Corinthians 10:5

Save the Dates for Homecoming 2024!

Mark your calendars to come cheer on our Wolves during Homecoming week! The Upper School Homecoming event and games are on Friday, September 27, and Middle School Night is on Thursday, September 26. All MS and US teams playing during Homecoming week will be celebrated. Be on the lookout for an email this week with all your Homecoming details. Go Wolves!

Parking Stickers: Piney Point and Couper Campus

Thanks to all who have registered your vehicles and displayed the SFE parking sticker decal on your front windshield! The more vehicles that display decals, the faster carpool will go, so **please be sure that anyone who consistently picks up your child(ren) from school registers their vehicle and displays an SFE sticker decal on their windshield.**

Here are some examples to help you determine whether a person who is not a parent/legal guardian needs an SFE parking sticker decal:

1. A grandparent or caregiver **occasionally** picks up your child(ren) from school. There is no need to register their vehicle. Simply inform them of your carpool number (as applicable per campus). They will, of course, be allowed in the carpool line to pick up your child(ren).
2. A grandparent or caregiver **consistently** picks up your child(ren) from school during regular carpool multiple days per week. Please **[register their vehicle here](#)** and ask

that they display an SFE sticker decal on their windshield. This will make the carpool pickup process easier for them on a daily basis.

We appreciate your patience as we implement this new initiative and distribute decals to those who have registered.

Volunteers Wanted—We Need YOU!

Are you interested in getting involved at St. Francis? We are currently recruiting volunteers for positions and events across all four divisions and both campuses. Upcoming needs include Homecoming, poinsettia sales, Teacher Appreciation events, and more! [Click here](#) to get involved. Need more information? Descriptions of volunteer opportunities can be found [here](#).

Booster Club General Meeting Is September 10

The Booster Club will have its first general meeting of the school year this **Tuesday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room** on Piney Point Campus. Come see what's going on in Booster Club and learn how to get involved.

Don't Miss These! 2 Expert-Led Talks About Raising Kids in the Tech Age

UNVEILING THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- **Speaker:** Dr. Crystal Collier
- **When:** Friday, September 20, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Where:** Piney Point Campus
- [Click Here to RSVP.](#)

As part of our focus on the effective and healthy use of technology, St. Francis welcomes Dr. Crystal Collier to speak to parents about the impact of technology on the developing brain. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC) to learn more about Dr. Collier's research on how technology use impacts academic, emotional, and relational functioning.

GROWING UP IN PUBLIC: COMING OF AGE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

- **Speaker:** Dr. Devorah Heitner
- **When:** Wednesday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Holy Spirit Episcopal School
- [Click Here for Tickets.](#)

Join Dr. Devorah Heitner, author of the national bestseller *Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World*, as she shares advice and tips on helping children navigate today's world of technology and social media.

Primary School

Helpful Primary School Chapel Reminders

- If the parking spaces adjacent to the Primary School are full, there are additional parking spaces available by the Crum Gym on the northwest side of campus.
- Please note the **date change for Primary I Blessing of the Stuffed Animals Chapel**. This Chapel service, originally scheduled for Friday, October 4, will now take place on **Wednesday, October 9, at 9:30 a.m.**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 9

- *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 10

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
 - *Pre-Primary Parent Information Night: 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room*
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Wednesday, September 11

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
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Thursday, September 12

- *Primary I and Primary II Parent Information Night: 6:30 p.m. in classrooms*
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Monday, September 16

- *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 17

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, September 18

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend

Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 9

- *Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
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Thursday, September 12

- *Lower School Leadership Induction Chapel:* 8:20–9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC); fourth-grade parents only may attend
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Monday, September 16

- *Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
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Thursday, September 19

- *Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Middle School

Grand Canyon Trip: Sign-ups Due TOMORROW!

Calling all students in grades 6–8: After a multiyear break, the St. Francis Grand Canyon fall

adventure is officially on the books! **We need at least 35 students to make the trip a go, so be sure to sign up by tomorrow's deadline—Monday, September 9.**

- **When:** November 23–27, 2024 (Students will return early on the 27th to allow for Thanksgiving travel.)
- **Where:** Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, Horseshoe Bend Overlook, Antelope Canyon, South Kaibab Trail, and more!
- **For More Information:** [Click here for all the details](#), an application, a link to Grand Classroom to register, and a link to the recording of the Zoom parent information session.

Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony: One Car Per Family, Please

Parents, please join us for the Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony tomorrow—Monday, September 9—at 9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Limited parking is available on the Piney Point Campus, so we are asking family members to ride together so that everyone may enjoy this event with their children. (One car per family, please.)

Summer 2025 Travel Destinations and Dates

There is no time like the start of school to begin planning for next summer! Below are the trips that will be offered to Middle School students in summer 2025. Specific information on each trip, including how to sign up, will be included in future editions of *Wolf Watch*. With questions, please reach out to Ted Lakoski, director of experiential travel, at 713.458.6157 or via [email](#).

- **Washington, DC**
 - **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
 - **Date:** June 1–5, 2025
 - **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui
- **Costa Rica**
 - **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled eighth graders
 - **Date:** June 1–14, 2025
 - **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward
- **London, Paris, Italy, Lucerne, and More!**
 - **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (grades 9–12)
 - **Date:** June 2–13, 2025
 - **Trip Leader:** Marion Tolon
 - [View the trip details.](#)

A Note About Community Service Hours

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others. During the 2024–25 school year, students in each grade level are required to participate in completing 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 the [Community Service Hours Request Form](#) and drop it off in the Middle School Office or email a PDF to [Sarah Flores](#). The deadline to submit volunteer hours for the 2024-25 school year is Friday, May 2, 2025.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 9

- *"A" Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony: 9:20–10:25 a.m.*
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Tuesday, September 10

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Wednesday, September 11

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Thursday, September 12

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*

- *Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.*
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Friday, September 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *St. Francis Spirit Wear: St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or St. Francis uniform bottoms*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Monday, September 16

- *“B” Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
 - *Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.*
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Tuesday, September 17

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Wednesday, September 18

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Thursday, September 19

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
 - *Chapel*
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Upper School

Order Homecoming Mums and Garters by September 18!

Show your support for the Wolves at the big Homecoming game with a custom mum or garter! Mums (\$100) and garters (\$75) can be personalized with a student's name, year, and/or sport.

- What are mums and garters? Who are they for? [Click here for FAQs and photos.](#)
- [Click here](#) to order yours!
- All mums and garters will be delivered to students the week of Homecoming.
- Questions? [Email Charity Todd.](#)
- The deadline to order is Wednesday, September 18.

Parents of Juniors: College Info Meeting Is September 18

Parents of juniors, please join us for a college counseling meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Nau Dining Hall (Student Life Center) on Couper Campus. We'll review junior year expectations, the college admissions timeline, and other important information for junior families. Students are not required to attend.

Note About Midterm and Final Exam Schedule

This is a reminder that students will have midterm and final exams through the entire last week of both semesters, including on December 20 for Semester 1 and on May 23 for Semester 2. Students are expected to be on campus during the week of their exams. We will release full exam schedules for midterms within the next month and for finals in the spring.

This Friday: Last Day to Drop Classes

The last day to drop a class is this Friday, September 13. After September 13, any student who needs to be removed from a class will receive a Withdraw on their transcript.

On-Campus Tutoring Available This Year

We are happy to be initiating on-campus tutoring with Academic Independence this year. Parents may enroll their students in tutoring during their student's study hall. Academic Independence offers a range of services, from subject-area tutoring to assistance with

executive-functioning skills. For more information, please [visit the Academic Independence website](#).

Summer 2025 Travel Opportunity to Europe

This summer, St. Francis is offering our Upper School students the trip of a lifetime!

- **Where:** London, Paris, Italy, Lucerne, and more!
- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (grades 9–12)
- **Date:** June 2–13, 2025
- **Trip Leader:** Marion Tolon
- [View the travel details.](#)

More information will be coming soon, along with a Zoom parent information session. With questions, please reach out to Ted Lakoski, director of experiential travel, at 713.458.6157 or via [email](#).

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- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, September 10

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Wednesday, September 11

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, September 12

- *"B" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, September 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, September 16

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Tuesday, September 17

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
-

Wednesday, September 18

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Junior Parent College Information Night: 6:30–8:30 p.m. in Nau Dining Hall (Student Life Center)*
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Thursday, September 19

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, September 20

- *“B” Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Monday, September 23–Friday, September 27

- *Homecoming Week*

Church

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 II Traditional Service With Choral Music:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I Service:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel

Reading Buddies Program Returns to Woodview Elementary

The **Reading Buddies** program is returning to Woodview Elementary for the 2024–25 school year. The program starts in October, preceded by a brief training session in September.

- Our volunteers will be partnered with second-grade students who are on the cusp of success, where Spring Branch Independent School District has found that reading intervention can significantly improve outcomes.
- Volunteers will be expected to read with their assigned students for 30 minutes each week.
- For more information, contact Tim Blaine via [email](#) or at 832.247.8667.

Join Us for Lower and Middle School Book Clubs

On Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service, Lower and Middle School students are invited to join their friends for weekly meetings to talk about some amazing, Biblically inspired stories. Book clubs will meet in rooms 204 and 207, upstairs in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.

- Grades 1–4: *The Dead Sea Squirrels* by Mike Nawrocki
- Grades 5–8: *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan

We need more high school–aged volunteers! For more information or to sign up or volunteer, please [email Allison Devlin](#).

First Communion Classes Continue September 22

Children in second grade and up are invited to participate in First Communion Classes to prepare for receiving the Holy Eucharist.

- First Communion Classes began today and will continue on Sunday, September 22; Sunday, October 6; Sunday, October 20; and Saturday, November 2. First Communion Sunday is on November 3.
- Sunday classes are held in CE206 after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service.
- For more information or to sign up, [email Allison Devlin](#).

September 15: Preschool Sunday Family Event

Parents of preschoolers, get together on Sunday, September 15, after the 9:00 a.m. service for a time of fellowship, parenting resources, and supervised snack and craft time for little ones. Meet in room 207, upstairs in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. For more information or to sign up, please [email Allison Devlin](#).

September 20: Garden Girls Workshop

Learn how to create a garden that is simple to maintain, productive, stylish, and complementary to your lifestyle! Local celebrities the Garden Girls will be hosting a workshop on Friday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in room 209, upstairs in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. For more information or to sign up, please [email Allison Devlin](#).

September 29: High School Speaker Series

Hear from young adults about their walk with Christ and how their relationship with God has impacted their careers, life choices, and experiences. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in room 209, upstairs in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. For more information or to sign up, please [email Allison Devlin](#).

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 **baby wipes, tissues, size 6 diapers, dish soap, and spray cleaner**.
- **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.

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 on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](#) by clicking on "Prayer & Worship" at the top left of the website, then clicking on the "Prayer Requests" link in the dropdown menu.

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Gospel of John
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (except on second Tuesday of each month, when group meets in Wheatcroft Parish Hall)
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Study: Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is September 10.**)
 - **Study:** The Book of Genesis (Life of Joseph)
 - **Location:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Gospel of John
 - **Location:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)

- Thursdays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. (**Meetings resume September 12.**)
 - **Book Study:** Christian Character
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Location:** Via Zoom (Contact Louise for passcode.)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Gospel of Mark
 - **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. Scroll down to the "Watch Our Live Stream" section. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.