

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 20

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. —Matthew 5:16

A Special Note From Father Wismer

As we prepare for a special holiday at the end of the month, let us remember the history of it.

The celebration was traditionally referred to as All Hallows' Day, and the evening before was called All Hallows' Eve, or Hallowe'en. Today, it's shortened even further into Halloween. The word Hallow is an old word for Holy that has pretty much fallen out of use, except for the way we use it every time we say the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.*

And since those who are trying to be holy are called Saints, the name we use in the Episcopal Church is All Saints' Day. We celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1 (and the evening before) in honor of all those who strive to be holy like God, to love God, and to serve God. So, let's join those striving to be more like God and celebrate his love. May he shine his light into any darkness in our world. Let's lean into the good and wonderful things about our community this Halloween and All Saints' Day.

Yours,

Father Wismer

Upcoming Late-Start Days: Tomorrow and November 1

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming Late-Start Days:

- Monday, October 21 (tomorrow/the day after Festival)
- Friday, November 1 (the day after Halloween)

On these days, all faculty, staff, and students will start classes at 10:00 a.m. There will be no early childcare available. Student drop-off for all divisions on both campuses will begin at 9:30 a.m.

This Week: Donate to the Kitty Elliott Coat Drive

As part of St. Francis's annual Kitty Elliott Coat Drive, SFES will be accepting donations of **new and gently used coats in sizes Child XS through Adult XXL** this week. The annual coat drive supports Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) by collecting new and used coats so they are available to children and teens in Spring Branch Independent School District before the cold temperatures hit.

This year, it's even easier to donate! Here's how:

- **Drop coats off in your child's classroom (Primary School), homeroom (Lower School), or advisor's room (Middle School/Upper School)** on either Piney Point Campus or Couper Campus.
- **Visit the [Amazon Wish List](#)** set up by NJHS sponsor Dr. Eric Lloyd to purchase a coat for the drive. Be sure to label the donation with your child's name so they receive credit!

Let's show our community that we are people for others!

Wednesday: Don't Miss Dr. Devorah Heitner

This Wednesday, 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.

- **Speaker:** Dr. Devorah Heitner
- **When:** Wednesday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Holy Spirit Episcopal School (12535 Perthshire Rd.)
- **[Click Here for Tickets.](#)**

Authors McMillan and Prillaman Are Visiting! Preorder Signed Books by November 8

On Wednesday, November 13, authors Kate McMillan and Ruthie Prillaman will be speaking to students in grades 3–6. If you would like to order a signed copy of their book, *Maple's Theory of Fun*, or of Ms. McMillan's new book, *Sustainable Structures*, please **[fill out this order form](#)** by **Friday, November 8**. Orders are open to students from any grade level.

Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) Volunteer Opportunities

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PREP

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, October 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** to help us get materials ready for the annual K–8 Christmas ornament–making project! Volunteers will help the art teachers with assembling supplies into kits for each grade level. Please meet in the area outside the Fine Arts Center at Piney Point Campus. All are welcome to help, for any portion of time that you can! To volunteer, please [sign up here](#).

ART CHANGE-OUT ON PINEY POINT CAMPUS

Please join us on Thursday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.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! If you have any questions, please [email Rita Pace](#). To volunteer, please [sign up here](#).

Spirit Store: One Week Left to Special Order Items!

The St. Francis Parents Organization Spirit Store is now taking preorders for some of the higher-end items you've been requesting! For **ONE MORE WEEK**, we will be selling the items listed below via [this order form](#). The order form will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, so don't miss out!

- Women's White Katie Kime Embroidered Button Down (\$140)
- Women's Grey Quilted Crewneck Chainstitch Sweatshirt (\$65)
- Men's Peter Millar Embroidered Hales Performance Polo (\$140)
- Girls Cheerleading Uniform (\$80)
- White Knot Headband (\$47)
- Red Headband (\$47)
- SFE Metal Yard Sign (\$95; please note that this item will still be available from the Spirit Store after the preorder window closes)

For photos and size charts related to the above-listed items, please [click here](#).

Primary School

Scrapbooks Now Available for Purchase: Order by November 15

Attention, parents of **students who were in Primary I and Primary II last school year!** Scrapbooks are available for purchase through Friday, November 15. These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific and capture class parties, seasonal events, and special days like Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, Splash Day, and more!

Remember to **order for your child's grade LAST YEAR (for the 2023–24 school year)** so we can make sure to get you the correct book.

1. Please Note: **The order deadline for scrapbooks is Friday, November 15, at 11:59 p.m.**
2. [Click here](#) to buy your scrapbooks today.
3. With questions, please email [Lauren Brown](#), 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

SFSA Basketball Registration Now Open

Registration for basketball through the St. Francis Sports Association is now open for students who are at least four years old, up through fifth grade. [Click here](#) for details.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 20

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday*
 - *St. Francis Festival*
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Monday, October 21–Friday, October 25

- *Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
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Monday, October 21

- *Late-Start Day/No Early Birds*: Carpool starts at 9:30 a.m.; classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Open Library*: 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, October 22

- *Primary II Sings in Chapel (Owens/Suckow)*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents with students in these classes are invited to attend
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Wednesday, October 23

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
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Monday, October 28

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, October 29

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.: Primary I parents are invited to attend
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Thursday, October 31

- *Fall or Halloween Attire or T-shirt for Students (No Costumes)*
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Friday, November 1

- *Late-Start Day/No Early Birds:* Carpool starts at 9:30 a.m.; classes begin at 10:00 a.m.

Lower School

Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

On Thursday, October 31, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear a Halloween-themed or Spirit Wear T-shirt with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

- Accessories like weapons or masks that cover the entire face.
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt
- The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts that apply to regular uniforms or casual-dress days also apply to costumes. Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.

Author Visit for Grades 3–6: Preorder Signed Books by November 8

On Wednesday, November 13, authors Kate McMillan and Ruthie Prillaman will be speaking

to students in grades 3–6. The interactive presentation, “Creating a Character,” will take students through a series of live-drawing, character-building exercises to create a main character, followed by a side character who pushes the main character to grow.

If you would like to order a signed copy of their book, *Maple’s Theory of Fun*, or of Ms. McMillan’s new book, *Sustainable Structures*, please [fill out this order form](#) by **Friday, November 8**. Orders are open to students from any grade level.

Scrapbooks Now Available for Purchase: Order by November 15

Attention, parents of **students who were in Primary II and Lower School last school year!** Scrapbooks are available for purchase through **Friday, November 15**. These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific and capture class parties, seasonal events, and special days like Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, Splash Day, and more!

Remember to order for your child’s grade **LAST YEAR (for the 2023–24 school year)** so we can make sure to get you the correct book.

1. Please Note: The order deadline for scrapbooks is Friday, November 15, at 11:59 p.m.
2. [Click here](#) to buy your scrapbooks today.
3. With questions, please email [Lauren Brown](#), 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

SFSA Basketball Registration Now Open

Registration for basketball through the St. Francis Sports Association is now open for students who are at least four years old, up through fifth grade. [Click here](#) for details.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 20

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday*: Joyful Sounds Choir performs at 11:00 a.m. service
- *St. Francis Festival*

Monday, October 21–Friday, October 25

- *Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
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Monday, October 21

- *Late-Start Day*: Classes start at 10:00 a.m.; student drop-off begins at 9:30 a.m.
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Thursday, October 24

- *Chapel*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.
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Friday, October 25

- *Joyful Sounds Choir Field Trip*: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; choir will perform at The Tradition and The Buckingham retirement communities
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Monday, October 28

- *LS Pumpkin-Carving Chapel*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.
 - *All Saints' Parties (Grade 4)*: 1:00–2:15 p.m.; students only
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Tuesday, October 29

- *All Saints' Parties (Grades 2 & 3)*: 12:15–2:15 p.m.; students only
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Makeup Hearing and Screening for Kindergarten & Grade 1*: 8:15–11:10 a.m. in the Kindergarten Pod
 - *All Saints' Parties (Kindergarten & Grade 1)*: 12:00–2:15 p.m.; students only
 - *Makeup Hearing and Screening for Grade 3 & New Students in Grades 2 & 4*: 12:15–2:15 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room
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Thursday, October 31

- *LS Eucharist All Saints' Chapel*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.; Joyful Sounds Choir will sing

- Special Dress: School-appropriate Halloween costumes are permitted (see guidelines at the top of this section for details)
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Friday, November 1

- *Late-Start Day*: Classes start at 10:00 a.m.; student drop-off begins at 9:30 a.m.

Middle School

Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

On Thursday, October 31, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with the casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear Spirit Wear shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

- Blood or weapons
- Immodest dress
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt
- The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts that apply to regular uniforms or casual-dress days also apply to costumes. Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.

Remember that we share our hallways with our Lower School friends. We wouldn't want any of them to be frightened by scary or horror-themed costumes, so no skeletons, zombies, ghosts, goblins, demons, or devils, please.

Author Visit for Grades 3–6: Preorder Signed Books by November 8

On Wednesday, November 13, authors Kate McMillan and Ruthie Prillaman will be speaking to students in grades 3–6. The interactive presentation, “Creating a Character,” will take students through a series of live-drawing, character-building exercises to create a main character, followed by a side character who pushes the main character to grow.

If you would like to order a signed copy of their book, *Maple's Theory of Fun*, or of Ms. McMillan's new book, *Sustainable Structures*, please [fill out this order form](#) by **Friday, November 8**. Orders are open to students from any grade level.

Current Fifth Graders: Purchase Scrapbooks by November 15!

Attention, parents of **students who were in fourth grade at St. Francis last school year!** Scrapbooks are available for purchase through **Friday, November 15**. These beautiful

Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific and capture class parties, seasonal events, special days like Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, and more!

Remember to order for your child's grade **LAST YEAR (for the 2023–24 school year)** so we can make sure to get you the correct book.

1. Please Note: The order deadline for scrapbooks is Friday, November 15, at 11:59 p.m.
2. [Click here](#) to buy your scrapbooks today.
3. With questions, please email [Lauren Brown](#), 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

Fifth Graders: SFSA Basketball Registration Now Open

Registration for basketball through the St. Francis Sports Association is now open for students who are at least four years old, up through fifth grade. [Click here](#) for details.

Travel Program: Summer 2025 Information/Sign-ups

Links to recordings of the Parent Information Sessions for trips to Washington, DC; Europe; Costa Rica; and Yellowstone are also below. Please sign up for these trips as soon as possible, as space is limited. With questions, please contact Ted Lakoski, Director of Experiential Travel, at 713.458.6157 or via [email](#).

- **Yellowstone National Park and the Tetons**
 - **TRIP UPDATE: Registration deadline is November 15, 2024.**
 - **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled seventh graders
 - **Date:** June 16–20, 2025
 - **Trip Leader:** Dr. Eric Lloyd
 - **Trip Information and Application:**
 - [Trip Details and Registration Information](#)
 - [Required St. Francis Travel Application \(To Be Printed\)](#)
 - **Parent Information Session:** [Click here](#) to watch the recording.
- **Washington, DC**
 - **TRIP UPDATE: Registration deadline is December 13, 2024.**
 - **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
 - **Date:** June 1–5, 2025
 - **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui
 - **Trip Information and Application:**
 - [Trip Details and Registration Information](#)
 - [Required St. Francis Travel Application \(To Be Printed\)](#)
 - **Parent Information Session:** [Click here](#) to watch the recording.
- **Costa Rica**
 - **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled eighth graders
 - **Date:** June 1–14, 2025
 - **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward

- **Pricing:** To be released later in November (air travel costs to be determined)
- **Trip Information and Application:**
 - [Tentative Itinerary](#)
 - [Required St. Francis Travel Application \(To Be Printed\)](#)
- **Parent Information Session:** [Click here](#) to watch the recording.

Europe

- **TRIP UPDATE: Please note that the current pricing listed on the [ACIS website](#) is valid until November 1, 2024. After that date, pricing may vary.**
- **Where:** London, Paris, Italy, Lucerne, and more!
- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Date:** June 2–13, 2025
- **Trip Leader:** Ted Lakoski, assisted by Marion Tolon (Coach T)
- **Trip Information and Application:**
 - [Trip Details and Registration Information](#)
 - [Required St. Francis Travel Application \(To Be Printed\)](#)
- **Parent Information Session:** [Click here](#) to watch the recording.

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

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

Sunday, October 20

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday*
 - *St. Francis Festival*
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Monday, October 21–Friday, October 25

- *Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
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Monday, October 21

- *Late-Start Day*: No tutorials; classes start at 10:00 a.m.; student drop-off begins at 9:30 a.m.
 - *“B” Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
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Tuesday, October 22

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Wednesday, October 23

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Thursday, October 24

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
 - *MS Chapel*: 9:50–10:20 a.m.
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Friday, October 25

- *“B” Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear*: St. Francis Wear Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Special Schedule*

- *Mid-Semester 1 Progress Reports Published*
 - *Eighth Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Game: 2:45 p.m.*
 - *Athletics Teams Fall Sports Jersey Turn-in: 3:30–4:15 p.m.*
 - *MS Fall Social: 6:30–8:30 p.m.; [click here](#) for more information*
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Monday, October 28

- *Grades 5–7:*
 - “A” Day
 - **Regular Uniform**
 - Regular Class Schedule
 - MS Pumpkin-Carving Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.; students only
 - *Grade 8 Departs for Boston: 4:30 a.m.; drop students off at 4:15 a.m.; students will gather in the Dining Hall prior to boarding the bus*
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Tuesday, October 29

- *Grades 5–7*
 - “B” Day
 - Regular Uniform
 - Regular Class Schedule
 - *Grade 8 on Boston Trip*
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Wednesday, October 30

- *Grades 5–7*
 - “A” Day
 - Regular Uniform
 - *Grade 8 on Boston Trip*
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Thursday, October 31

- *Grades 5–7*
 - “B” Day
 - Special Dress: School-appropriate Halloween costumes are permitted (see guidelines at the top of this section for details)
 - Special Schedule
 - All Saints’ Eucharist Chapel: 9:40 a.m.

- *Grade 8 Returns From Boston*
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Friday, November 1

- *“A” Day*
- *Late-Start Day for All Divisions:* No tutorials; carpool starts at 9:30 a.m.; classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms

Upper School

Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

On Thursday, October 31, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear a Halloween-themed or Spirit Wear T-shirt with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

- Blood or weapons
- Immodest dress
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt
- The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts that apply to regular uniforms or casual-dress days also apply to costumes. Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.

Parent Webinar Tomorrow: Making College Affordable

Parents of ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders are invited to attend a virtual webinar about making college more affordable:

What Every Parent Needs to Know Now About Paying Less for College

Monday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. (CDT)

If you are within four years of sending a child to college, now is the time to think strategically about how best to cover—and reduce—your share of the costs, regardless of your income or assets. Learn why some families vastly overpay for college, yet others increase eligibility for grants, scholarships, and aid.

Preregistration is required. [Reserve your spot today.](#) With questions, please email [Claudia Mejia](#), Director of College Counseling.

Midterm Exam Schedule Now Available

You will find the midterm exam schedule at this [link](#). Beginning in early November, teachers and advisors will work with students on their individual exam schedule, as well as on the logistics for exam week and the review sessions prior to exams.

Grades 10–12: Upcoming College Representative Visits

College representatives visit our school each fall. Students in grades 10–12 can view the list of visiting colleges via their Scoir accounts. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are encouraged to attend these informational meetings with college representatives to learn more about different colleges, major programs, and personal goals.

- College representatives visit during the advisory period.
- [View the list of upcoming college representative visits.](#)
- For further information, please contact [Claudia Mejia](#), Director of College Counseling.

Europe Trip in Summer 2025: Lock in Pricing by November 1

This summer, St. Francis is offering our Upper School students the trip of a lifetime, visiting amazing sites in England, France, Italy, and Switzerland. For more information, please watch the recorded information session (link below) or reach out to Ted Lakoski, Director of Experiential Travel, at 713.458.6157 or via [email](#).

- **Where:** London, Paris, Italy, Lucerne, and more!
- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Date:** June 2–13, 2025
- **Trip Leader:** Ted Lakoski, assisted by Marion Tolon (Coach T)
- **Trip Information and Application:**
 - [View Trip Details and Registration Information](#) (NOTE: Pricing on the ACIS website is valid until November 1, 2024. After that date, pricing is subject to change. Space is limited, so sign up now to lock in your pricing and secure your spot on this epic journey!)
 - [Required St. Francis Travel Application \(To Be Printed\)](#)
- **Parent Information Session:** [Click here](#) to watch the recording.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 20

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday*
 - *St. Francis Festival*
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Monday, October 21–Friday, October 25

- *Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
-

Monday, October 21

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Special Schedule*
 - *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, October 22

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Wednesday, October 23

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, October 24

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, October 25

- *"A" Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *Progress Reports Published*
 - *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Monday, October 28

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Thursday, October 31

- *“A” Day*
 - *Special Dress: School-appropriate Halloween costumes are permitted (see guidelines at the top of this section for details)*
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Friday, November 1

- *Late-Start Day for All Divisions: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
- *“B” Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Special Schedule*
- *All Saints’ Eucharist: 12:55–1:45 p.m. in Crum Gym*

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. in the church**

- **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

12-Step Recovery Program at St. Francis

If you, a family member, or a friend have a problem with alcohol, help is available. Please come join one of the 12-step recovery programs being offered at St. Francis. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held weekly on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Room CH207, upstairs in the Parish Hall Building. In addition, the Al-Anon Family Group begins on Sunday, November 3, in Room CH211 (upstairs). All meeting rooms are ADA-accessible. Park in the north parking lot and come in through the Parish Hall doors. If you have questions, please [email Tim](#).

Wednesdays: Women's Bible Study and Fellowship

Women of all ages and life stages are invited to join us for Women's Bible Study and Fellowship every Wednesday through November. Join us for a Bible study on the Gospel of John at 9:30–11:00 a.m. in the Wheatcraft Parish Hall. For more information or to sign up, [email Allison Devlin](#).

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 CH204 and CH207, 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](#).

Book Study Continues Today—'How to Know a Person'

Fr. David Price is leading a book study on the bestseller *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* on Sundays through November 3.

- Author David Brooks, an op-ed columnist for *The New York Times* and writer for *The Atlantic*, draws from many fields to present a hopeful, integrated approach to human connection. Consider purchasing your own copy, reading, and joining in.

- Discussions will take place at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.
- For more information, please [email Fr. Price](#).

This Week: Donate to Kitty's Coat Drive

The annual Kitty Elliott Coat Drive for Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) starts today—Sunday, October 20—and will continue through next Sunday, October 27. The annual children's coat drive supports MAM by collecting new and used coats so they are available to children and teens in Spring Branch Independent School District before the cold temperatures hit.

- A collection area will be set up in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Narthex. Please bring your new or gently used coat donations (in sizes Child XS through Adult XXL) to church today or next Sunday, or to the church office this week.
- Sorting of coats takes place on Tuesday, November 5, in CH209, and your help would be much appreciated. For more information, please [email Jeb Burkhart](#).

November 3: Introduction to St. Francis

Join Fr. Bates for an introduction to St. Francis Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 3. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the new library near the Parish Hall and nursery. Parents, you are welcome to leave your children in the nursery. This is a great opportunity for new or prospective members to get to know SFEC and Fr. Bates as he gives an overview of our mission, ministry, and programs. [RSVP to Julie Lowery](#)—or just stop in, and we'll happily welcome you!

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.

Now on Spotify: Sermons From St. Francis

[Sermons From St. Francis](#) are now 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!

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 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.
 - **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.
 - **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.