

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 27

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. —Romans 8:26

A Special Note From the Chaplains

We are reigniting the Care and Compassion initiative! Use [this form](#) to submit confidential prayer requests directly to the chaplains. (The form will also be available in Veracross for future use.)

Whether it is final exams, the loss of a pet, a big sports competition, the death of a loved one, major surgery, a marriage, or the birth of a child, we want to pray for you! There is also a section on the form to request specific tangible support for yourself or others, beyond prayer, if needed.

With questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us directly.

Yours,

Father Wismer, Reverend Katie, and Mother Emily

2024–25 St. Francis Fund Has Launched

Thank you to our 2024–25 St. Francis Fund Chairs, Clara and Danny Clark, and to all our [wonderful committee members](#) who will help raise \$1.6 million this year in support of the strong academic, athletic, artistic, and spiritual programs that set St. Francis apart.

The St. Francis Fund mailing went out last week, and we are grateful for the generous response from parents, which has already brought in over \$600,000—an amazing way to

kick off the school's most important fundraising priority! Please check your mail for the 2024–25 St. Francis Fund [brochure](#) to learn more about how your gift impacts St. Francis, or [make your gift now!](#)

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Is Wednesday

St. Francis's annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest is this Wednesday, October 30. Participants should drop their pumpkins in the People Place this Tuesday, October 29, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., or during morning carpool this Wednesday.

- [Click here](#) for the entry form.
- Pumpkins do not need to be real/carved. Feel free to decorate a faux pumpkin!
- Pumpkins must be picked up by the end of the day on Thursday, October 31.
- Categories: Best in Your Grade, Best Pumpkin Overall, Best "Collab" Pumpkin (Family, Friends, or Class Pumpkin), School Spirit Award, Best Book Character, Most Detailed, Most Unique, Most Adorable, Best TV/Movie Character, Best Food, Best Person, Best Animal, Silliest, Grossest, Spookiest, Best Sports Theme, and Best Carved Pumpkin
- Please contact [Leigh Williams](#) or [Jessica Keegan](#) with any questions!

Save the Dates: Golf Fore SFE

Are you ready to PAR-TEE? Our inaugural Golf Tournament and Sunday Funday Par-TEE website will be released soon! [Check out the Save the Date here.](#)

Here's what you need to know:

- **Monday, November 4:** Golf Teams and Sponsorship Information will be sent via email.
- **Monday, November 11:** Website and Sponsorships Go Live!
- **Monday, November 18:** Golf Teams Released (only 27 available!)*
- **December:** Individual Golf Spots Released (if available)
- **January:** Sunday Funday Par-TEE tickets released!

** Want to skip the line? Reach out to [Heather Camfield](#) about our Premier Sponsorship opportunity!*

Buy Tickets Now: Middle School Production of Annie JR. Is November 8–10

Join us November 8–10 for the Middle School production of *Annie JR.*! Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award–winning Best Musical, *Annie JR.* features everyone's favorite little orphan in her very first adventure. With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City.

Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil plans, finding a new home and family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks; his personal secretary, Grace Farrell; and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Come watch our 60 students in the cast and crew shine as they bring this classic musical to the stage at St. Francis. [Get your tickets here.](#)

Holiday Poinsettias: Limited Quantity—Reserve Yours Now

Support St. Francis by purchasing beautiful red poinsettias, grown by The Brookwood Community. [Click here](#) for more details and to reserve yours today!

Spirit Wear Pop-ups This Week: Outerwear Is Here

The first round of Spirit Wear outerwear is here! You'll have two opportunities to come shop:

Monday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gay Foyer on Piney Point Campus

Friday, November 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Spirit Wear Cottage on Couper Campus

You'll also be able to shop a restock of this year's T-shirts (at the Spirit Wear Cottage only).

LAST CALL for Special-Order Spirit Items

The presale for special-order Spirit items (Kate Kime button-down, ladies' chain-stitch sweatshirt, Peter Millar golf shirt, youth Cheer uniform, and SFE headbands) **closes TONIGHT at 11:59 p.m.**

- Due to the higher cost of these particular items, we will not be purchasing extra to sell at the Spirit Store, so if you want them, please order today.
- For more information on the items available for preorder, [click here](#).
- To place your order, please fill out [this form](#).

Great News for the Middle School Choir!

Congratulations to the following middle school choristers for representing our school at the Texas Private School Music Educators Association (TPSMEA) regional honor choirs this November:

- Annie M.
- Adele H.
- Javier M.
- Jack S.

- Matias G.
- Owen B.
- Marina R.

And a special congratulations to the following students for their placements within their respective audition rooms:

- Anice T. (5th Chair—Alto Room)
- Reid C. (5th Chair—Tenor Room)
- Elijah B. (15th Chair—Tenor Room)
- Henry H. (19th Chair—Tenor Room)

All of these Middle School Wolves will gather with students from other independent schools in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and other parts of the state to work with a guest clinician and put on a concert at Willow Meadow Baptist Church here in Houston. **Congratulations!**

Primary School

Helpful Primary School Reminders

All Primary School students are welcome to wear festive Halloween attire instead of regular school uniforms this Thursday, October 31. Please do not send your child to school in a costume on this day.

- During morning carpool, please have your child remain seated and buckled until your car has come to a complete stop for unloading. This will help ensure everyone's safety.
- During afternoon carpool, please ensure your child safety seats are completely installed before entering the carpool line.

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.
- Please Note: **The order deadline for scrapbooks is Friday, November 15, at 11:59 p.m.**
- [Click here](#) to buy your scrapbooks today.
- 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

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. and ends at 10:00 a.m.; classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Monday, November 4

- *Primary II Step Forward to Kindergarten (Capasso/Wiener):* Students only
 - *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 5

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
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Wednesday, November 6

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.: Primary I parents are invited to attend
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Friday, November 8

- *Primary II Step Forward to Kindergarten (Owens/Suckow):* Students only

Lower School

Wednesday: Makeup Hearing and Vision Screenings

If your child was not present for the recent hearing and vision screenings, please note that makeup screenings are this Wednesday, October 30. Screenings will be provided by Pine Woods Screening Services. These makeup screenings are **for students in kindergarten, first grade, and third grade and new students in second, fourth, sixth, and eighth grades who were not able to participate in the originally scheduled hearing and vision screenings.**

Here's what else you need to know:

- State-certified screeners will conduct the screenings during school hours.
- If your child has had any problems of which we should be aware, please send a note in with them.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- Students who wear glasses or contacts should bring them to school.
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist. If you have concerns about your child, do not hesitate to take them to your personal physician or specialist for evaluation.
- With questions, please contact School Nurse Fay Gant, RN, via [email](#) or at 713.458.6128.

Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

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

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 28

- *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 Vision 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 Vision 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

- *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 above in 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.*
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Monday, November 4

- *Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
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Thursday, November 7

- *Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
 - *Preview of MS Musical for LS Students: 1:30–2:20 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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Friday, November 8

- *Trimester 1 Ends*

Middle School

Winter Sports Begin Tomorrow: Important Details Below

Winter sports will begin tomorrow—**Monday, October 28**—for all students who are not on a school trip.

- **This Season's Options:** Winter offerings are Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Coed Swimming, Wrestling, and Physical Education. Students in grades 6–8 are required either to participate on a team or to enroll in a Middle School Physical Education class each season.
- **Sport-Change Requests:** Students completed a survey that reconfirmed or updated their winter sport selection. Sport participation will be finalized after the second day of practice, and sport-change requests will not be accepted after this time. Sport changes will also not be accepted after teams are split.
- **Practice Schedule:** With the exception of Coed Swimming, which will have a modified practice schedule, teams will practice or play every day after school.
- **Forming Teams:** Teams will be split by grade level when possible. If roster numbers do not allow for this, teams will be formed with mixed grade levels, as needed. For sports that have enough students for multiple teams, coaches will split rosters into separate teams after the first few days of practice and evaluations. Students may participate on a basketball or soccer team and swim as a secondary sport if they are interested in doing so.
- **PE Exemption Requests:** Families seeking an exemption for their student from the Physical Education requirement must submit a completed [Physical Education Exemption Request Form](#) to the Director of Athletics no later than one week prior to the start of the first practice for that season. Late applications will not be accepted for the winter season.

Practice schedules and carpool plans for winter sports will be posted in next week's *Wolf Watch*.

Uniform Reminders

As cooler temperatures have finally started to arrive in Houston, this is a good time for a few reminders about regular uniforms.

- Students should wear the uniform polo shirt underneath a sweatshirt. A sweatshirt only is not considered proper uniform attire. Sweatshirts worn inside the building must be St. Francis attire.
- Please check the length of skirts or shorts. Girls' skirts should be index-finger length. Undergarments or privacy shorts should not extend below the length of shorts or skirts.
- Only FlynnO'Hara or DENNIS Uniform bottoms should be worn.
- FlynnO'Hara is the only place to purchase new uniform items. They are very responsive to orders, and they are working hard to fulfill our needs. Their website can

be accessed [here](#).

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- 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.

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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!

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Fifth Graders: SFSA Basketball Registration Now Open

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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

Monday, October 28

- *Grades 5–7:*
 - “A” Day
 - **Dress 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
 - Regular Class Schedule
 - *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 above in 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
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Monday, November 4

- “B” Day
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
 - *MS Chapel*: 9:50–10:20 a.m.
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Tuesday, November 5

- “A” Day
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Wednesday, November 6

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
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Thursday, November 7

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Class Schedule*
 - *MS Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.*
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Friday, November 8

- *“B” Day*
- *Special Schedule*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear: St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Preview of MS Musical (Students Only): 9:40 a.m.*
- *Winter Sports Photos: 2:45 p.m.*
- *Opening Night for MS Musical Annie JR.: 7:00 p.m.*

Upper School

The Social Institute: CyberBack

In the past week, each advisory group ran a specific Social Institute lesson on the topic of CyberBack, exploring ways to support one another and create a more positive school culture in person and online. Please click on your student’s grade link below for further information on the curriculum and for resources on how to continue the conversation at home.

- [Grade 9](#): Sharing Our Stance on Screenshots and Their Impact on Friendships
- [Grade 10](#): Reflecting on Our Role as Explicit A.I.-Generated Content Spreads
- [Grade 11](#): Examining the Complexities of “Canceling” and What That Means for our School
- [Grade 12](#): Navigating the Aftermath of Interviews, From Writing Follow-ups to Facing Rejection

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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 college representative visits in October.](#)
- For further information, please contact [Claudia Mejia](#), Director of College Counseling.

Europe Trip in Summer 2025: Lock in Pricing by FRIDAY!

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

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*
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Wednesday, October 30

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Thursday, October 31

- *“A” Day*
 - *Special Dress:* School-appropriate Halloween costumes are permitted (see guidelines above in 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
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Monday, November 4

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Thursday, November 7

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Special Schedule*
 - *“Rethinking Failure” Presentation by Dr. Becca North: 11:25 a.m.–12:20 p.m.*
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Friday, November 8

- *“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*

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 are 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 20. Join us for a Bible study on the Gospel of John at 9:30–11:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Church 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 St. Francis Church 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 Ends November 3—'How to Know a Person'

Fr. David Price's book study on the bestseller *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* ends next Sunday, 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 take place at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.
- For more information, please [email Fr. Price](#).

Final Chance: Donate to Kitty's Coat Drive

Today (Sunday, October 27) is the last chance to donate to the annual Kitty Elliott Coat Drive for Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM). 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 has been 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.
- Sorting of coats takes place on Wednesday, November 6, 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 next 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 St. Francis Church 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:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Gospel of John
 - **Location:** St. Francis Church 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.