

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of November 3

### All School

#### **This Week's Bible Verse**

*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.* —Joshua 24:15

#### **Coat Drive Breaks Donation Record by 314 Coats!**

The Kitty Elliott Coat Drive has concluded, with 771 coats collected! Our goal was to beat the old record of 457 coats donated. Thank you for your support of this very important charity event for Memorial Assistance Ministries Houston.

#### **Get Ready for Book Fair on November 18–22**

All students in grades K–8 will have a designated time to visit the Book Fair the week of November 18. Lower School students will visit with their grandparents/special friends/teachers on Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, and Middle School students will visit with their English class.

- The Book Fair will also be open for any parents to visit on Monday, November 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 19, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **We encourage our families with Primary School students to plan on attending during these times.**
- We are excited to partner with I:55, a faith-based book fair vendor, for this year's fair. E-wallets are not available, so we suggest sending cash with your student to shop. Apple Pay and debit and credit cards will also be accepted.
- All Book Fair proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the library.

#### **Congrats to the 2024 Pumpkin-Carving Contest Winners!**

The 2024 Pumpkin-Carving Contest received 116 entries this year, with the third graders having the most submissions by grade level with a whopping 22 pumpkins! Congratulations

to each of the winners and to everyone for participating. Please see the complete list of winners [here](#).

### **Buy Tickets Now: Middle School Production of *Annie JR.* Is Next Weekend**

Join us next weekend, 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. 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.](#)

### **Last Chance: Preorder Signed Books From Visiting Authors by Friday**

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 this Friday, November 8. Orders are open to students from any grade level.

### **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!

### **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!

## **Primary School**

### **Helpful Primary School Reminders**

- 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.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **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
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## Monday, November 11

- *Primary School Picture Makeup Day*
  - *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*
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## Tuesday, November 12

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.;* Primary II parents are invited to attend
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## Wednesday, November 13

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

## Lower School

### **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.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

## 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 Annie JR. for LS Students: 1:30–2:20 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; students only*

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## Friday, November 8

- *Trimester 1 Ends*

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## Monday, November 11

- *Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
- *Trimester 2 Begins*

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## Thursday, November 14

- *Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*

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## Friday, November 15

- *Trimester 1 Report Cards Released*

## **Middle School**

### **Early Pickup Procedures for Grades 6–8**

If you need to pick up your child from PE or sports practice between 2:45 and 4:00 p.m., please notify the coach that you will be picking up your child early. When you arrive, park in the front and walk to the front office to sign your child out. Then, please walk to the location where your child is practicing (Field, OAC, Gym) and pick them up there. Coaches are unable to leave practice to walk students to the front office.

### **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.
- 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.

### **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 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**
  - **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, November 4**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Regular Class Schedule*
  - *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*
  - *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 (Annie JR.): 9:40 a.m.; students only*
  - *Winter Sports Photos: 2:45 p.m.*
  - *Opening Night Performance of Annie JR.: 7:00 p.m.*
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### **Saturday, November 9**

- *Performance of Annie JR.: 7:00 p.m.*
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### **Sunday, November 10**

- *Performance of Annie JR.: 2:00 p.m.*
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### **Monday, November 11**

- *“A” Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*



- *Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.*
  - *Makeup Photos: 8:15 a.m.*
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## **Tuesday, November 12**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Regular Class Schedule*
  - ***“A” Day Clubs***
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## **Wednesday, November 13**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Regular Class Schedule*
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## **Thursday, November 14**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Special Schedule*
  - *Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.*
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## **Friday, November 15**

- *“A” Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear: St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Special Schedule*
- *Indigenous People Program: 9:40 a.m.; students only*
- *No Clubs*

## **Upper School**

### **Midterm Exam Schedule**

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.

### Europe Trip in Summer 2025

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](#)
  - [Required St. Francis Travel Application \(To Be Printed\)](#)
- **Parent Information Session:** [Click here](#) to watch the recording.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### 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*
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#### Wednesday, November 6

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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#### Thursday, November 7

- *“B” Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
  - *Special Schedule*
  - *“Rethinking Failure” Presentation by Dr. Becca North: 11:25 a.m.–12:20 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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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*
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### **Monday, November 11**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Tuesday, November 12**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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### **Wednesday, November 13**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Thursday, November 14**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## Friday, November 15

- “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 today—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](#).

### **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](#) 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](http://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.