

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 5

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. —
Isaiah 60:1

Request Prayer and Other Support

Use [this Care and Compassion Support Request form](#) to submit confidential prayer requests directly to the chaplains. There is also a section on the form to request specific tangible support for yourself or others, beyond prayer, if needed.

Thank You for Making Christmas Merry and Bright!

The SFPO Cookies & Cocoa Employee Appreciation event on Friday, December 13, was truly a dream come true! SFE faculty and staff would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you who so generously donated cookies, treats, and contributions to the Christmas Gift Collection, making the event an unforgettable success. Your kindness filled our hearts with joy and left us all feeling the warmth of your thoughtful gifts as we headed into the holiday season. We are incredibly thankful for your love and support!

With deep appreciation,

The SFE Faculty and Staff

Help Shape Our Future: Please Attend a Strategic Plan Parent Focus Group on January 15 or 16

As a part of the strategic planning process, parents are invited to attend one of the two focus groups being held on campus. We strongly encourage you to attend to help us

shape the future of St. Francis Episcopal School. Please confirm your attendance by [clicking here](#).

Wednesday, January 15

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Couper Campus—Student Life Center (Black Box)

OR

Thursday, January 16

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Piney Point Campus—Fine Arts Center

Register Today for Spring 2025 Enrichment Classes

It's time to register for Spring 2025 Explore and Extend Enrichment Classes. We've added some new classes, hosted by super-fun instructors!

- [View the complete list of class offerings.](#)
- [Click here to register.](#)

Next Booster Club General Meeting Is Friday

Please join us for the next Booster Club General Meeting this Friday, January 10, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Student Life Center conference room on Couper Campus.

- Come see what's happening with winter and spring sports and athletics-related special events.
- If you can't make it to the meeting in person, but would still like to join, [click here for the virtual meeting link and dial-in information](#).

Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting: Join Us January 14

DON'T MISS OUR UPDATES!

Are you interested in joining the SFE Dads' Club? [Click here](#) to sign up for our email distribution list!

UPCOMING MEETING

Please join the Dads' Club at our second informational get-together on **Tuesday, January 14, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room** on Piney Point Campus. We'll have coffee and breakfast bites as we discuss how we can make an impact on and off campus this semester. Get to know other SFE dads and learn how you can get involved! Please RSVP by emailing [Stedman Grigsby](#)—and encourage your friends to join.

Save the Date: Sunday Funday Par-Tee Is February 23

Join us for a community-wide celebration! Connect with your SFE friends, meet new ones, and experience the amazing spirit that makes our community so special.

- All the details for our Sunday Funday Par-Tee can be found [here](#).
- Tickets go on sale Monday, January 13.
- Want to hit the green? The golf tournament is on Monday, February 24, and team tickets are still available [here](#). Don't miss out!

Primary School

Save the Dates: PS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days

Save the date for Primary School Grandparents and Grandfriends Days! The formal invitation will be sent this month.

- **Primary II:** Thursday, February 6, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- **Primary I:** Friday, February 7, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- **Pre-Primary:** Friday, February 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

A Note About Early Birds

Primary I and Primary II Early Birds are moving to the Primary I Cottage for the rest of the school year. Pre-Primary Early Birds will stay in the Pre-Primary Cottage.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*
 - *PS Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
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Wednesday, January 8

- *PS Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
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Monday, January 13

- *Pajama Ingathering Begins*
- *Open Library*

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Friday, January 17

- *PS Pajamarama*: Students only; students may wear pajamas to school
- *Pajama Ingathering Ends*
- *Winter Wolf Games*: 5:00–8:30 p.m. on Couper Campus

Lower School

Family Code Workshop Is January 27

Join us for a Family Code Workshop on Monday, January 27, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room. Smart Families, an organization dedicated to teaching safe and healthy use of technology, will conduct a workshop for parents and students in grades 3–8. We will focus on creating a supportive environment to protect children from high-risk behaviors. During the evening, you'll develop your own “Family Code,” reinforcing your values and positive, healthy ways to use technology. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 7

- Classes Resume

Thursday, January 9

- *LS Chapel*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, January 10

- *Trimester 2 Progress Reports Released*

Monday, January 13

- *LS Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*

Thursday, January 16

- *LS Epiphany Eucharist Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*

Friday, January 17

- *Winter Wolf Games: 5:00–8:30 p.m. on Couper Campus*

Middle School**Family Code Workshop Is January 27**

Join us for a Family Code Workshop on Monday, January 27, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room. Smart Families, an organization dedicated to teaching safe and healthy use of technology, will conduct a workshop for parents and students in grades 3–8. We will focus on creating a supportive environment to protect children from high-risk behaviors. During the evening, you'll develop your own “Family Code,” reinforcing your values, as well as positive and healthy ways to use technology. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

ERB Makeup Testing: More Information Will Be Emailed This Week

Makeup ERB Testing will be held on Wednesday, January 15, and Thursday, January 16. Students who missed all testing days should expect to also test on Friday, January 17. Students and their families will receive an email with more information this week.

Cold-Weather Uniform Reminder

With cooler weather finally arriving, jackets and sweatshirts are needed most mornings.

Please remember that only St. Francis sweatshirts are to be worn inside the building. **Students should always wear a polo shirt underneath the sweatshirt.**

Girls are welcome to wear sweats or leggings underneath uniform skirts. These should be solid colors (without patterns) in gray, white, blue, or black.

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

Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*
 - *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Schedule*
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Wednesday, January 8

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Schedule*
-

Thursday, January 9

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

- *Regular Schedule*
 - *MS Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m.*
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Friday, January 10

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Schedule*
 - *St. Francis Spirit Wear: St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Semester 1 Grades Released*
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Monday, January 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Schedule*
 - *MS Chapel: 9:40–10:25 a.m.*
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Tuesday, January 14

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Schedule*
-

Wednesday, January 15

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Regular Schedule*
 - *ERB Makeup Testing*
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Thursday, January 16

- *“B” Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *MS Epiphany Eucharist Chapel: 9:40–10:25 a.m.*

- *ERB Makeup Testing*
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Friday, January 17

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Schedule*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Pep Rally and Eighth Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game:* 2:30 p.m.
- *Winter Wolf Games:* 5:00–8:30 p.m. on Couper Campus

Upper School

US Bible Study: Join Mother Hylden on Wednesday Mornings

On Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m., join Mtr. Hylden on the Monumental Stairs to listen to and reflect on a monumental story from Scripture, and how it might apply to our lives today.

Visual Arts Exhibition: Opening Reception Is January 15

Please join us for our third annual Upper School Visual Arts Exhibition Opening Reception on Wednesday, January 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center on Couper Campus. All are welcome! For more information, please email [Caroline Herrin](#).

Fine Arts and College Career Panel Is January 22

All SFE Upper School students and parents are welcome to join us at our Fine Arts College and Career Panel on Wednesday, January 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center on Couper Campus. With questions, please email [Claudia Mejia](#) or [Kristina Revaz](#).

Save the Date: US Grandparents and Grandfriends Day Is February 7

Mark your calendar! For students in grades 9 and 12 only, Upper School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is Friday, February 7, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The formal invitation is coming soon.

Athletic Eligibility Reminder

Per TAPPS requirements, we submit grades periodically to the conference. Our next grade check for eligibility will be based on grades for the Semester 1 Report Card.

Those grades will be submitted to TAPPS within two weeks of our return to school this Tuesday, January 7.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 7

- *Classes Resume*
 - *“A” Day*
 - ***Dress Uniform***
 - *Epiphany Eucharist Chapel: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Wednesday, January 8

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Special Schedule*
 - *Alumni Panel to Visit: 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, January 9

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, January 10

- *“B” Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, January 13

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, January 16

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, January 17

- *“A” Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Wear: St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Semester 1 Report Cards Published*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *Winter Wolf Games: 5:00–8:30 p.m. on Couper Campus*
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Monday, January 20

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: School closed*

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

January 8: The Feast of the Epiphany

On Wednesday, January 8, we will observe the Feast of the Epiphany with a 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist. Come to this celebration—a feast of lights with music and candles—and stay, if you can, for dinner in the Parish Hall, followed by a short time of teaching: the message that God is manifest in the world for the salvation of all people. The light of Christ shines for all, and we are called to spread the word. **THE LORD HAS SHOWN FORTH HIS GLORY; COME, LET US ADORE HIM!**

February 2: New Confirmation Class Begins

All eighth graders interested in being confirmed into The Episcopal Church are invited to attend the Confirmation Ice Cream Social at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 2, to fellowship and hear from this year's class about what the Confirmation year entails. Parents are also invited to attend and learn more from Father Bates. For more information, [email Cindy Hutesson](#).

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 on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly in Room CH207, upstairs in the Parish Hall building; and the Al-Anon Family Group meets weekly in Room CH211, also upstairs in the Parish Hall. 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](#).

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. (On break—will start again in January 2025)
 - **Study:** TBA
 - **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** **Allison Devlin**

- Thursdays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. (On break)
 - **Book Study:** TBA
 - **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.