WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of January 19

All School

No School on Tuesday, January 21

Due to the winter storm approaching Houston this week, classes and all school activities are cancelled for Tuesday, January 21. Should there be any changes to the school schedule on Wednesday, we will them announce no later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

This Week's Bible Verse

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. —Ephesians 2:10

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.

Re-enrollment Opens on January 31

Online re-enrollment contracts will be released in the Parent Portal on Friday, January 31. You must submit the re-enrollment contract and the deposit by Monday, February 10, in order to save your student's spot for the 2025–26 school year. All spots not reserved by current families will be offered to new students through the admissions process. Questions about re-enrollment? Reach out to **Jennifer Glover**, Head of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

Join Us FORE a Day of Fun at the Golf FORE SFE Tournament!

⛳ One Hole. One Swing. One Epic Prize.

- Think you've got what it takes to be the MVP (Most Valuable Parent)? At this year's tournament, one perfect swing could win you **FREE TUITION!** Warm up that backswing, channel your inner Tiger, and take your shot at this amazing prize.
- Let's come together, celebrate community, and support this fantastic cause. Don't wait—secure your spot now!
- **Purchase your individual golf tickets here!**

Uniform Resale Pop-up Next Week: Volunteers Needed to Sort and Sell

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes during our carpool collection drive last week! Now we need help to sort and hang the donations on Tuesday, January 28, and to help us sell them at the Uniform Resale Pop-up the next day.

- Please **click here** to volunteer. **As an added bonus, Uniform Resale volunteers get first dibs at the merchandise before the sale even opens!**
- The Uniform Resale Pop-up will be on **Wednesday, January 29, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** in the Gay Foyer at Piney Point Campus. *(Please note the updated time from last week's* Wolf Watch*.)*

Nominations for SFPO Officers and Committee Due Tuesday

It's time to start thinking about the 2025–26 St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) Executive Committee. The SFPO supports the mission of St. Francis by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for our parent community to uphold the four pillars of care and compassion, school spirit, teacher appreciation, and community-building.

If you are interested in serving on the SFPO Executive Committee—or know someone who is interested whom you would like to nominate—please **email SFPO President Alison Plumhoff by this Tuesday, January 21**.

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* No school

Tuesday, January 21

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

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Wednesday, January 22

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

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Monday, January 27

- *Open Library*

Tuesday, January 28

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

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Wednesday, January 29

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

Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 22

- *Spring Enrichment Classes Begin*

Thursday, January 23

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, January 24

- *LS and MS Lunar New Year Event:* 2:00–2:45 p.m. in the FAC; students only

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Monday, January 27

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Smart Families Family Code Parent and Student Workshop for Grades 3–8:* 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room

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Wednesday, January 29

- *Student Holiday*
- *Parent Teacher Conferences:* 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 30

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Middle School

Canstruction: Can Collection Starts January 27

We are pleased to announce that Canstruction, the annual Middle School Ingathering, will be returning to St. Francis on Wednesday, February 19. We will begin collecting canned goods during Advisory starting Monday, January 27.

- Please make sure that all cans have a label, are not expired, and are not dented.
- Items will be used to build structures during Canstruction, and then will be donated to a local food bank.
- Last year, we collected just over 3,800 cans. Let's see if we can top that this year!

Science Fair Is January 28

Students will be displaying their science fair–experiment results in the Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, January 28. Displays will remain in place for Parent/Teacher/Student

Conference Day, which occurs on the following day—Wednesday, January 29. Families, we hope you will stop by and view the remarkable displays before or after your conference.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Are January 29

Please sign up for your advisory conference time on Wednesday, January 29, using the button on your Veracross home page. Students should plan to join their parents for these meetings with advisors.

Spring Sports Start February 3

Spring sports will begin on Monday, February 3.

- All students in grades 6–8 may try any sport on February 3 and Tuesday, February 4.
- On Wednesday, February 5, students must finalize their athletic choice and remain with their chosen sport for the duration of the spring season.
- To allow for adequate coaching coverage for all teams and classes, no changes to other sports or to Middle School PE will be granted after this date.

Uniform Reminders

The new year is a good time to check the fit of student uniforms and to ensure that all uniform expectations are being met.

- Girls' skirts should be fingertip length.
- Boys are asked to wear belts when wearing shorts or pants with belt loops.
- All students should keep shirts tucked in throughout the school day.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* No school

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Fifth-Grade Crime Stoppers Presentation*

Thursday, January 23

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, January 24

- *"A" Day*

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Special Schedule*
- *MS and LS Lunar New Year Celebration:* 2:00–2:45 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; students only

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Monday, January 27

- *"B" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Regular Schedule*
- *Canstruction Can Collection Begins:* Start bringing canned goods to Advisory for Canstruction on Wednesday, February 19
- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, January 28

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Regular Schedule*
- *STEAM and Science Fair*

Wednesday, January 29

- *Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Day:* **Students are expected to attend with their parent(s)**

Thursday, January 30

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Regular Schedule*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, January 31

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Schedule*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms

Upper School

Fine Arts College and Career Panel Is Wednesday

All SFE Upper School students and parents are welcome to join us at our Fine Arts College and Career Panel this Wednesday, January 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center on Couper Campus.

- If you are planning to attend, please **RSVP here**.
- If you have any questions, please email **Claudia Mejia** or **Kristina Revaz**.

Tenth-Grade College Admissions Case Study

All tenth graders are required to attend the College Admissions Case Study on Thursday, January 30, from 11:25 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. in the Crum Gym. A special schedule will be in place, so students will not miss class time. Lunch will be provided. This program helps students understand how grades and activities impact college applications.

The Social Institute: Protect Your Privacy

In the past week, each advisory group ran a specific Social Institute lesson on the topic of "Protect Your Privacy," examining ways to stay in control of one's personal information. Please click on your student's grade link below for further information on the curriculum and for resources to help you continue the conversation at home.

- **Ninth Grade:** "Respecting Others' Boundaries Online and Offline"
- **Tenth Grade:** "Polishing Your Privacy Settings on Go-To Apps, Browsers, and Devices"
- **Eleventh Grade:** "Sharpening Your Online Presence For Employees and Colleges"
- **Twelfth Grade:** "Protecting Our Data and Dollars on Popular Payment Apps"

Important Schedule Changes for the Spring Semester

Because of some updates to the Upper School schedule for the spring semester, the A/B Day rotation schedule has been adjusted. **Click here** to view the new schedule.

In addition, please note the following:

- The date of Upper School Parent Conference Day, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 6, has been changed. Upper School Parent Conference Day is now scheduled for Thursday, March 27.
- Immersions and Explorations Week is now scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, through Friday, February 21.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Fine Arts College and Career Panel:* 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center; see additional information above

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Thursday, January 23

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, January 24

- *"A" 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

Saturday, January 25

- *Upper School Winter Social:* 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym and on the fields

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Monday, January 27

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, January 30

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Tenth-Grade College Admissions Case Study:* See information above

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Friday, January 31

- *"B" Day*

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *US 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

First Communion Classes Start February 2

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

- Beginning February 2, students will attend First Communion Classes on Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. There will also be one Saturday class for families.
- Class dates are Sunday, February 2; Sunday, February 9; Sunday, February 23; Sunday, March 2; and Saturday, March 22 (family session at 10:00 a.m.). First Communion Sunday is on March 23 at 9:00 a.m.
- For more information or to sign up, **email Allison Devlin**.

February 2: New Eighth-Grade 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 Huteson**.

Adult Confirmation Classes Continue February 2

Father Bates is leading Adult Confirmation Classes for anyone wishing to be confirmed or received by Bishop Monterroso on Sunday, February 23.

- The second class was held today, and classes will continue on these Sundays: February 2, 9, and 16.

- Classes begin at 10:15 a.m.; are held in the St. Francis Library (across from the nursery); and last 30 to 40 minutes. At least three sessions must be attended.
- For more information, please **email Sally Jo Flores**.

Scout Sunday Is February 9

On Sunday, February 9, we will recognize our St. Francis Scouts at the 9:00 a.m. service. St. Francis hosts Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts in our facilities throughout the school year. Celebrate Scouting!

March 2: Choral Evensong in Honor of Rick Keith

Come enjoy a beautiful Choral Evensong in honor of Rick Keith on Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m., in the church. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the Parish Hall. The Choral Evensong will be led by Eric Murillo and our Middle School students. The Evensong will serve as our 5:00 p.m. worship on March 2, and no Eucharist will be held in the chapel that evening.

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. For more information, please **email Tim**.
- The Al-Anon Family Group meets weekly in Room CH211, upstairs in the Parish Hall. For more information, please **email Mary**.

All meeting rooms are ADA-accessible. Park in the north parking lot and come in through the Parish Hall doors.

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:** Gospel of John: Chapter 13
  - **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:** *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis
    - **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.