WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of February 2

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. —Matthew 22:37

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 Is Now Open

We are excited to welcome all of our Wolves back to the pack for the 2025–26 school year!

- To re-enroll for next year, log into the Parent Portal and click on the blue re-enrollment button.
- Follow the steps from top to bottom: update family information, select payment plan in the contract, confirm and sign the contract, and pay the deposit.
- Questions about re-enrollment? Contact **Jennifer Glover**, Head of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

Save the Date: Upper School Musical Is February 20–22

Don't miss the Upper School's performances of ***High School Musical*** on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 20
- Friday, February 21
- Saturday, February 22

All performances will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus. Be on the lookout for ticketing information in next week's *Wolf Watch*!

Games and Prizes at the Par-Tee—for Golfers and Non-Golfers Alike

Whether you're a pro with a perfect swing or someone who just loves a good time, this adults-only celebration is for you! Join us on Sunday, February 23, for our Sunday Funday Par-Tee—an afternoon packed with **fun, prizes, and community spirit** before the big tournament.

Get ready to:

- **Win big! Try your luck for amazing prizes,** including:
  - A luxurious round of golf for four at **Bluejack National** with a caddy and lunch
  - Sparkling **3 carat diamond earrings**
  - The ultimate SFE Festival Package: $500 in punch cards, 2 Festival Yetis, **FREE Festival VIP parking**, T-shirts for your immediate family, and even a chance to dunk the faculty member of your choice (if they dare and if they say yes)!
- Eat, drink, and mingle with our incredible community while enjoying fun games and lively entertainment.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate, play, and connect—just bring your sense of fun! **Buy your tickets here**, and get ready to par-tee with us!

Tee Up for the SFE Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just love a day on the course, don't miss the chance to hit the links at our inaugural SFE Golf Tournament on Monday, February 24.

Why play?

- Incredible prizes, including **FREE TUITION** for a hole-in-one!
- A day of fun, friendly competition and great community vibes
- Delicious food, cold drinks, and plenty of surprises

Individual tickets are on sale now—grab yours **here** today!

March 2: Middle School Choir Will Lead Choral Evensong

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him." —Psalm 96:9

Join us on Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Francis Episcopal Church for a service of Choral Evensong (sung evening prayer) led by the Middle School Choir. This service will be given in honor of Rick Keith, who devoted his time, treasure, and talent to the SFE community for so many years. Come and experience the beauty of music from the Anglican choral tradition!

This Is Us Cultural Festival: Important Details

FIRST PARTICIPANT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY

Our second This Is Us Cutural Festival will be on Sunday, March 23, from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

- Will your country/heritage be represented? **Check out the list of countries/heritages** that have signed up.
- If you would like to join one, please contact the point person. If your country/heritage is not registered, you may **sign up here**.
- Our **first participant meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 5,** via Zoom.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS: T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

Join us in creating the official T-shirt design for the *This Is Us* Cultural Festival 2025!

- We're looking for artwork that celebrates our diverse school community and brings cultures together through creative expression. Our goal is to have a T-shirt design that represents the spirit of international unity and cultural celebration. Your artwork should capture the joy of different cultures coming together as one school community.
- Please **view the guidelines**.
- Artwork must be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 11. We can't wait to see your designs!

Tuesday: SFPO Volunteer Sign-up and Informational Coffee

Please join us in the **Fine Arts Center* at Piney Point Campus this Tuesday, February 4, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** for the St. Francis Parents Organization Volunteer Sign-up and Informational Coffee. Come learn how to get involved in volunteer opportunities at St. Francis. Representatives from divisions and departments across SFE will be there to tell you more about their volunteer needs. We hope you'll join us! **Please note location change.*

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 3

- *Open Library*

Tuesday, February 4

- *No Chapel Today*

Wednesday, February 5

- *No Chapel Today*

Thursday, February 6

- *Grandparents Day for Primary II:* 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Friday, February 7

- *Grandparents Day for Primary I:* 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- *Grandparents Day for Pre-Primary:* 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 10

- *Open Library*

Tuesday, February 11

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

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Wednesday, February 12

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

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Friday, February 14

- *No School for Students:* Faculty professional development day

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Monday, February 17

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* No school

Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 3

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Thursday, February 6

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Monday, February 10

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, February 11

- *Valentine's Parties for Second and Third Grades:* 12:15–2:15 p.m.; students only

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Wednesday, February 12

- *First-Grade Field Trip to Museum of Fine Arts, Houston:* 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- *Valentine's Party for Fourth Grade:* 1:00–2:15 p.m.; students only

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Thursday, February 13

- *LS Love Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Valentine's Parties for Kindergarten and First Grade:* 12:00–2:15 p.m.; students only

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Friday, February 14

- *No School for Students:* Faculty professional development day

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Monday, February 17

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* No school

Middle School

Canstruction: Can Collection Continues Through February 18

Students will continue collecting canned goods for Canstruction through Tuesday, February 18. Canstruction, the annual Middle School Ingathering, will be returning to St. Francis on Wednesday, February 19.

- 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.
- This year's theme for the building event is, "What We Love About St. Francis."
- Last year, we collected just over 3,800 cans. Let's see if we can top that this year!

Spring Sports Start Tomorrow

Spring sports will begin tomorrow—Monday, February 3.

- All students in grades 6–8 may try any sport on February 3 and Tuesday, February 4.
- This 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.

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, February 3

- *"B" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***

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

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Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

- *“A” 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, February 7

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

Monday, February 10

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

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Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

- *“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, February 14

- *No School for Students:* Faculty professional development day

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Monday, February 17

- *Presidents’ Day Holiday:* No school

Upper School

This Week: First Model UN Conference
St. Francis Upper School students continue to break new ground. This Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, seven students will be participating in our first Model United Nations conference at the University of Houston under the direction of Dr. Carolina Durán. Congratulations, and good luck to everyone involved!

Competition Opportunity: Math Contest Is February 26

We would like to offer our math students the opportunity to participate in the upcoming mathematics competition. The Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat contests are intended for students in grades 9, 10, and 11, respectively. These contests are run by the University of Waterloo in Canada, but are open to students all over the world.

- Each contest consists of a one-hour, 25-question multiple-choice test, and will take place on **Wednesday, February 26**. Participants will be excused from their first-period class for one hour that day to take the test. Prizes will be awarded for high scores.
- For more information, please **visit the contest website**.
- The registration deadline is fast approaching, so if you would like to participate, please talk to Mr. Niestrawski ASAP.

Freshmen Parent Meeting Is February 19: 'College Road Map'

Parents of freshmen are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 19, at 8:00 a.m. for "Coffee Talk: College Road Map." We will explore college-admissions factors and trends, with a focus on understanding how course grades, GPA, and curriculum all lay an important foundation for college and for future success.

Sophomore Parent Meeting Is February 20: 'All About College'

Parents of sophomores, please join us on Thursday, February 20, at 8:00 a.m. for "Coffee Talk: All About College." We will discuss current college-admissions trends, ACT/SAT testing, and precollege summer programs, and answer questions from parents. More details, including the meeting's location, will be shared later this month.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 3

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Special Schedule*
- *Montgomery Women's Center Presentation on Healthy Relationships:* 11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in Crum Gym

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Tuesday, February 4

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

- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, February 5

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, February 6

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Grandparents’ Day for Ninth and Twelfth Grades Only:* 12:00–1:00 p.m. in Crum Gym

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Friday, February 7

- *“A” 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

Monday, February 10

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, February 14

- *No School for Students:* Faculty professional development day

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Monday, February 17

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* No school

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

Join Fr. Price in February for Sunday Morning Book Study

Join Fr. David Price on Sunday mornings in February for a book study exploring elements from Mel Robbin's bestseller *The "Let Them" Theory*. The study meets from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. in the Office Conference Room, CH-115.

- Is this theory rooted in common sense, in Stoicism and other philosophies, in early Christian thought, or in Twelve-Step practice? The answer is: all of the above. Wisdom from many traditions are distilled in a fresh way for our modern experience.
- Explore this tool to avoid misdirecting thoughts, draining energy, and wasting time on things outside your control. Stick to things worth your efforts. Discover a helpful, generous, and efficient way. Leave the matters of others to them: simply "let them."
- For more information, **email Fr. Price**.

First Communion Classes Continue Next Sunday

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

- First Communion Classes are held on Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. There will also be one Saturday class for families.
- The first class was held today. Additional class dates are 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**.

Scout Sunday Is February 9

Next 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.

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**

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.