WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of February 23

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. —Romans 12:2

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.

Summer on the Point 2025: Registration Opens Tomorrow

Registration for Summer on the Point 2025 opens tomorrow—Monday, February 24.

- **Click here to view current camp offerings.** (You may also view them by visiting the **Summer on the Point web page** and clicking on the red “Summer Camps at a Glance” button.)
- For questions, please **email the Explore and Extend team**.

March 2: MS Choir to Lead Choral Evensong in Honor of Rick Keith

Join us on Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary 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.

Primary School

Loris Malaguzzi Open Library Is Tomorrow

In celebration of Loris Malaguzzi's birthday, please join us for Open Library tomorrow—Monday, February 24—at 3:00 p.m. Loris Malaguzzi is known as the father of the Reggio Emilia philosophy. Join Ms. Bush, Ms. Stubbs, and Ms. Masini for storytelling fun and an interactive book reading. You and your child may also check out a book to take home. See you there!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 24

- *Malaguzzi Day:* Open Library at 3:00 p.m.
- *Summer on the Point Registration Opens*

Tuesday, February 25

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

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Wednesday, February 26

- *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Husain and Greenwood):* 9:30 a.m.: Primary I parents with students in these classes are invited to attend

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Friday, February 28

- *Go Texan Day:* Children may dress in Western attire (no spurs or guns, please) or Spirit Wear

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Monday, March 3

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

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

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Wednesday, March 5

- *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Ferguson, Richardson, and Scriber):* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents with students in these classes are invited to attend
- *Primary II Field Trip (Suckow and Owens)*

Thursday, March 6

- *Primary II Field Trip (Capasso and Wiener)*

Lower School

Summer Writing Camp for Grades 1–5

Creative Writing Camp (CWC), a collaboration between Writers in the Schools and Rice University School Literacy & Culture, has inspired young writers for over 30 years. Our in-person and online camps for **grades 1–5** will explore writing topics that hone creativity and prepare students for future success. With low student-teacher ratios and mentorship from professional writers and teachers, CWC offers an incredible writing experience! **View the CWC 2025 flyer** for program and registration details.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 24

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *LS Trimester 3 Begins*
- *Summer on the Point Registration Opens*

Thursday, February 27

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Third-Grade Field Trip to The Menil Collection:* 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 28

- *Go Texan Day:* Students may dress in Spirit Wear or Western attire (Please, no guns or spurs. Skirts and shorts must be school-length only. If wearing boots, please bring tennis shoes for PE/recess.)
- *Joyful Sounds Choir Field Trip to Primary School:* 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- *LS Trimester 2 Report Cards*

Monday, March 3

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, March 5

- *LS Ash Wednesday Chapel (Ashes Only/No Eucharist):* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Thursday, March 6

- *Fourth-Grade Family Heritage Showcase Day:* In the Fine Arts Center
  - **Hardee/Noland:** 10:00–10:45 a.m.
  - **Rosa/Rossy:** 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Middle School

Canstruction Success!
Canstruction was a huge success! Students collected 3,514 cans, which will help feed many families in the Houston area.

Congratulations to the following winners:

AWARDS FOR NUMBER OF CANS COLLECTED

- **First Place:** Ms. Fry's eighth-grade advisory donated 390 cans.
- **Second Place:** Mrs. Shrader's eighth-grade advisory donated 371 cans.
- **Third Place:** Mr. King's eighth-grade advisory donated 327 cans.

A special shout-out to the entire eighth grade for bringing a total of 1,398 canned goods!

SCULPTURE AWARDS (THEME: 'WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ST. FRANCIS')

- **First Place:** “Chapel & Faith,” by Mrs. Shrader's advisory
- **Second Place:** “In Memorium” for Rick Keith, by Mr. King's advisory
- **Third Place:** “Snack Cart,” by Sra. Cruzalegui's advisory
- **Honorable Mention:** Sra. Barclay's advisory and Mrs. Gutierrez's advisory

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Dads' Club Volunteer Corps for delivering the cans to Fair Haven Food Pantry!

Parents, Join Us Tuesday for ‘Protecting Children From Online Solicitation’

This Tuesday, February 25, at 8:30 a.m., Crime Stoppers of Houston will present “Protecting Children From Online Solicitation.”

- This session will reveal popular platforms used for exploitation, common predator tactics, and critical warning signs for parents.
- Parents will learn actionable steps to create a safer online environment and protect their children from potential threats.
- Please register for this event via **this form**.

Special Dress on Friday: Go Texan Day

This Friday, February 28, students may wear Western attire OR St. Francis Spirit Wear. For students choosing Western attire, please follow the dress-code expectations:

- No blood or weapons (including spurs)
- No immodest dress
- No representations of cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt

The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts apply to costumes as to regular uniforms or casual-dress days. Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.

Join Us March 2: MS Choir to Lead Choral Evensong in Honor of Rick Keith

Please join the Middle School for an Evensong service honoring the memory of Rick Keith on Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary.

- Evensong is a short, contemplative service of sung evening prayer, with music led by a choir and roots dating back to the 16th century.
- Join us for music by Richard Ayleward, George Dyson, David Willcocks, and Jeffrey Rickard.
- A reception will follow in the Parish Hall, and all are welcome!

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 24

- *"A" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Regular Schedule*
- *Summer on the Point Registration Opens*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, February 25

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Regular Schedule*
- *Crime Stoppers of Houston Parent Presentation of "Protecting Children From Online Solicitation":* 8:30 a.m. (see details above)

Wednesday, February 26

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Fifth-Grade Crime Stoppers Conversation (Students Only):* 9:50–10:25 a.m.
- *Regular Schedule*

Thursday, February 27

- *“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 28

- *Go Texan Day!*
- *“A” Day*
- *Spirit Wear or Western Attire:* Students who choose to wear Western attire for Go Texan Day must follow dress-code guidelines (see details above)
- *Regular Schedule*

Sunday, March 2

- *Evensong Service Led by MS Choir:* 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary (see details above)

Monday, March 3

- *“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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Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Ash Wednesday Chapel:* 9:40–10:25 a.m.

Thursday, March 6

- *"A" Day With Clubs*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *No Chapel* ***("B" Day Clubs Instead)***

Friday, March 7

- *"B" Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *MS History Day*
- ***Fifth-Grade Only****:* Early dismissal at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, March 10–Friday, March 14

- *Spring Break:* No school

Upper School

Coming Soon: Course-Selection Information for 2025–26
In early March, you will receive information from your student(s) about course selection for the 2025–26 school year.

HOW WE'RE PREPARING
Here's how we're getting ready:

- Teachers are currently preparing course recommendations.
- Director of College Counseling Claudia Mejia has been meeting with current tenth and eleventh graders to develop individual course recommendations, and she recently completed an extensive academic planning workshop with our ninth-grade students.

- Additionally, all advisors received training during our recent Professional Development Day to support them in effectively guiding students through the course-selection process.

MEETINGS WITH STUDENTS AND PARENTS
Starting in March, advisors will meet individually with students to discuss course options, using teacher and college-counseling recommendations to align with student interests and abilities. Students will then bring home a course-selection sheet for parents to review and bring to spring conferences on March 27 for further discussion.

NO ACTION NEEDED YET
For now, no action is needed, as we are putting the finishing touches on our work. We simply wanted to alert you that this exciting time of year is about to begin! If you have any questions, please **contact Dr. Jared Staller**, academic dean.

National Honor Society Invitations Will Be Extended in March

In March, students will be invited to apply for membership in the National Honor Society. Qualified students have at least sophomore status, have spent two or more semesters at St. Francis, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.

- **Informational Meeting on March 3:** All eligible students are invited to attend an informational meeting during tutorials on Monday, March 3, in SLC 114. For any questions about the selection process, **email Lorien Cuneo**, chapter advisor.
- **Applications Reviewed After Spring Break:** Following Spring Break (March 10–14), students who are interested in applying for membership will turn in their completed forms, which will be reviewed by the Faculty Council. Our five-member Faculty Council will examine each application to determine whether the student meets the standards of the National Honor Society: outstanding community service, leadership, and character (exemplary disciplinary record). We will then communicate to our students and their families whether they have been accepted into our chapter.
- **Recognition Ceremony in May:** All inductees will be officially recognized at a ceremony in May.

March 19: Learn to Navigate College-Admissions Testing

Join us Wednesday, March 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for insights about the ever-evolving testing landscape for college admissions, including details on the latest updates to the ACT and SAT. The session will be held on Couper Campus and will be led by Ben Neely, chief impact and research officer with Revolution Prep.

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Fine Arts College and Career Panel Rescheduled for March 4

The Fine Arts College and Career Panel (canceled on January 22 due to inclement weather) has been rescheduled for March 4. Come join us to learn about fine arts college and career opportunities from a panel featuring representatives from University of Oklahoma, Savannah College of Art Design, University of North Texas, Samford University, University of Texas, and Marist College.

- **When:** Tuesday, March 4, 6:30–8:00 P.M.
- **Where:** Student Life Center on Couper Campus
- **Who:** All Upper School Students and Families
- **Click here to register.** (Please register even if you already registered for the previous date.)
- If you have any questions, feel free to email **Kristina Revaz** or **Claudia Mejia**.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 24

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Summer on the Point Registration Opens*

Tuesday, February 25

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Crime Stoppers of Houston Parent Presentation of "Protecting Children From Online Solicitation":* 8:30 a.m. (see details above)

Wednesday, February 26

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

Thursday, February 27

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, February 28

- *“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

Monday, March 3

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, March 4

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *No Chapel Today:* Instead, Chapel will be held on March 5 (Ash Wednesday)
- *Fine Arts College and Career Panel:* 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center on Couper Campus; see details above

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Wednesday, March 5

- *“A” Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Ash Wednesday Chapel (Ashes Only/No Eucharist):* 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym

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Thursday, March 6

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, March 7

- *“A” Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Semester Midpoint*
- *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

Ash Wednesday Services Are March 5

Begin your Lenten journey that leads to the cross and the joy of the resurrection with the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The first day of Lent is a special day of Holy Obligation. Services will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

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**.

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 Joanie McLeod**.
- 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.