WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of April 27

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24

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.

Shop at Our Book Fair Online Store

Find great, new books at our St. Francis online book fair store! All sales generate proceeds that will be used to buy books for our St. Francis libraries. The online store is open until Tuesday, May 6. Happy reading!

Order Your School Supplies by June 1

It's time to order your child's school supplies for the 2025–26 school year! Orders may be placed until Sunday, June 1, by following these steps:

1. **Visit the Educational Products Inc. website**.
2. Enter the school ID:
    - STF001 (St. Francis Lower School)
    - STF018 (St. Francis Middle School)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order. (Orders will be charged tax at checkout.) Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Celebrating 20 Years of Inspired Teaching

At this year's Woolrich Luncheon, we proudly honored Johnny Duncan, whose vision helped launch the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty. For 20 years, this fund has enriched our classrooms by fueling teacher growth and inspired learning. From the streets of Rome to the museums of Paris, Woolrich has opened the world to our educators—and in turn, to our students. **Here's to 20 years of curiosity, passion, and purpose.** Special thanks to the incredible committee who made this celebration possible. Relive the day—**watch the event video** and **view the photo gallery**!

Volunteers Needed Wednesday for Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Calling all Primary, Lower, and Middle School parent volunteers! Please help us say "thank you" to our amazing employees at our upcoming Employee Appreciation Luncheon this Wednesday, April 30. **Please click here to sign up for a shift.**

St. Francis Fine Arts Festival Is April 30–May 4

The St. Francis Fine Arts Festival is a fun, family experience where attendees can enjoy student performances, meet visiting authors, attend our fine arts galleries displaying student and alumni work, and enjoy a full-scale art car parade on both of our beautiful campuses during the school day and into the evening.

- The Fine Arts Festival starts on Wednesday, April 30, and concludes on Sunday, May 4.
- Our Festival is a collaboration featuring work from each division, across two campuses. **See the full schedule here**.
- It provides a chance to celebrate our robust arts program, which is acclaimed citywide. Whether patrons choose to listen to the choir sing; **attend the Middle School play, *This Is a Test***; tour our art exhibitions and installations; or enjoy an Upper School theater showcase and dance show, there is something for everyone. Come join us in celebrating the talents of our student artists!

Buy Tickets Now: MS Play Is May 3 and 4

Don't miss the Middle School production of *This Is a Test*, which runs Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4. In the play, Middle School students face a pivotal moment: everything hinges on one routine history exam—their reputations, their futures, and everything in between. With a dynamic ensemble cast that never leaves the stage, *This Is a Test* delivers a surreal, satirical take on the challenges of growing up in the modern age, the countless digital distractions, and the quest for success.

- Take a trip back to school and relive the pressure of exam day. Don't worry … it's only a test.
- *Production intended for ages 10 and up.*
- **Book your tickets now.**

Help the SFPO Say 'Thank You' to Faculty and Staff: Donate to End-of-Year Gift Collection by May 4

Twice a year, the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) invites families to contribute toward gift collections to show our appreciation for our incredible teachers and staff. By pooling our generosity, we're able to provide a thoughtful distribution of gifts to everyone—from classroom teachers to support staff—reflecting the value each faculty and staff member brings to our children's experience.

- **Click here to make a contribution** by Sunday, May 4.
- For additional details, please **read this letter from the SFPO**.

St. Francis Family Day at Asia Society Texas Is May 10

You're invited to join us for a special St. Francis Family Day at Asia Society Texas on Saturday, May 10, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Students, their families, and faculty will participate in various tours and crafting activities, deepening their understanding of different Asian cultures and learning about the many opportunities that Asia Society Texas has to offer. We will then head to Fung's Kitchen in Chinatown to experience authentic Asian cuisine and extend our community gathering. **Please submit this form if you are interested.**

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 28

- *Open Library Canceled*

Tuesday, April 29

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and Pre-Primary (Griffith, Oteiza, and Polk) parents are invited to attend

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Wednesday, April 30

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary (Keyes and Labarthe) parents are invited to attend

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Tuesday, May 6

- *Primary II Bible Presentation and Parties*
- *No Pre-Primary Chapel*

Wednesday, May 7

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary (Keyes and Labarthe) parents are invited to attend

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Thursday, May 8

- *Splash Day for 5-Day Pre-Primary and Primary II*

Friday, May 9

- *Splash Day for 3-Day Pre-Primary and Primary I*

Lower School

Digital Wellness: How to Keep Your Child Safe Online
Digital wellness is a critical part of the health and well-being of St. Francis students, especially those using laptops, smartphones, tablets, and gaming consoles. We have taken specific measures to ensure that your children use technology wisely on campus.

- Bark is a company specializing in helping parents keep their children safe and healthy in a tech-enabled world. They offer devices and software to help families monitor and manage children's activities on various devices.
- Bark also publishes an annual report detailing the types of threats its users encounter. **Bark's 2024 Annual Report** includes key findings and recommendations for keeping children safe and healthy online. These findings underscore the importance of digital wellness and the need for proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. Please feel free to check out the report and discuss it with your children.
- Please **reach out to Steve Johnson**, Director of Instructional Technology, if you have questions or concerns.

Advanced Academics Placement: Decisions Emailed This Week + Makeup Testing on Saturday

Advanced Academics placement decisions for rising fifth graders who tested in early April will be emailed directly to families this week.

Rising fifth graders who were unable to attend Advanced Academics placement testing in early April should plan to attend the makeup session scheduled for this Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 a.m. Those decisions will be released during the last week of school. Please **contact Julie Downs**, Interim Assistant Head of Middle School, if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 28

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Thursday, May 1

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, May 2

- *AAPI Heritage Month Assembly:* 2:15–2:45 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym; students only

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Saturday, May 3

- *Makeup Testing for Advanced Academics Placement:* 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 5

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 6

- *Field Day for Grades K–2:* 8:30–11:00 a.m.; students only

Wednesday, May 7

- *Field Day for Grades 3–4:* 8:30–11:00 a.m.; students only

Thursday, May 8

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

Friday, May 9

- *Fourth-Grade Field Trip to Camp Allen:* 7:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

Middle School

Return Laptops for Reimaging After Final Exams

To ensure all laptops meet the school's security, privacy, and management standards for next school year, the Technology Department will reimage student devices during June 2025.

- Your child will bring their laptop to the Technology Office after their last final exam in May. You will receive a ticket from servicedesk@stfrancishouston.org letting you know when the laptop is ready for pickup.
- Rising freshmen may keep their device for Upper School at St. Francis if it meets the minimum requirements for features and AppleCare.
- If you have any questions about this process, please **reach out to Steve Johnson**, Director of Instructional Technology.

Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony Pictures Now Available

As our eighth-grade families approach the end of their students' Middle School experience, we are looking back over the events of the year. We wanted to make sure that all families have access to the **pictures from the Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony last September, which are available here**.

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Friday: Athletics Physicals Forms Due

St. Francis will be providing on-campus athletics physicals for returning students on Wednesday, May 14.

- Information packets containing the necessary forms are being sent home with students. Some packets went home on Friday, April 25, and the rest will go home tomorrow—Monday, April 28.
- Please **complete the forms, ensure they are signed by both the parent/guardian AND the student, and return them to your student's advisor by this Friday, May 2.**
- If you have any questions, please **contact Athletic Trainer Katie Ostrovecky** or **Piney Point Campus Nurse Fay Gant**.

Friday: Deadline to Submit Community Service Volunteer 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 this Friday, May 2.

Advanced Academics Placement: Decisions Emailed This Week + Makeup Testing on Saturday

Advanced Academics placement decisions for students who tested in early April will be emailed directly to families this week.

Students who were unable to attend Advanced Academics placement testing in early April should plan to attend the makeup session scheduled for this Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 a.m. Those decisions will be released during the last week of school. Please **contact Julie Downs**, Interim Assistant Head of Middle School, if you have any questions.

Dance for Grades 6–8 Is May 9

There will be a dance for students in grades 6–8 on Friday, May 9, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the Piney Point Campus.

- The theme for the dance is *Summer!*
- Attire will follow dress code guidelines: Shirts or dresses should have sleeves, and shorts or skirts should be modest in length.
- Some students have expressed an interest in dressing up for the evening to make this event a special occasion.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 28

- *"A" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Regular Schedule*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Fall Sports Preview Begins*
- *Eighth-Grade Final Exam Study Hall Begins*

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

- *"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, May 2

- *"A" Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Special Schedule*
- *Asian American/Pacific Islander Event:* 9:40 a.m.; students only

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Saturday, May 3

- *Makeup Testing for Advanced Academics Placement:* 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

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

- *Regular Schedule*

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

- *"A" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Special Schedule*
- *Final Eucharist (Ascension Theme):* 9:40–10:25 a.m.

Friday, May 9

- *"B" Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit tops with full-length blue jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Special Schedule*
- *Middle School Field Day*
- *Fifth-Grade Movie Field Trip:* After field day
- ***Dance for Grades 6–8:*** 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Upper School

Reminder: AP Exams Start May 5
AP Exams run Monday, May 5, through Friday, May 16.

- Remember, your College Board account login is REQUIRED for the Bluebook application. Double-check your login now so you're ready to test!
- Prep Resources:
  - **Revolution Prep - AP Practice Exams**
  - **College Board AP Exam Practice Tips**

Week 1	Morning: 8 a.m.	Afternoon: 12 p.m.
Monday, May 5	Biology	European History
Tuesday, May 6	Chemistry	
Wednesday, May 7	English Literature and Composition	Computer Science A
Thursday, May 8	Statistics	
Friday, May 9	United States History	

Art and Design: Friday, May 9, at 8 p.m. ET is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.

Week 2	Morning: 8 a.m.	Afternoon: 12 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Calculus AB	
Tuesday, May 13		Environmental Science
Wednesday, May 14	English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
Thursday, May 15		Computer Science Principles
Friday, May 16	Physics 1	Psychology

Upper School Physicals: Return Completed Packets by May 14

Upper School physicals are Wednesday, May 21, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym. AOK Orthopedic will be on campus to complete school-wide physical exams for all returning students. Last names beginning with A–M are scheduled from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., and last names beginning with N–Z are scheduled from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Packets containing physicals forms will be sent out next week through the school nurse and advisory. Please have students return the packets to their advisory with the medical history and guardian signatures completed by Wednesday, May 14, at the latest. Please reach out to **School Nurse Madeleine Tiemann** or **Athletic Trainer Katie Ostrovecky** with any questions.

Final Exams Are May 19–23: Schedule Below

You will **find the exam schedule at this link** or below. Note the start time for testing sessions is 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. This month, teachers and advisors will work with students on their individual exam schedules, as well as on the logistics for exam week and the review sessions prior to exams.

	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23
8-11 a.m.	English 1 English 1 Adv. English 2 English 2 Adv.	World History 1 World History 2	Algebra 1 Algebra 1 Adv. Geometry	Biology 9 Physics 9 Chemistry	Spanish (all) Latin (all) French (all)
12-3 p.m.	English III	US History Civics & Econ	Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Adv. College Algebra Precalculus	Physics 11 Enviro	

Seniors, Complete the Laptop Release Process by May 16

Seniors, as you prepare to transition from St. Francis, please complete the laptop release process to ensure your school laptop is fully released from our device management system and can be used without restrictions at home and at college.

- **Complete the device release checklist** and bring the laptop to the technology suite before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16. You must hand the computer to a Tech staff member.

- The Technology Department will factory reset the device, remove all school-licensed apps, and return it to you.
- Your school-issued email, Veracross, and Google accounts will be disconnected at the end of the day on Monday, June 30.

From the Episcopal Diocese of Texas: Sign Up Now for SUMMA Theological Debate Summer Camp

Held each July on the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., SUMMA Theological Debate Summer Camp is a way to bring high school students from across the country to explore life's biggest questions through theological debate. SUMMA offers the unique opportunity for students to develop skills in public speaking while deepening their faith and understanding. Guided by university professors, priests, and bishops, they explore real-word debate resolution through the lens of their faith—with plenty of time left for hiking, sports, games, music, and arts and crafts. Campers leave with new skills, fresh insights, warm memories, and great friends.

- **The 2025 camp will take place July 15–23, and camper spots and tuition scholarships are available.**
- To learn more about the program or to share it with potential applicants, please **visit the SUMMA website**.
- For questions, **email SUMMA**.

Wednesday: Monumental Questions on the Monumental Steps

Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m., join a Bible study with Mother Hylden to explore the big questions that are filling your mind this week. Mtr. Hylden provides baked goods, as well as a time of prayer as we start the day.

Thursday: Lunch With Mtr. Hylden

Thursdays at noon, enjoy lunch with Mother Hylden. Share the "heart of your week" or your "high, low, buffalo" with her for a homemade chocolate chip cookie. We'll reflect on the relationships, academics, sports games, and events that have lived rent-free in our heads and hearts this week.

Calling All Freshmen and Sophomores: Summer 2026 Travel Opportunity

The SFE Theatre Program is excited to announce that they will lead a group of US theater students on a once-in-a-lifetime educational tour to AHSTF Fringe Festival over the summer 2026! This trip offers a wealth of opportunities for learning outside the classroom and for personal growth.

The American High School Theatre Festival, a one-of-a-kind theatre opportunity, runs in conjunction with the world's largest performing arts festival, the world-renowned Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Our group will spend a total of two weeks in the

UK, **performing our own production**, attending Fringe shows, and touring Scotland and England.

To learn more and enroll, visit SFE Educational Travel.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Blessing of the Seniors:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

- *"A" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *No Chapel*
- *Awards Ceremony/Special Schedule:* 3:00 p.m. in Crum Gym

Monday, May 5

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams Start Today*

Tuesday, May 6

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams (Through May 16)*
- *US Rising Senior Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Senior Picnic:* 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- *Baccalaureate and Graduation Practice:* 1:00–2:30 p.m. on Piney Point Campus (335 Piney Point Road)

Wednesday, May 7

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams (Through May 16)*
- *Senior Exams*

Thursday, May 8

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams (Through May 16)*
- *Senior Sunset:* All seniors will be photographed in a final farewell group picture; at Couper Campus
    - **6:45 p.m.:** Arrival
    - **7:00 p.m.:** Photography
    - **Attire:** Any St. Francis top, T-shirt, sweatshirt, or polo.
    - **Dinner:** Chick-fil-A will be served.

Friday, May 9

- *"B" Day*

- *Dress Uniform*
- *AP Exams (Through May 16)*
- *US Final Eucharist:* 10:00–10:45 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.
- **Lighthouse Children's Art:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **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

Please Pray: Kairos Prison Ministry Will Visit Terrell Unit May 1–4

We ask you to pray for the Kairos Prison Ministry, which will lead a Kairos Weekend in the Terrell Unit in Rosharon this coming weekend—from Thursday, May 1, to Sunday, May 4. During this time, volunteers, led by George Hippard, will enter the unit for three and a half days, delivering a defined program of talks, prayer, and praise. Individual meal tickets will be placed before residents at each meal, along with a placemat that is colored by a child or volunteer. A long-long-long prayer chain will be brought into the room, with each link of the chain bearing the first name of an individual who will pray for the participants over the weekend. Please pray for the residents and for those involved however you feel so called.

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 Acts of the Apostles

- **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
- **Contact:** **Sally Jo Flores**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ON BREAK UNTIL FALL)

- Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** TBD
  - **Location**: St. Francis Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact**: **Allison Devlin**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** The Book of Peter
  - **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.