

News for the Week of May 18

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. —John 13:35

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.

Uniform Resale: Collection This Summer

The next Uniform Resale event will take place this August during Meet the Teacher. Be on the lookout later this summer for more information. In the meantime, please bring any used uniform donations to the drop-off bins in the front office. The bins will be available all summer.

Dads' Club: End-of-School Social and Astros Watch Party

Come meet other St. Francis dads at our end-of-school Dads' Club Social and Astros Watch Party! Join us for a relaxed evening of great food, drinks, and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, unwind, and strengthen our community. Your $30 entry fee includes appetizers; beverages will be pay-as-you-go. **Sign up for the Dad's Club Social here.**

Sign Up for Camp Letters From St. Francis by May 30

Fr. Bob Wismer, Dr. Chelsea Collins, Hope Hooper, Rev. Katie Gould, and Mtr. Emily Hylden would love to send a note to your child when they are at camp this summer. Please **use this form to submit a camp-letter request**. You must complete a separate

form for each child. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 30.

Note From the Nurses: Pick Up Medications Before School Ends

If your child has medications in the clinic, either prescription or over-the-counter, the medication(s) must be picked up by a parent/guardian no later than the last day of school. If you plan to travel and leave before the last day of school, the medication must be picked up on your child's last day of school.

- All medications left in the clinic past the last day of school will be discarded, as the clinic has to prepare for next school year and does not have the capacity to store medications over the summer.
- **If your child is attending Summer on the Point, the emergency medication still needs to be picked up and given to the nurse working this summer.**
- The clinic contacts are as follows:
    - **Lower School and Middle School:** Fay Gant/Anna Klauer at 713.458.6128
    - **Primary School:** Madeleine Tiemann at 713.458.6167
    - **Upper School:** Madeleine Tiemann at 713.458.6445

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.

Register Now: SFSA Soccer for Grades PK–5

Students in pre-K through fifth grade are invited to register for soccer through the St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA). An outreach mission of St. Francis Episcopal Church, SFSA serves children from the St. Francis community, including the church and St. Francis Episcopal School, as well as from the surrounding area.

- SFSA sponsors teams in soccer, basketball, baseball/softball, and volleyball. While the school offers sports programs to students beginning in the sixth grade, the SFSA-sponsored teams allow for younger children to participate in team sports.
- SFSA's goal for participants is simple—to have fun while learning the basic skills of the sport, all in a Christian environment.

- **Click here to learn more and to register for SFSA soccer**, which is offered through Texas Kingdom Christian Sports Association.
- For assistance with registration, **contact Loure Dews-Gray via email** or at 832-640-2633.

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 19

- *Primary I End-of-Year Parties:* 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

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

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Wednesday, May 21

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and Pre-Primary (Keyes and Labarthe) parents are invited to attend
- *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Parties:* 1:45 p.m.

Friday, May 23

- *Last Day of School*
- *No Explore and Extend*
- *PS Early Dismissal:* 11:00 a.m.

Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 19

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 20

- *End-of-Year Party for Grade 4:* 1:00–2:15 p.m. in classroom; students only

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Wednesday, May 21

- *End-of-Year Party for Kindergarten:* 1:00–2:15 p.m. in classroom; students only
- *End-of-Year Party for Grade 1:* 12:00–1:15 p.m. in classroom; students only

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Thursday, May 22

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *End-of-Year Party for Grade 2:* 12:15–1:30 p.m. in classroom; students only
- *End-of-Year Party for Grade 3:* 1:00–2:15 p.m. in classroom; students only
- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony Rehearsal:* 1:30–2:45 p.m. in the FAC

Friday, May 23

- *Last Day of School*
- *Trimester 3 Ends*
- *No Explore and Extend*
- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony:* 10:00–10:45 a.m. in the FAC
- *LS Early Dismissal:* 11:30 a.m.

Middle School

Fall Sports Preview Has Ended + This Week's Schedule

Fall Sports Preview concluded for grades 6 and 7 on Friday, May 16.

- **Grade 6:** Students should bring athletics clothes tomorrow—Monday, May 19—through Thursday, May 22, as they will participate in PE games from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. each day.
- **Grade 7:** Students will attend study hall tomorrow—Monday, May 19. This Tuesday, May 20, they will conduct their locker cleanout at 2:45 p.m. They will be

dismissed at 3:30 p.m. on both days. Please see the exam schedule below for information about grade 7 dismissal this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony Attire for Students

For the Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony, the following information has been shared with students:

- **Boys** usually wear suits. A button-down shirt with a tie and slacks is appropriate.
- **Girls** traditionally wear white dresses. Dresses should be finger-length and cannot be strapless.

Athletics and Electives Selections Have Been Made

This week during advisory, all current fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-grade students completed Google Forms to indicate their preferences for athletics and electives courses for next year. Students were asked to turn in the paper copy to the advisors, as well as forward their Google Form responses to their parents.

- Students who were absent for this advisory still have access to the Google Form, because it was sent to their school email address. We ask that parents review the Google Form responses for accuracy.
- New families will receive emails with the same Google Form this week.
- Please **reach out to Julie Downs** with any questions.

Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Exam Schedule

The following is the exam schedule for seventh and eighth grades. Fifth and sixth grades will have any final tests or presentations in their regular class periods. Please note:

- The last day for eighth graders is Thursday, May 22, following the Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony.
- The last day for fifth, sixth, and seventh graders is Friday, May 23.
- Seventh- and eighth-grade students have early dismissal on exam days. Early-dismissal times are listed below.

EIGHTH-GRADE EXAM SCHEDULE

- **Monday, May 19**
  - *Science Exam:* 8:00–9:30 a.m.
  - *History Exam:* 10:00–11:30 a.m.
  - *Dismissal:* 11:30 a.m.
  - *Extended Time for Exams:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
  - *Extended-Time Dismissal:* 12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 20**

    - *English Exam:* 8:00–9:30 a.m.
    - *Extended-Time English Exam:* 7:45–9:45 a.m.
    - *Rehearsal for Eighth-Grade Recognition Ceremony/Locker Cleanout:* 10:00–11:30 a.m.
    - *Dismissal for All:* 11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 21**
    - *Spanish Exam:* 8:00–9:30 a.m. Students who do not take Spanish may arrive at 8:00 a.m. for study hall OR arrive at 9:30 a.m. for the math exam.
    - *Math Exam:* 10:00–11:30 a.m.
    - *Dismissal:* 11:30 a.m.
    - *Extended Time for Exams:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
    - *Extended-Time Dismissal:* 12:30 p.m.

SEVENTH-GRADE EXAM SCHEDULE

- **Monday, May 19**
    - *Regular Monday Schedule*
- **Tuesday, May 20**
    - *Regular Tuesday Schedule*
    - *Locker Cleanout*
- **Wednesday, May 21**
    - *Spanish Exam:* 8:00–9:30 a.m. Students who do not take Spanish may arrive at 8:00 a.m. for study hall OR arrive at 9:30 a.m. for the math exam.
    - *Math Exam:* 10:00–11:30 a.m.
    - *Dismissal:* 11:30 a.m.
    - *Extended Time for Exams:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
    - *Extended-Time Dismissal:* 12:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 22**
    - *English Exam:* 8:00–9:30 a.m.
    - *Extended-Time English Exam:* 7:30–9:45 a.m.
    - *Seventh grade attends eighth-grade Completion Ceremony following English exam.*
    - *Dismissal for All:* 12:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 23**
    - *Science Exam:* 8:00–9:30 a.m.
    - *History Exam:* 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
    - *Dismissal:* 12:00 p.m.
    - *Extended Time for Exams:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
    - *Extended-Time Dismissal:* No later than 12:30 p.m.

Important Note About Student Laptop Re-imaging

To ensure all Middle School laptops meet the school's security, privacy, and management standards for next school year, the Technology Department will re-image all student laptops in June 2025. This will not affect Google, Outlook, or Veracross accounts, and parent accounts will not be affected.

- Students will bring their laptops to the Tech office after their last test.
- You will receive a service desk ticket when we start working on your laptop and a communication from the Technology Department when the work is completed.
- If you have specific needs for pickup, please respond through your ticket or call 713-458-6400 for status updates.
- Friday, June 27, is the last day laptops can be picked up this summer. Laptops left after this date can be picked up beginning Monday, August 4.

Student Laptop Filters and Monitoring

- The current filters on your child's device will remain on your students' laptop for the summer.
- The school will not monitor student use during the summer.
- Responsibility for monitoring student use while school is not in session falls on the parents/guardians of that student.
- We strongly encourage you to use parental controls on all Internet-enabled devices and to talk with your child about your family's expectations around healthy and safe technology use. Feel free to reach out to Steve Johnson, Director of Instructional Technology, if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 19

- *"B" Day*
- *Grades 5–7:* Regular Uniform
- *Grade 8*
    - Spirit Wear: Spirit shirt with uniform bottoms
    - Exams
    - Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
    - Extended Time: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *MS Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, May 20

- *"A" Day*
- *Free Dress for Middle School:* See email for details
- *Grade 7*
    - Locker Cleanout: Students should bring extra bags for taking materials home.
- *Grade 8*
    - English Exam

    - Completion Ceremony Rehearsal/Locker Cleanout
    - Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
    - Extended Time: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

- *"B" Day*
- *Grades 5 and 6*
    - Regular Uniform
    - Locker Cleanout: Students should bring extra bags for taking materials home.
- *Grades 7 and 8*
    - Spirit Wear: Spirit shirt with uniform bottoms
    - Exams
    - Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
    - Extended Time: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

- *"A" Day*
- *Grades 5 and 6*
    - Regular Uniform
- *Grade 7*
    - Dress Uniform
    - English Exam
    - Attend Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony
    - Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.
- *Grade 8*
    - Last Day of School: Dismissal after Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony
    - Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Friday, May 23

- *Grades 5–7*
    - Last Day of School: Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
    - "B" Day
    - Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt With Jeans or Uniform Bottoms
- *Grade 7*
    - Exams
    - Dismissal: 12:00 p.m.

    - Extended Time: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
    - Extended Time Dismissal: No later than 12:30 p.m.
- *No Explore and Extend*

Upper School

Textbook Buyback Opportunity

It's that time of year when final exams are finishing and students (and parents) are ready to clear out textbooks from backpacks and bedrooms. If you would like to sell your textbooks back to our vendor, MBS, **instructions for textbook buyback are available at this link**.

Upper School Physicals Are Wednesday

Upper School physicals are this 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.

- Please reach out to **School Nurse Madeleine Tiemann** or **Athletic Trainer Katie Ostrovecky** with any questions.
- **If your students is unable to make it, please have them call the AOK Orthopedic clinic at 713.984.1400 to schedule a different time at their office.**

Final Exams Are This Week: 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.

	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23
8-11 a.m.	English I English I Adv. English II English II Adv.	World History I World History II	Algebra I Algebra I Adv. Geometry	Biology 9 Physics 9 Chemistry	Spanish (all) Latin (all) French (all)

	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23
12-3 p.m.	English III	US History Civics & Econ	Algebra II Algebra II Adv. College Algebra Precalculus	Physics 11 Enviro	

Seniors, Complete the Laptop Release Process

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 after your last final or project. Be sure to save your files on a personal account, not to your StFrancis.edu account.
- You must hand the computer to a Tech staff member.
- You will receive an email ticket from ServiceDesk@StFrancisHouston.org to track the status of your device and notification that it is ready to pick up.

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, May 19–Friday, May 23

- *Final Exams*

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms. Students should NOT wear hoodies, jackets, or baggy shirts while testing.

Friday, May 23

- *Last Day of School*
- *Noon Dismissal*
- *End of Semester 2*

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

Wednesday Evening Program—The Amazing Place

Join us this Wednesday, May 21, for Sensory Health and Your Brain, presented by Mehrnaz Gill, MSG, from The Amazing Place. Learn how your senses are connected to your brain health and ways to treat sensory deficits for better overall health.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
    - **Study: ON SUMMER BREAK**
    - **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.