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WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of September 14

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. —Psalm 121:1-2

Prayer and Other Support

Use the **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.

Late Start on Wednesday, September 17

Our first Late Start of the 2025–26 school year is Wednesday, September 17, for Lower, Middle, and Upper School. (Primary School does not participate in Late Start.) **Click here for full details**, including carpool drop-off information.

Homecoming: Pre-Order Meals and Volunteer

We have fun planned for the entire week of Homecoming! More information about all the festivities can be found in the **all-school email** sent last week:

- **Pre-order your meals from The Pit Room BBQ** to enjoy at the Varsity Football game on Friday, September 26. **Pre-order sales will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 21.** Limited meals will be available for purchase the day of the event, so buy in advance now! **View information on meal options** and other food offerings at the event.
- Booster Club needs your help! During Homecoming week, we have volunteer opportunities for all parents (and a few specific ones for Dads' Club!). What's your fancy? Hanging team banners or serving concessions and popcorn? Come meet

some new people and have fun pitching in! **Click here to sign up today.**

St. Francis Festival: Website Is Live + Buy Your T-shirts Now

Don't miss the St. Francis Festival on Sunday, October 19, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Piney Point Campus. The website is live, so snag your swag today before T-shirt sales close Friday, September 19, at 11:59 p.m. **Get more details here.**

From the Nurses' Desk: Bring in Rescue Meds ASAP

If you have not brought your child's emergency rescue medications to the clinic, please bring them in ASAP. The nurses need this medication in hand to help ensure your child's safety and well-being. Thank you!

Primary School

You're Invited to a New Parent Coffee Monday Morning

Join us in the Primary School Library on Monday, September 15, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m., just before the Getting to Know Reggio event at 8:30 a.m. Come meet other new families and discover how you can get involved in the St. Francis community. **Register for the New Parent Coffee now!**

Join Us for Open Library on Monday Afternoon

Every Monday when school is in session, the Primary School Library is open from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for students and families to enjoy and check out books. You are welcome to stay for as little or as much time as works for your family during this hour.

We hope you will join us on Monday, September 15. Ms. Bush will read a book about libraries, and there will be an activity. Watch this space for special events on Open Library Mondays throughout the school year.

September 15–19: Primary School Hearing Screenings

St. Francis will be offering hearing screenings for Primary School students **who have turned 4 years of age by September 1, 2025,** this Monday through Friday, September 15–19. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.

- We do not refer to the screening as a “test.” Please help us by doing the same. The teachers will explain the process to our students, who will discover that they are playing two games with the nurses.
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist.
- If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Abigayle Harrington via **email** or at 713.458.6167.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 15-Friday, September 19

- *Hearing Screenings:* For PS students who turned 4 by September 1, 2025; see details above

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Monday, September 15

- *PS New Parent Coffee:* 7:45–8:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room
- *Getting to Know Reggio Parent Coffee:* 8:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16

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

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Wednesday, September 17

- *NO Late Start for Primary School:* **Please note, this is a change**
- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend

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Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

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

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Wednesday, September 24

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

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Thursday, September 25

- *ISACS Parent Series Webinar ("School Skills: Setting Kids Up for Success"):* 5:30–6:30 p.m.; **register now for the ISACS Parent Series**

Friday, September 26

- *Primary II/Upper School Pep Rally:* 1:45 p.m.; student-only event

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Monday, September 29

- *Picture Day*

Lower School

Digital Wellness Series Starts September 23
On Tuesday, September 23, at 8:30 a.m., join us at St. Francis to learn about the impact of technology on child brain development from Dr. Crystal Collier, a licensed therapist and educator, and the author of *The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide* and *Know Your Neuro: Adventures of a Growing Brain*. Later in the day, Dr. Collier will present to students in grades 4–8 to help them understand their own choices with technology. **Click here to register for this event.**

October 6–9: Lower School Hearing and Vision Screenings
From Monday, October 6, through Thursday, October 9, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for all students in kindergarten, first grade, and third

grade. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
- If your child has had any problems of which we should be aware, please send a note to school with them.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- **Students who wear glasses or contacts should bring them to school.**
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist. If you have concerns about your child, do not hesitate to take them to your personal physician or specialist for evaluation.
- If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Fay Gant, RN, via **email** or at 713.458.6128.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 15

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, September 17

- *Late Start:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.; **click here for full details**, including carpool drop-off information

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Thursday, September 18

- *LS Honor Code Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.; students only

Monday, September 22

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, September 23

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *Digital Wellness Series With Dr. Crystal Collier:* 8:30 a.m.; **register here**

Thursday, September 25

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *LS See You at the Pole Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m. in the Piney Point Courtyard
- *ISACS Parent Series Webinar ("School Skills: Setting Kids Up for Success"):* 5:30–6:30 p.m.; **register now for the ISACS Parent Series**

Friday, September 26

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *LS Fall Pep Rally:* 2:00–2:45 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym

Monday, September 29

- *Picture Day*
- *New Parent Blessing and Coffee:* 8:50–9:45 a.m. in the Gay Foyer on Piney Point Campus

Middle School

Fall Social Is September 19

All St. Francis Middle School Students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to attend the Middle School Fall Social on Friday, September 19. **Learn more about the Fall Social.**

Parent Information Night Slides

Thank you to all those who attended Parent Information Night on September 2. If you weren't able to make it, you can still view the slides shared by teachers via the links below:

- **Introduction**

- Fifth Grade
- Sixth Grade
- Seventh Grade
- Eighth Grade
- Electives

Carpool Adjustment on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

Each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, the Joyful Sounds Choir for grades 3 and 4 ends their rehearsal at 3:45 p.m. Those Lower School choir students will be picked up at the blue awning in the back of the school.

Middle School carpool will continue as normal, but we do ask that families who arrive between 3:45 and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays use the right lanes to navigate around the Joyful Sounds families, who will use the left lane. There will be signs indicating which lanes to use on these days.

D.A.R.E. Sessions for Fifth Graders Start September 16

St. Francis and Memorial Villages Police Department are partnering together to bring D.A.R.E. to our students, beginning Tuesday, September 16. Students will receive lessons from D.A.R.E. officers Michelle Owens and Jeremy King around twice a month, culminating with a celebration in May.

- **The D.A.R.E. Mission:** "Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives."
- **The D.A.R.E. Vision:** "A world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance use, and other dangerous behaviors."

This Week in Chapel

Here's what's happening in Middle School Chapel this week:

- **Monday, September 15:** MS Chapel
  - **Scripture:** Amos 8:4–7 (Judgment on oppressors and hypocrites)
  - **Musicians:** MS Eighth-Grade Choir
  - **Ushers:** Charlie Ollison, Emerson Rollo, Annie Shackouls, Emma Stratmann
  - **Acolytes:** Mae Zorich, Kareem Abuqartoumy
  - **Crucifers:** Lucia Valerio, Emerson Williams
  - **Readers:** Hannah Thornton, Cameron Addison
- **Thursday, September 18:** MS Honor Code Chapel (Dress Uniform)
  - **Scripture:** Luke 16:1-13 (Faithfulness with money)
  - **Musicians:** MS Sixth-Grade Choir and Sixth-Grade Production
  - **Ushers:** Benjamin Tuohy, Eloise Allen, Harrison Bean, Emily Bradford

- **Acolytes:** Owen Breeding, Santana Clark-McNeal
- **Crucifers:** Grayson Cotuno, Lila Daniels
- **Readers:** Michael Alexander, Wren Benavides

Discover the Season of Creation

As we approach St. Francis Day on Saturday, October 4, we invite families to explore the Season of Creation. This is a time from September 1 to October 4 for Christians worldwide to renew our relationship with God, one another, and all creation. The Middle School is joining this initiative by reducing paper use and using the Book of Common Prayer instead of printed bulletins during our biweekly Chapel services. We encourage you to discover ways your family can participate in caring for God's creation this season.

Learn more:

- **The Episcopal Church's Creation Care Ministry**
- **Diocese of Texas Creation Care**

Digital Wellness Series Kicks Off September 23

On Tuesday, September 23, at 8:30 a.m., join us at St. Francis to learn about the impact of technology on child brain development from Dr. Crystal Collier, a licensed therapist and educator, and the author of *The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide* and *Know Your Neuro: Adventures of a Growing Brain*. Later in the day, Dr. Collier will present to students in grades 4–8 to help them understand their own choices with technology. **Click here to register for this event.**

October 6–9: Hearing and Vision Screenings for NEW Students in Grades 6 and 8

From Monday, October 6, through Thursday, October 9, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for any **new** sixth and eighth graders. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
- If your child has had any problems of which we should be aware, please send a note with them.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- **Students who wear glasses or contacts should bring them to school.**
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- If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Fay Gant, RN, via **email** or at 713.458.6128.

Summer Travel 2026—Greece Registration Is Open

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GREECE (ENROLLMENT OPEN—DISCOUNT IN PLACE UNTIL OCTOBER 1)

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Dates:** June 1–10, 2026
- **Cost:** $6,422 + $350 St. Francis Travel Fee
- **Trip Leaders:** Ted Lakoski, Director of Counseling/Director of Experiential Travel, and Marion Tolon (Coach T), PE Teacher/Student Transition Liaison
- **Parent Information Zoom Session:** September 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
  - **Parent Information Zoom Link**
  - **Meeting ID:** 780 9337 9826
  - **Passcode:** Wolves
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:**
  - **View the trip flyer** for more details.
  - Please register with our travel vendor at the **ACIS Educational Tours trip website**.
  - Print, sign, and return the **SFE Travel application for Greece**.
  - **Email Ted Lakoski** with any questions.
- **Financial Assistance:** Financial assistance may be available. **Apply to the Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund.**

WASHINGTON, DC

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
- **Dates:** May 31–June 4, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui, Middle School Spanish Faculty
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** Sign-ups and more info coming to *Wolf Watch* later this month

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- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled eighth graders
- **Dates:** May 31–June 13, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward, Middle School Spanish Faculty

- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** Sign-ups and more info coming to *Wolf Watch* later this month

Note About Community Service Hours

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others. During the 2025–26 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 this Community Service Hours Request Form, and drop it off in the box outside the MS Chaplain's Office. The deadline to submit community service hours for the 2025–26 school year is Friday, May 1, 2026.

We will be introducing a new online system this year. Be on the lookout for more information in future *Wolf Watch* newsletters.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 15

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *NJHS Induction Ceremony:* 6:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary; students should arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

- *Late Start:* 10:00 a.m.; **click here for full details**, including carpool drop-off information
- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, September 18

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *MS Honor Code Chapel:* 9:40–10:25 a.m.; students only

Friday, September 19

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *MS Fall Social:* 6:30–8:30 p.m. (See note above for more information.)

Monday, September 22

- *"A" Day*
- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *New MS Parent Blessing and Coffee:* 9:00–9:50 a.m. in the Gay Foyer on Piney Point Campus
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, September 23

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *Parent Digital Wellness Series With Dr. Crystal Collier:* 8:30 a.m.; **register here**
- *Dr. Crystal Collier Presents to All MS Students:* 9:40 a.m.

Wednesday, September 24

- *"A" Day*
- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms

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Thursday, September 25

- *"B" Day*
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- *See You at the Pole Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m.; students only
- *ISACS Parent Series Webinar ("School Skills: Setting Kids Up for Success"):* 5:30–6:30 p.m.; **register now for the ISACS Parent Series**

Friday, September 26

- *"A" Day*
- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *MS/LS Fall Pep Rally:* 2:00–2:45 p.m. in Piney Point Gym
- *Homecoming Games at Couper Campus:* See the All School section for details

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Monday, September 29

- *Picture Day*

Upper School

Midterm and Final Exam Schedule

This is a reminder that students will have midterm and final exams through the entire last week of both semesters, up to and including Friday, December 19, for Semester 1 and Friday, May 22, for Semester 2. Students are expected to be on campus during the week of their exams. We will release full exam schedules for midterms within the next month and for finals in the spring.

Follow-Up on Student Absences and Appointments

As a friendly reminder:

- Missing more than twenty minutes of a class will be considered an absence in that class.
- Being tardy to a class nine times will be considered an absence in that class.
- Students who miss three sessions of a class will receive a written warning.
- Students who miss six sessions of a class will be issued a behavior consequence (Saturday detention).
- Students who miss nine sessions of a class will lose credit for that class and may be presented with credit recovery options or retaking the course to progress to the next level in that academic discipline.
- These numbers reset each semester. Absences accumulate for a semester, but not the whole year.

Absences from a class for school-sanctioned activities, like participating on a sports team, do not count toward a student's total absences in a class. All other absences, for any reason, do count toward the absence total in a class.

When your student needs to miss school, arrive late, or leave early, please notify us at **USAttendance@stfrancishouston.org**.

Themed Dress-Up Days for Homecoming Week

- **Monday, September 22:** Mathletes vs. Athletes (Dress up as Team Brains or Team Brawn)
- **Tuesday, September 23:** Rhyme Without Reason (Grab a friend or even a group of friends and dress up in outfits that rhyme but make no sense together)
- **Wednesday, September 24:** Western Wednesday (Wear Western-themed outfits—no fake weapons)
- **Thursday, September 25:** Color Clash Day (Go all out with your class color)
    - **Freshmen:** Green
    - **Sophomores:** Red
    - **Juniors:** White
    - **Seniors:** Blue
- **Friday, September 26:** Disney Dress Out (Dress up as your favorite Disney character)
    - US Pep Rally at 1:45 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game Is September 26: It's a White Out

Get ready to unleash your school spirit at the Homecoming football game on Friday, September 26! We're going **all white** for our epic White Out theme at the game. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. Don your brightest whites and join the Wolf Pack for an unforgettable night under the lights. Let's show our team what St. Francis spirit looks like when we come together as one pack. See you there!

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- **Parent Information Zoom Session:**
  - Thursday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m.
  - **Parent Information Zoom Link**
    Meeting ID: 780 9337 9826
    Passcode: Wolves
- **US Student Information Session:**
  - Thursday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre
  - Join Coach T and Mr. Lakoski for a quick presentation to find out more about our awesome upcoming trip to Greece!
- **Additional Trip Information and Registration Requirements:**
  - **View the trip flyer** for more details.
  - Please register with our travel vendor at the **ACIS Educational Tours trip website**.
  - Print, sign, and return the **SFE Travel application for Greece**.
  - **Email Ted Lakoski** with any questions.
- **Financial Assistance:** Financial assistance may be available. **Apply to the Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund.**

AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL (FRINGE FESTIVAL)

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Dates:** August 1–14, 2026
- **Trip Leaders:** Lorna Jordan, Director of Fine Arts, and Kristina Revaz, Associate Director of Fine Arts/Dance Program Coordinator
- **US Student Information Session:** Please join Fine Arts Faculty Scott Gibbs for an informational session on Tuesday, September 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** The St. Francis Fine Arts Department is offering an incredible opportunity to travel to the American High School Theatre Festival (aka “The Fringe”) in Edinburgh, Scotland—with two days

in London! The Fringe features plays, musical theater, improv, sketches, musicians, and so much more.
    - All of our returning Upper School student artists are encouraged to join us for this adventure.
    - For additional information, **view the trip flyer** and the **presentation for families**.
    - If you haven't signed up yet or have any questions about this Fine Arts Department trip, **email Lorna Jordan**.
- **Financial Assistance:** Financial assistance may be available. **Apply to the Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund.**

Junior Class: College Counseling Meeting Is September 17

All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend our virtual College Counseling Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. We will cover the junior class college prep timeline, the college application process, and next steps to support juniors in their college journey. **Click here to join the Zoom meeting** when it's time.

College Bites: 20-Minute College Planning Sessions Start September 18

Students are invited to join us on Thursday, September 18, for College Bites, a new monthly program designed to help students gain essential college planning knowledge during lunch. These 20-minute information sessions will be held once a month in the Black Box Theatre, starting at 12:30 p.m. Our first topic will be, "What Colleges Really Want."

October 21–24: Hearing and Vision Screenings for NEW Upper School Students

From Tuesday, October 21, through Friday, October 24, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for all Upper School students who are **new to St. Francis**. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

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- If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Madeleine Tiemann, RN, via **email** or at 713.458.6445.

College Representative Visits Continue at St. Francis

Each year, college representatives from across the country visit our school to connect with our students and share insights about their institutions.

- Students in grades 10–12 may **sign up for these visits through Scoir**.
- **View the list of colleges scheduled to visit SFE.**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 16

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Student Bible Study:* 7:45–8:20 a.m. on the Monumental Stairs in the Student Life Center (SLC)
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, September 17

- *Late Start:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.; **click here for full details**, including carpool drop-off information
- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Junior Parent College Information Night:* 7:00–8:00 p.m.; **click here to join the Zoom meeting**

Thursday, September 18

- *"A" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (Marist University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room
- *College Bites Student Information Sessions:* 12:30–12:50 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre; first topic is "What Colleges Really Want"
- *Sign-Ups Open for October 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences:* 4:00 p.m., via the Parent Portal

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Friday, September 19

- *"B" Day*
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Monday, September 22–Saturday, September 27

- *Homecoming Week*

Monday, September 22

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- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress-Up Days:* Mathletes vs. Athletes (Dress up as team brains or team brawn!)

Tuesday, September 23

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress-Up Day:* Rhyme Without Reason (Grab a friend or even a group of friends and dress up in outfits that rhyme but make no sense together)
- *US New Parent Coffee:* 9:00–10:00 a.m. in Nau Dining Hall (SLC)
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, September 24

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress-Up Day:* Western Wednesday (Wear Western-themed outfits; no fake weapons)
- *Student College Rep Visit (Drake University and Boston University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Thursday, September 25

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress-Up Day:* Color Clash Day (Go all out with your class color)
    - *Freshmen:* Green
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- *No Chapel*
- *PS/US Pep Rally:* 1:45 p.m. in Crum Gym
- *Homecoming Football Game:* 7:00 p.m. in Couper Turf Field; wear white for a White Out

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Saturday, September 27

- *US Homecoming Dance:* 8:00–10:00 p.m. in Crum Gym

Monday, September 29

- *Picture Day*

Wednesday, October 1

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences:* **Student holiday;** sign-ups through the Parent Portal will be available beginning Thursday, September 18, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Join Us for Women's Bible Study on Wednesday Mornings

Women of all ages and life stages are invited to join us for a Bible study on the Parables of Jesus. The study will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We'll kick off at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and a speaker, followed at 10:00 a.m. by small-group discussion and prayer. For more information or to sign up, **email Allison Devlin**.

September 14 at 3:00 p.m.: Cub Scouts Kickoff Meeting

Calling all girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade—Cub Scout Pack 1703 invites YOU to be part of a year full of fun, friendship, and adventure! Our kickoff meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The kickoff meeting will feature a live predator bird demonstration by Birds of Prey and delicious ice cream.

Cub Scouts is all about learning new skills, making friends, and exploring the world around you. With Pack 1703, you'll get to:

- Go on exciting campouts.
- Build and race legendary Pinewood Derby cars.
- Blast off rockets at our rocket launch.
- Make a difference through community service projects.
- And much more throughout the year!

Whether you love the outdoors, creating things, helping others, or just having fun, Cub Scout Pack 1703 has something for you. Come see what Scouting is all about—bring the whole family and join the adventure!

Blessing of the Animals Is October 5

Join us for St. Francis's Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the school's Courtyard. Along with blessings and pictures, you are invited to bring a donation for Citizens for Animal Protection (CAPS). CAPS needs pet food, cat litter, bleach, towels, fleece blankets, and dog leashes. A local veterinary clinic will be in attendance to answer your pet questions.

Adult Formation Classes With Father Bates Continue October 26

Father Bates's Adult Formation classes will continue in October. Classes will meet in the church library at 10:10 a.m. on the following Sundays: October 26, November 2, December 7, and January 11 and 18. Open to all adults who have a desire to deepen their understanding and practice of their Christian faith, these classes are required for adults being confirmed on Sunday, February 22, at the 9:00 a.m. service. For more information and to sign up, **email Sally Jo Flores**.

Sunday Morning Study on Grief and Healing

Sunday mornings in September, join Father Price for A Look at Loss: Tools for Grieving & Healing, with class content drawn from the book *Navigating Intense Grief: How to Recover From a Devastating Loss* by Emily Vandenberg. The study will continue at 10:10–10:50 a.m. on September 21 and 28 in Room CH115. These Sunday morning sessions will help you gain a deeper understanding of the stages of grief, and explore practical self-care techniques for physical and emotional well-being.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Programs

On Wednesdays after the 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and dinner prepared by our wonderful Chef Alfredo ($15/person), we offer interesting programs. Father Price will lead a program on Keeping the Fire Alive, with video presentations from Albert Haase, OFM—a course on navigating challenges in the Christian spiritual life. On selected Wednesday evenings—September 24, October 22, and December 10—Father Bates will present a program on the trip he took to Turkey this past June.

Mini-Retreat: A Little Help From Our Friends

On Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, join us for a fall retreat focused on the Body of Christ. God made and placed us in a family, the Body of Christ, in the Communion of Saints, among all the Creator has made, "seen and unseen—visible and invisible." This fall retreat takes place on a Saturday near the feasts of Saint Matthew the Apostle and Saint Michael and All Angels, and 40-plus days before the Feast of All Saints. We will start with Morning Prayer in the Chapel. For more information, **email Father Price**.

Fall Outreach Sunday: Come Lend a Hand

Our Fall Outreach Sunday will take place at the 10:00 a.m. hour on September 21 in the Parish Hall. Come lend a hand to make sandwiches and snack bags for distribution by Lord of the Streets.

Parenting Book Series Kicks Off September 21

Parenting is more than managing behavior—it's about shaping hearts. Join us to read and discuss *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp. We'll explore biblical truths that transform the way we view our role and interact with our children. Classes will be held on Sunday, September 21, and Sunday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. in CH211.

Feast of St. Francis: 75th Anniversary Family Celebration Is October 5

On Sunday, October 5, join us for one service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will rejoice in our fantastic community with food (both inside the Parish Hall and outside on the grassy lawn), plus lots of activities for families, including carnival games, miniature golf, a bouncy house, a petting zoo, face painting, balloon art, kid-friendly hamburgers and hot dogs, and a DonutNV food truck.

Houston Chamber Choir Concert Is October 24

Join us on Friday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. for a Houston Chamber Choir concert at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

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:** Acts of the Apostles
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (Except on second Tuesday of each month, when group meets in St. Francis Church Parish Hall)

    - **Contact:** **Fr. David Price**
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Study: Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m.
    - **Study:** Hebrews
    - **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
    - **Contact:** **Sally Jo Flores**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
    - **Study:** 2 John
    - **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.