

News for the Week of September 28

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

The gate that leads to life is narrow and the road difficult, so few people find it. — Matthew 7:13

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.

Important: Please Complete Your Child's Magnus Information

If you have not yet completed your child's Magnus information, please do so as soon as possible. This information is important for the nurses to have while your child is in our care during school hours. If you need a password reset or have any questions about Magnus, please contact the nurse on your child's campus. The deadline to complete this information was July 1.

SAGE Dining Services: Daily Menus & Feedback

What's for lunch? It's easy to find out by visiting the Parent Portal and clicking "Lunch Menu" under the Important Links tab. This will take you directly to the SAGE Dining Services portal, where you may filter by campus and division to see your child's daily lunch offerings. (You may also **view the daily menus via this link**.)

SAGE is open to any feedback you may have about their daily offerings. Please fill out **this form**. Thanks!

Help Us Promote Open House

The Admissions Office is hosting Open Houses for prospective families on Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8. We have created yard signs to help promote the events, and are seeking families who are willing to display a sign!

- Do you live in a high-visibility area?
- Do you have lots of kids on your street?
- Do you love St. Francis and want to help us spread the word?

If so, we would love for you to put a sign in your yard!

We will have yard signs available during Parent-Teacher Conferences this Wednesday, October 1, on tables in the People Place on Piney Point Campus and in the Student Life Center and the lobby of the Primary School Office on Couper Campus. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Picture Day Is Tomorrow

Individual student pictures for all divisions will be taken tomorrow—Monday, September 29. Pre-order is available. You will also receive unedited photos of your child(ren) with a unique order code after Picture Day, if you'd prefer to see the photos first. Please be on the lookout for emails directly from our photography vendor, Inter-State Studio.

The Fest Is Almost Here: Merchandise Sales Close Thursday

T-shirt sales are officially closed, but there's still time to grab your punch cards, lanyards, wristbands, and Festival HydroJugs—available through this Thursday, October 2! **Buy your merch here.**

LAST-MINUTE SALE ALERT: OCTOBER 15

We'll be hosting a final pop-up shop on Wednesday, October 15, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the People Place. It's first come, first served, and once we're out of T-shirts and HydroJugs . . . we're out!

GOT A FESTIVAL HYDROJUG? ENJOY FREE DRINKS AT FESTIVAL!

Bring your Festival HydroJug to the St. Francis Festival on Sunday, October 19, and enjoy free drinks (8 oz. pours at a time) all day long!

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

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Wednesday, October 1

- *Parent Conference Day (No School)*

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
- *Primary II Blessing of the Stuffed Animals*
- *Primary II Furry Friends Picnic:* Students only

Wednesday, October 8

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
- *Primary I Blessing of the Stuffed Animals*

Thursday, October 9

- *Primary II Field Trip*

Friday, October 10–Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Lower School

You're Invited to a New Parent Coffee Tomorrow Morning

Join us in the Gay Foyer tomorrow—Monday, September 29—from 8:50 to 9:45 a.m., just after Chapel. Come meet other new families and discover how you can get involved in the St. Francis community. **Register for the New Parent Coffee now!**

Current LS Students: Order Your 2024–25 Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks are now available for students who were in Primary II through fourth grade last school year (2024–25). These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes feature 40+ pages of grade-specific events like class activities and projects, seasonal celebrations, fun at lunch and recess, school spirit, athletics, and special days like Grandparents' Day, Splash Day, St. Francis Festival, and more.

- Remember to order for your child's grade **LAST YEAR** (2024–25 school year).
- **Click here** to purchase your scrapbooks today! The order deadline is Sunday, October 19, at 11:59 p.m.
- With any questions, please contact **Lauren Brown**, 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

Digital Wellness: Family Code Workshop Is October 7

Join us for the Smart Families Family Code Workshop on Tuesday, October 7, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Piney Point Campus. At this interactive event, parents and children will learn about safe and healthy technology use, while working together to create a set of family rules that fit their values. Don't miss this opportunity to build positive digital habits as a family! Dinner will be provided.
Please **register for the event** and tell us how many family members will attend.

LS Parent Volunteers Needed for Hearing and Vision Screenings

If you would like to sign up to help the nurses with Lower School hearing and vision

screenings (held Monday, October 6, through Thursday, October 9—details below), please **click here to volunteer**. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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, and for any NEW students in second and fourth grades**. 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.

Please Update Grandparent Information by TONIGHT at Midnight

This week, we will be sending invitations for Lower School Grandparents and Grandfriends Days. Please help us by adding or updating grandparent contact information in Veracross by **tonight—Sunday, September 28—at midnight**. Please log in to the Parent Portal, and click "My Household" in the top left corner. Click "Update Family Profile," then scroll down to the "Grandparents" section. Thank you!

Save the Dates: LS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days Are November 19–21

Grandparents and Grandfriends Days will be held in November according to the following schedule:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **Fourth Grade:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- **Third Grade:** 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- **Second Grade:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **First Grade:** 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- **Kindergarten:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

Sign Up Now: Parent Lunches With Students Start Soon

We're thrilled to let you know that we will kick off our parent lunches with students soon! Please use the links below to sign up for lunch with your child:

- **Kindergarten Lunch Sign-up (10:45 a.m.)**
- **First Grade Lunch Sign-up (11:15 a.m.)**
- **Second Grade Lunch Sign-up (11:40 a.m.)**
- **Third Grade Lunch Sign-up (10:55 a.m.)**
- **Fourth Grade Lunch Sign-up (11:20 a.m.)**

GUIDELINES FOR LUNCH VISITORS

Due to space and safety concerns, lunch visitors are subject to important guidelines:

- All lunch visitors must follow established check-in/checkout procedures and will receive a name tag upon arrival, which must be worn at all times while on campus.
- Lunch visitors are asked to follow the dining procedures in our Lower School Handbook, as follows: "Parent/guardian lunches for students in Kindergarten through grade 4 will be scheduled from **October through April** using the grade-level link available in the Parent Portal. (The links will also be sent in September.) Each family will be allotted three lunch dates within the school year. (Note: The lunch count is per family and not per child.) Please be aware that some dates may not be available due to previously scheduled events on campus. The school will limit the number of reservations per day to avoid congestion in the parking lot and within the school building."
- St. Francis uses Veracross for scheduling family lunch dates to ensure efficient organization of highly attended dates when limited space is available.
- Students are not allowed to invite their friends to eat with their parents and them.
- No outside food is allowed.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 29

- *Individual Pictures*
- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *LS New Parent Coffee:* 8:50–9:45 a.m. in the Gay Foyer on Piney Point Campus

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Wednesday, October 1

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences:* No school

Thursday, October 2

- *Blessing of the Animals Eucharist Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.; fourth grade only

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Monday, October 6

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *LS Vision and Hearing Screenings:* In grade-level pods

Tuesday, October 7

- *LS Vision and Hearing Screenings:* In grade-level pods
- *Crime Stoppers of Houston Online Safety and Preventing Cyberbullying (Grades 2-4):* 1:15–2:55 p.m. in classrooms

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Wednesday, October 8

- *LS Vision and Hearing Screenings:* In grade-level pods

Thursday, October 9

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20-8:50 a.m.
- *LS Vision and Hearing Screening Makeups:* In grade-level pods

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Friday, October 10

- *Fall Break:* No school

Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Middle School

Individual Photos Tomorrow: Wear Dress Uniform

Tomorrow—Monday, September 29—students will take individual photos for the yearbook and for families to purchase. Please remember to wear the dress uniform. Fifth-grade students will take pictures before participating in PE, so they should arrive at school in their dress uniforms.

Digital Wellness: Family Code Workshop Is October 7

Join us for the Smart Families Family Code Workshop on Tuesday, October 7, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room on the Piney Point Campus. At this interactive event, parents and children will learn about safe and healthy technology use, while working together to create a set of family rules that fit their values. Don't miss this opportunity to build positive digital habits as a family! Dinner will be provided. Please **register for the event** and tell us how many family members will attend.

MS Parent Volunteers Needed for Hearing and Vision Screenings

If you would like to sign up to help the nurses with Middle School hearing and vision screenings (held Tuesday, October 14, through Thursday, October 16—details below), please **click here to volunteer**. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Please Update Grandparent Information in Veracross by Midnight TONIGHT

This week, we will be sending invitations to Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for Middle School students in sixth and eighth grades. Please help us by adding or updating

grandparent contact information in Veracross by **tonight—Sunday, September 28—at midnight**. Log in to the Parent Portal, then click "My Household" in the top left corner. Click "Update Family Profile," and scroll down to the "Grandparents" section. Thank you!

Grades 6 and 8: Grandparents and Grandfriends Day Is November 19

Save the date! Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for Middle School students in grades 6 and 8 will be held on Wednesday, November 19, from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Eighth-Grade Parents, Join Us Thursday for an Upper School Preview

This Thursday, October 2, eighth-grade parents are invited to visit the Upper School from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. You will hear from Alexis Reyes, Head of Upper School, and other Upper School leadership; take a tour of campus with current parents and students; and learn about how your child will thrive in our exceptional Upper School. An email invitation has been sent. **Please RSVP here.**

Sign Up Now: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences Are Wednesday

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are scheduled for this Wednesday, October 1. No classes will meet on this day. Please sign up for a time slot for you and your child(ren) to meet with your advisor(s). Follow these steps to sign up:

- Log in to the Parent Portal.
- Click the green "Parent Conferences Sign-Up" button.
- Follow the prompts from there.

Please note that Conference Day is reserved exclusively for meetings with advisors. If you need to meet with your child's other teachers to discuss specific classes or performance questions, those meetings will need to be scheduled for a different day. Students are expected to attend these valuable meetings with their parents.

October 14–16: Hearing and Vision Screenings for ALL Students in Grades 5 and 7 and for NEW Students in Grades 6 and 8

From Tuesday, October 14, through Thursday, October 16, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for all students in fifth grade and seventh grade, plus 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.**
- 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.

Summer Travel 2026: Costa Rica Parent Meeting Tomorrow + Register for Greece by Wednesday to Save

COSTA RICA PARENT MEETING IS TOMORROW

Once again, the St. Francis Experiential Travel Program is pleased to offer our rising/re-enrolled eighth graders the opportunity to take an incredible trip to Costa Rica. For over 15 years, our Middle School students have traveled to Costa Rica to take Spanish classes, experience the incredible culture, participate in amazing excursions, and lend their hands to meaningful service projects. Please join Liz Ward, Sixth-Grade Dean/Middle School Spanish Teacher and Costa Rica trip leader, for a Parent Information Session tomorrow—Monday, September 29. Details are below.

- **Who:** Rising/Re-enrolled Eighth Graders
- **Date:** May 31–June 13, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward, Sixth-Grade Dean/Middle School Spanish Teacher; **email with questions**
- **Tentative Trip Itinerary:** **2026 Costa Rica Itinerary**
- **Trip Application:**
  - Please print and return with deposit check to trip leader Liz Ward.
  - **2026 Costa Rica Trip Application**
- **Parent Information Session via Zoom:** Monday, September 29, at 11:30 a.m.
  - **Zoom Meeting Link**
    - **Meeting ID:** 871 836 5147
    - **Passcode:** Wolves21
  - A recording of this session will be made available in *Wolf Watch*.

GREECE—REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1 TO SAVE

Register now for a trip of a lifetime to beautiful Greece! The summer 2026 travel planning season is upon us, and the Greece trip is open for applications. Our travel partner, ACIS, is offering reduced pricing from now until the end of September, so act fast!

- **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 Leader:** Ted Lakoski, Director of Counseling/Director of Experiential Travel, assisted by Marion Tolon (Coach T), PE Teacher/Student Transition Liaison
- **Parent Information Session:** **Watch the recording of the Parent Info Session on Zoom.**
- **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.

WASHINGTON, DC—MORE INFO COMING SOON

- **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* in October

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

Service hours in the Middle School are now being documented electronically through MobileServe. To submit service hours, students must accept the invitation sent to their school email from MobileServe. Parental permissions must also be given. Once the student sends the parental permission request, and that request is approved, students will be able to enter their hours electronically. The program is very intuitive; just select the most appropriate category of service and answer the questions. Once you have submitted your hours, Rev. Mitchell will be able to approve them.

The deadline to submit volunteer hours for the 2025–26 school year remains Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 29

- *"B" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform (MS Individual Pictures)***
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

- *Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day:* No school for students

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Thursday, October 2

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Councils (Instead of Chapel)*
- *Eighth-Grade Parents Visit Upper School:* 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 3

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Combined Eucharist With US:* 9:55–11:05 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary; students only

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Monday, October 6

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

- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, October 7

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Crime Stoppers of Houston Presentation for Fifth-Grade Students:* 9:40 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center
- *Eighth-Grade Students Visit Upper School:* 9:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
- *LS/MS Parent Workshop With Smart Families:* 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, October 10–Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Upper School

US Picture Day Is Tomorrow

All Upper School students will take school pictures tomorrow—Monday, September 29. Students must wear their full dress uniform for pictures. If they want to change into their regular, Monday–Thursday uniforms after they get their picture taken, they may.

Seniors may get their pictures taken at the following times:

- Between 8:00 a.m. and the start of school
- During Advisory, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

- During lunch, from noon to 1:00 p.m.
- During free periods

Seniors will need to take two photos—one in their full dress uniform and another in the cap and gown provided by the school. All other students will take photos during their classes.

Junior and Senior Rings: Balfour Representative on Campus Tomorrow
Tomorrow—Monday, September 29—a Balfour representative will be on campus from noon to 1:00 p.m. to display class rings and senior gear. All orders may then be placed **online on the Balfour website**.

Grades 10 and 11: PSAT Is October 15 + Device Prep Starts Tomorrow
All tenth- and eleventh-grade students and their parents, please note that students will sign into the Bluebook digital testing app for the first time this week and will complete PSAT exam setup with Technology and College Counseling during their English classes. Students must have their school laptop with them to complete setup successfully. For questions, please **email Claudia Mejia**, Director of College Counseling.

Student-Led Conferences Are Wednesday
On Wednesday, October 1, students will lead a conference with their advisors and parents. These conferences will help students and parents set personal and academic goals for the school year. Conference sign-ups are already open on the Parent Portal. Look for the green button that says “Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up.”

Next College Bites Is October 2: ‘College Athletic Recruitment 101’
Students are invited to the next College Bites this Thursday, October 2, from 12:25 to 12:50 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre, where they'll learn about the college athletic recruitment process, eligibility criteria, and different options for continuing their sport in college.

2025 Houston STEM College and Career Fair Is October 5
Interested in a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics? Don’t miss the STEM College and Career Fair at the University of Houston this Friday, October 5. Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the event will bring together admissions representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities to provide information about acceptance policies, programs, campus life, student activities, and financial aid.

- **Click here to register for the STEM College and Career Fair.**

- Questions? **Email Claudia Mejia**, Director of College Counseling.

Parent Session on College Athletic Recruitment Is October 7

Parents, join us virtually on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. to learn about the college athletic recruitment process from a college-counseling perspective. We will discuss different pathways to playing in college, academic eligibility, and how to approach researching colleges. **Click here to join the Zoom meeting** when it's time.

October 15 Is a Half Day

On Monday, October 15, our tenth and eleventh graders will be taking the PSAT on campus. The ninth and twelfth graders will be engaged in community service. This is a half day. Students will be released at noon.

Summer Travel 2026—Greece Registration Is Open

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  - 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.

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:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
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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 29

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Individual and Senior Pictures:* 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
- *Student College Rep Visit (High Point University and Louisiana State University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the Student Life Center (SLC) Conference Room
- *Student Junior/Senior Ring and Senior Gear Display:* 12:00–1:00 p.m. at the SLC Monumental Stairs

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Tuesday, September 30

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Student College Rep Visit (Rhodes College):* 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Wednesday, October 1

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for Students):* Sign-up is available on the Parent Portal

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Thursday, October 2

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (Northwestern University and Rollins University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room
- *Student College Bites on College Athletic Recruitment:* 12:30–12:55 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre

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Friday, October 3

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Feast of St. Francis Eucharist Chapel:* 10:05–11:05 a.m. on the Piney Point Campus

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Monday, October 6

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Furman University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (Syracuse University and Reed College):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room
- *US Parent Session on College Athletic Recruitment (Virtual Meeting):* 7:00–8:00 p.m. via **this Zoom link**; learn about the college athletic recruitment process from a college-counseling perspective

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Thursday, October 9

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (Missouri University of Science and Technology and St. Edward's University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Friday, October 10

- *Fall Break:* School closed

Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* School closed

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

Youth Confirmation Class of 2027

Next year's Confirmation class is in the beginning stages. If your child is presently in the eighth grade or beyond and is interested in being confirmed into the Episcopal Church, please **email Cindy Huteson**. Classes will begin on January 25, 2026.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Programs

On Wednesdays this fall after the 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and dinner prepared by our wonderful Chef Alfredo ($15/person), we offer interesting programs:

- **Pilgrimage Presentation:** On selected Wednesday evenings—October 22 and December 10—Fr. Bates will present a program on the trip he took to Turkey this past June.
- **October 1:** Presentation by Rev. Katie Mitchell
- **October 8:** Presentation by Rev. Bob Wismer
- **Keeping the Fire Alive:** On the other Wednesdays, Father Price will lead a program with video presentations from Albert Haase, OFM—a course on navigating challenges in the Christian spiritual life. This engaging Franciscan friar offers helpful direction on spirituality.

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.

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.

October 19: Episcopal Schools Sunday and St. Francis Festival

Join us on October 19 for Episcopal Schools Sunday, when we will celebrate St. Francis Episcopal School (SFES) at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Our Chalice Bearers, Readers, Ushers, Acolytes, and choir members will all be students, staff, and faculty of SFES. Many alumni will be in attendance, as well as present-day students and faculty. Come and show your support for our much-loved school.

SFES Festival: From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., head over to the SFES athletic field for fun-filled events. More information to come.

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.

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**.

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**.

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 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.