

News for the Week of October 5

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. — Romans 12:9

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.

The Fest Is Here—See You Sunday, October 19!

It's almost time for one of our favorite St. Francis traditions—Episcopal Schools Sunday and St. Francis Festival Day! For **Episcopal Schools Sunday**, church services will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church at the following times: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. The Joyful Sounds Choir will perform at the 9:00 a.m. service, and the Middle School Choir will perform at the 11:00 a.m. service. Then, enjoy **Festival** fun from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.—that means rides, games, delicious food, and so much more!

SHUTTLE REMINDER

All parents, faculty, and staff should **ride the shuttle between Couper and Piney Point campuses (8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.)**. Piney Point parking will be closed 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

DUNK TANK LINEUP + PRIZES

We've added prizes this year—and the lineup is stacked! **Dr. Chelsea Collins, H. Baber, Stephen McCormick, Emily Graves, Ted Lakoski, Charlotte Morales, David Settle, Scott Gibbs, John Gibbs, and Juliana Wagner** are all taking the plunge.

Prize alert!

- Dunk **Dr. Collins**, and your **entire grade wins a Free Dress Day!**
- Upper School students, if you dunk **H. Baber**, your **grade earns Free Dress Day,** too!
- And our **teachers have a few prizes up their sleeves**—think homework passes, dance breaks, or even a switch-seats day!
- Line up early for your chance to dunk, laugh, and win big!

JOIN THE FESTIVAL CREW
It takes our whole Pack to make Festival day shine.

- **Middle School Students:** You may volunteer **with a parent**.
- **Upper School Students:** Dean Baber is giving **double credit**—that's **two hours for every one hour you serve**.
- And **moms**, we need your help to *voluntell* the dads in your family—join the **Dads' Club Grill Team** by the Beer Garden.
- All volunteers can **sign up here**.

See you Sunday, Wolf Pack—the Fest is here, and it's going to be amazing!

The Dads' Club Grill is BACK at the St. Francis Festival…
…and we need YOU! Join us on Sunday, October 19, to flip burgers, grill hot dogs, and dish out your finest unsolicited grill-master wisdom. Volunteer for a one-hour shift at our prime spot, strategically located right next to the Beer Garden. We need 30+ dads to keep the flames going throughout the event!

Or, join us to grill at the Varsity Home Football game on Friday, October 17. Come join us for some fun and Wolves football while cooking burgers and hot dogs for our fans. Can't commit to a full shift? Come by the tent and hang out.

- Click here to **sign up for both Dads' Club Grill** opportunities.
- Questions? **Email the St. Francis Dads' Club.**

All Divisions: Kitty's Coat Drive Is October 20–24
Every division on both Piney Point and Couper campuses will join forces for Kitty's Coat Drive from Monday, October 20, through Friday, October 24. During this annual ingathering, we collect winter coats to donate to neighbors in need so they stay cozy all winter long.

- All gently used and new coats are welcome—you can even **order directly from Amazon via this curated link**!
- To donate, look for collection bins near carpool drop-offs and reception areas. Donations may also be brought directly to classrooms.
- Kitty's Coat Drive is a joint initiative of our Middle School's National Junior Honor Society students, our Upper School's National Honor Society students, and St.

Francis Episcopal Church.

FoFA: Volunteers Needed for Christmas Project Prep + Open Meeting on October 29

Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) is seeking volunteers to **help organize supplies for the K–8 annual Christmas ornament project on Wednesday, October 29, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)**. In Lower and Middle School, each student will make a Christmas ornament in order to decorate the grade-level trees that will make the People Place and Gay Foyer festive in December!

Sign up to volunteer.

Also, join FoFA for a quick **Open Meeting from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the FAC on October 29**, before Christmas ornament prep. Hear about all the great ways FoFA is helping our Arts faculty across all four divisions—and how you can get involved!

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Tuesday, October 14

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
- *Primary II Sings in Chapel (Capasso and Wiener)*

Wednesday, October 15

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

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Sunday, October 19

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday*
- *St. Francis Festival:* 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

- *Late Start for All:* No Early Birds
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
- *Primary II Sings in Chapel (Theis and Suckow)*

Wednesday, October 22

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

Lower School

Lost and Found Reminder: Please Label Everything

The Lost and Found team would like to remind parents to **label all items**—including *accessories, school materials, and, especially, water bottles and outerwear*—with your student's full name.

- When a lost item is labeled clearly, it will be delivered to the student's homeroom or advisory.
- Unlabeled items will remain in the Lost and Found Closet for one month before being donated to Uniform Resale or charity.
- Students are encouraged to search for their own lost items, but parents are also welcome to look in the Lost and Found Closet, which is located under the stairs next to Crum Library.

It's Time! Annual SFE Pumpkin Carving Contest Is October 30

Our popular Pumpkin Carving Contest will be held on Thursday, October 30, in the Gay Foyer at Piney Point Campus. First time participating? Have questions? Check out our **Pumpkin Carving FAQ page** for a list of categories, competition rules, and more.

Entries may be dropped off at Piney Point Campus in the Gay Foyer/Fine Arts Center Lobby during one of the following times:

- Wednesday, October 29, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 30, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp!

Please have your **entry form** completed ahead of time or be prepared to fill one out when you drop your entry off. Pumpkins must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, or they will be thrown away.

We can't wait to see what you come up with! Please contact 2025 Pumpkin Carving Leads **Shäna Johnson** or **Claire de Roode** with any questions.

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 **email Lauren Brown**, 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Tuesday, October 14

- *Hispanic Heritage Month Program:* 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center; for students in grades 3 and 4

Thursday, October 16

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, October 17

- *LS Festival Pep Rally:* 2:15–2:45 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym; students only

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Sunday, October 19

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday:* Joyful Sounds Choir will lead the 9:00 a.m. service
- *St. Francis Festival:* 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

- *Late Start for All:* 10:00 a.m.; **no early dropoff for students**

Thursday, October 23

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, October 24

- *Car Door Dads:* 7:30-8:00 a.m.; dads will open doors at carpool
- *Joyful Sounds Field Trip to The Buckingham and The Tradition:* 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- *Mid-Semester 1 Progress Reports*

Middle School

Uniform Reminders

As cooler temperatures have finally started to arrive in Houston, this is a good time for a few reminders about regular uniforms:

- Students should wear the uniform polo shirt underneath a sweatshirt. A sweatshirt alone is not considered proper uniform attire. Sweatshirts worn inside the building must be St. Francis attire.
- Please check the length of skirts or shorts. Skirts and shorts should be index-finger length. Undergarments or privacy shorts should not extend below the length of shorts or skirts.

- Only FlynnO'Hara or DENNIS Uniform bottoms should be worn. Khaki shorts or pants that are not one of these brands are considered out of dress code.
- FlynnO'Hara is the only place to purchase new uniform items. They are very responsive to orders, and they are working hard to fulfill our needs. Their website can be accessed **here**.

ERB Testing Is October 27–29

ERB testing will be held each morning on Monday, October 27; Tuesday, October 28; and Wednesday, October 29. Test results are used to measure student progress and to guide instruction. Results from this testing are also used in the Advanced Academics application process, which begins at the end of March.

- Please avoid scheduling appointments before lunch on ERB testing days to minimize the number of makeup tests required.
- Students with extended time should report to school at 7:30 a.m. on these three days to begin testing by 7:45 a.m.
- All students are asked to eat a good breakfast, bring a healthy snack, and bring a book for independent reading.
- To encourage a good night's sleep for all students, there will be no homework due or additional assessments on these days.

Lost and Found Reminder: Please Label Everything

The Lost and Found team would like to remind parents to **label all items**—including *accessories, school materials, athletic gear and, especially, water bottles, outerwear, and blazers*—with your student's full name.

- **Please label ALL clothing items if your student changes for PE or Athletics!**
- When a lost item is labeled clearly, it will be delivered to a student's homeroom or advisory.
- Unlabeled items will remain in the Lost and Found Closet for one month before being donated to Uniform Resale or charity.
- Items found in locker rooms will be kept in the locker room lost and found area.
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This Week: 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 this Tuesday, October 14, through Thursday, October 16—details below), please **click here to volunteer**. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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

This 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.

Sixth-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) Is October 17

On Friday, October 17, sixth-grade students and teachers will travel to Camp Olympia for a day of outdoor learning.

- Students should arrive on campus at 6:45 a.m. and will return to school at approximately 7:00 p.m.
- They should have breakfast before arriving and may bring snacks for the bus ride. Lunch and dinner will be provided.
- Medications administered at school will be sent with students for the day.

WHAT TO BRING
Students should bring the following with them on the OLE:

- **Water bottle**
- Closed-toed tennis shoes (no Crocs)
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Hat

FOR MORE INFORMATION + MEDICAL RELEASE FORM DUE OCTOBER 15
Sixth-grade families received **an email** on Friday, October 3, with more details, including information on dietary restrictions, as well as the **medical release form**. **The signed medical release form needs to be returned to your child's advisor by Wednesday, October 15.**

Current Fifth-Grade Students: Order Your 2024–25 Scrapbooks by October 19

Scrapbooks are now available for students who were in 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).
- **Purchase your scrapbooks today! The order deadline is Sunday, October 19, at 11:59 p.m.**
- With any questions, please **email Lauren Brown**, 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

Afternoon Pickup Reminders for Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades

Middle School students should not be picked up by a parent in front of the school at the end of the day. Please use the carpool line to pick up your child by the Dining Hall beginning at 3:30 p.m.

- At 2:45 p.m., all sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students should report to the team sports practices or PE class.
- Injured athletes may attend practice to hear instructions from coaches.
- If you need to pick up your child prior to 3:30 p.m., please come inside to sign out your student at the front desk.

Parent Presentation on Substance Use Prevention Is October 22

St. Francis has the honor of hosting Dr. Matt Bellace on Wednesday, October 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus. During this presentation, Dr. Bellace will speak with our Middle School and Upper School parents on substance-abuse prevention and mental-health awareness in an insightful, science-based, and seriously funny presentation. (He will also speak with our MS and US students later that day.)

Dr. Bellace has a PhD in clinical neuropsychology; trained at the National Institutes of Mental Health and The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City; and authored the best-selling book *A Better High: Laugh, Help, Run, Love and Other Ways to Get Naturally High*. He's a contributing author for *National Geographic Kids* and was featured in the PBS documentary *Voices of Hope*. He was also a recurring comedian on truTV's *World's Dumbest*. If you're planning to attend, please **RSVP here**.

Summer Travel 2026: Register Now for Costa Rica + Greece

COSTA RICA REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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.

- **Who:** Rising/Re-enrolled Eighth Graders
- **Date:** May 31–June 13, 2026
- **Deadline to Apply:** November 4, 2025
- **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:** **Watch the Zoom recording.**
- **NOTE:** Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. Once we reach 30 travelers, all other applications will be placed in a lottery for any remaining spots.

GREECE REGISTRATION CONTINUES

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.

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Dates:** June 1–10, 2026
- **Cost:** $6,522 + $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 Zoom recording.**
- **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* later this month

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 complete 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. 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.** If you have any questions, please **reach out to Rev. Mitchell**.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Tuesday, October 14

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Hispanic Heritage Month Program:* 9:40 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)
- *Hearing and Vision Screening:* Fifth-grade group 1

Wednesday, October 15

- *"B" Day (Repeated to Align With Upper School Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Hearing and Vision Screening:* Fifth-grade group 2 and seventh-grade group 1

Thursday, October 16

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Hearing and Vision Screening:* Fifth-grade group 3, seventh-grade group 2, and new sixth and eighth graders

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Friday, October 17

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Sixth-Grade OLE Trip to Camp Olympia:* 6:45 a.m. arrival; see note above

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Monday, October 20

- *Late Start:* 10:00 a.m.
- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, October 21

- *"B" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, October 22

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- ***Parent** Substance Use Prevention Presentation:* 8:30 a.m. in the FAC
- ***Student** Substance Use Prevention Presentation:* 9:40 a.m.

Thursday, October 23

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

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Friday, October 24

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Eighth Grade vs. Staff/Faculty Volleyball Game:* 2:45 p.m.
- *Progress Reports Released After 4:00 p.m.*

Upper School

PSAT Testing and Service Day—Wednesday, October 15
Attention, Upper School students and parents: Wednesday, October 15, is a half day. Students in grades 10 and 11 will take the PSAT test; students in grades 9 and 12 will participate in a service activity.

All tenth- and eleventh-grade students have successfully completed their exam setup and may continue preparing for the PSAT/NMSQT using the Bluebook application on their St. Francis laptops.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 15

- **All students:** Arrive by 7:45 a.m. Students may leave after completing their obligations for the day.
- **Grades 9 and 12:**

    - Service-activity buses will depart at 8:00 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m.
    - Wear St. Francis Spirit Dress. This is not a free dress day.
- **Grades 10 and 11:**
    - *PSAT Exam Start Time:* 8:00 a.m.
    - *Exam End Time:* 12:00 p.m. (standard testing) or 1:00 p.m. (testing with accommodations)
    - Wear St. Francis Spirit Dress. This is not a free dress day. Per College Board guidelines, students are not allowed to wear jackets or hoodies during testing.
    - Lunch will be served on the regular schedule (12:00–1:00 p.m.) for students who wish to eat before leaving campus.

PSAT DAY PREPARATION FOR TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADERS

- Restart and update your laptop the night before.
- Bring your fully charged SFE-supported laptop and charger.
- Bring an **approved calculator**.

QUESTIONS?
If you have any questions, please **email Claudia Mejia**, Director of College Counseling.

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If you're planning to attend, please **RSVP here**.

US Arts Students: Join Us at the ISAS Arts Festival

All St. Francis Upper School Arts students are encouraged to join the US Arts Department at the ISAS Arts Festival, which will be held in Dallas on April 9–11, 2026. This exciting event brings together thousands of student artists from member schools for three days dedicated to creativity, performance, and exhibition. The festival

is designed to foster high standards and stimulate creativity in performing and visual arts programs, celebrating the individual efforts of students and teachers alike.

- For more information, please **check out the promo video for the 2026 festival**.
- If you're interested in attending, please **fill out the ISAS Arts Festival Student Interest Form**.

St. Francis Travels to Scotland for the 2026 Fringe Festival

The St. Francis Arts faculty is excited to announce that they will lead a group of rising ninth-grade and rising tenth-grade students on a once-in-a-lifetime educational tour to AHSTF Fringe Festival over the summer of 2026! This trip offers a wealth of opportunities for learning outside the classroom and for personal growth.

The American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF), a one-of-a-kind arts 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, taking workshops, and touring Scotland and England.

LEARN MORE ABOUT 'THE FRINGE'

- **Visit the Edinburgh Festival Fringe website.**
- **Watch "Inside Scotland's Fringe Festival"** (CBS News video).

HOW TO REGISTER

- For more trip details and to register, **visit SFE Educational Travel** (Trip ID: Doran-5575).
- Please **email Kristina Revaz** with any questions.

Summer Travel 2026—Registration for Greece Continues

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- **Cost:** $6,522 + $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 Zoom recording.**
- **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.

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Monday, October 13

- *Fall Break:* No school

Tuesday, October 14

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Student College Rep Visit (Southwestern University):* 2:15–2:45 p.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Wednesday, October 15

- *PSAT Day (Half Day/Special Schedule)*
    - *Freshmen and Seniors:* Community service
    - *Sophomores and Juniors:* PSAT testing

Thursday, October 16

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Diwali Recognition:* 12:00–1:00 p.m. in Nau Dining Hall

Friday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 19

- *Episcopal Schools Sunday*
- *St. Francis Festival:* 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Late Start for All Students and Staff:* 10:00 a.m.
- *Student College Rep Visit (Texas Christian University):* 12:55–1:25 p.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Tuesday, October 21

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Grades Reported to TAPPS for Athletic Eligibility*
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, October 22

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Substance Use Prevention Program:* 11:25 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in Crum Gym

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Thursday, October 23

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (Vassar College):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Friday, October 24

- *"A" Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Progress Reports Published*

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

Kitty's Coat Drive Is Oct. 19–26

This year, our annual Kitty's Coat Drive will be held Oct. 19–26. During this event, which is named after original organizer Kitty Elliott, St. Francis Episcopal Church and School collect coats for MAM to distribute to Spring Branch Independent School District students who are in need. A collection area will be set up in the church narthex. Please bring your new or gently used children's and youth coat donations to church on Sunday, October 19, and Sunday, October 26, or to the church office during that week.

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 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., head over to the SFES athletic field for fun-filled events. For more information, see the All School section of this *Wolf Watch*.

Houston Chamber Choir Concert Is October 24

Join us on Friday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. for a free Houston Chamber Choir concert at St. Francis Episcopal Church. The animals are coming! This is the final event of our 75th anniversary celebrations.

Adult Formation Classes With Father Bates Continue October 26

Father Bates's remaining Adult Formation 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**.

November 9: Recital and Choral Evensong

On Sunday, November 9, join the Assisi Choir as we welcome back the wonderful tradition of Choral Evensong—the sung evening prayer of the Episcopal church—to St. Francis. This service, primarily led by the choir, features beautiful singing of psalms, canticles, and hymns of our church. An organ recital by John Kirk will precede the service at 4:15 p.m.

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.
- **Keeping the Fire Alive:** On 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.

Women's Bible Study Is Held 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**.

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.

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.