WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of January 11

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Wisdom will enter your mind, and knowledge will fill you with delight. —Proverbs 2:10

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.

Re-enrollment Opens on January 30

Online re-enrollment contracts will be released in the Parent Portal on Friday, January 30. You must submit the re-enrollment contract and the deposit by Tuesday, February 10, in order to save your student's spot for the 2026–27 school year. All spots not reserved by current families will be offered to new students through the admissions process. Questions about re-enrollment? **Reach out to Jennifer Glover**, Head of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

Shine On St. Francis Gala Is Almost Here!

BOOK ROOMS FOR GALA: DEADLINE *EXTENDED* THROUGH MONDAY

The deadline to book a discounted room at the Post Oak Hotel for the night of Gala has been *extended* through **Monday, January 12, at 11:59 p.m.** There are only a handful of rooms still available at the discounted rate, so please **use this link to book online** or call the Post Oak Hotel reservations desk directly at 844.386.1600 and mention that you're with the SFE Gala to receive the room block discount. Please **email Lauren Sutherland** with any questions.

SILENT AUCTION AND SPRING SIGN-UP PARTIES OPEN ON JANUARY 21

Our silent auction AND Spring Sign-Up Parties will go live at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21. This year's silent auction includes some incredible one-of-a-kind packages and is open to the entire community, so feel free to share the link with friends and family and encourage them to support St. Francis by bidding.

PREVIEW GALA ITEMS THIS WEEK

A preview of all items for Gala—silent auction, big board, and live auction—will be available this week, so keep an eye on your inbox for a sneak peek at all the incredible offerings that will be available for purchase!

This Is Us Cultural Festival: Sign Up to Participate

We are excited to be hosting our annual This Is Us Cultural Festival on **Sunday, March 22, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m**. **Click here** for event details and to sign up to represent your country. We had over 30 countries represented last year and are looking forward to even more this year!

Last Call: Nominations Are Open for SFPO Chairs and Committee Members

The St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) supports the mission of St. Francis by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for our parent community. It's a great way to get involved at school and meet some new friends while doing so! If you are interested in serving on the SFPO Executive Committee—or know someone who is interested whom you would like to nominate—please **email SFPO President Courtney Schilling** **by this Tuesday, January 13.** Learn more about SFPO committees **here**.

'The App Trap': Digital Wellness Parent Presentation Is Wednesday

Parents of students in pre-K through middle school, please join us this Wednesday, January 14, from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. for the Smart Families Parent Presentation of 'The App Trap,' an interactive session that offers neuroscience education about the addictive nature of the apps our children use.

- Held in the Crum Library on Piney Point Campus, this session will help parents understand how apps are deliberately engineered to capture and hijack focus and attention, particularly during critical stages of brain development.
- Parents will gain insights into practical tips for developing healthier digital habits at home and strategies for more mindful technology use as a family.
- **Click here to reserve your seat.**

This Week: Donate Your Gently Used Uniforms and Spirit Wear During Carpool

The St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) Uniform Resale Committee will be accepting SFE uniform and Spirit Wear items at morning carpool this week—Monday, January 12, through Friday, January 16.

- Simply put everything in a bag and hand it to a carpool volunteer through the window—without even getting out of your car! It's the easiest way to make a meaningful donation to the SFPO.
- Please make sure your donations are clean and in good, resalable condition.
- Note: Dennis Uniform items (while no longer sold through Uniform Resale) can still be dropped off. We have a nonprofit partner we work with to find these uniforms a good home!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JANUARY 22
Parent volunteers are needed to sort uniform donations the morning of Thursday, January 22. **Click here to sign up!**

From the Nurses' Desk: Tips for Staying Healthy When the Flu Is Spreading
During flu and cold season, the nurses want to do everything possible to keep our St. Francis students healthy. Please **click here** to learn more about the flu and ways to help prevent it from spreading. Also, please make sure your child is fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse on your child's campus.

Primary School

Save the Dates: PS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days Are February 26–27
Save the dates for Primary School Grandparents and Grandfriends Days! The formal invitation will be sent later this month.

- **Primary II:** Thursday, February 26, 8:45–9:45 a.m.
- **Primary I:** Friday, February 27, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- **Pre-Primary:** Friday, February 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Explore and Extend Classes Start This Week + View the List of Confirmed and Canceled Classes
Explore and Extend families, **click here to view the full, up-to-date list of confirmed and canceled Spring Enrichment classes**, including schedules and locations.

CLASS START DATES
Most Spring Enrichment classes will **begin this coming week (week of January 12)**. Please note that **all woodworking classes will begin at a later date**; families enrolled in woodworking will receive separate communication with updated start information.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

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Wednesday, January 14

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

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Monday, January 19

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* No School

Tuesday, January 20

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

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Wednesday, January 21

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

Lower School

Explore and Extend Classes Start This Week + View the List of Confirmed and Canceled Classes

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CLASS START DATES
Most Spring Enrichment classes will **begin this coming week (week of January 12)**. Please note that **all woodworking classes will begin at a later date**; families enrolled in woodworking will receive separate communication with updated start information.

St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Spring Sports

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association spring T-ball, softball, and volleyball.

- **Click here to register for T-ball and softball.**
- **Click here to register for volleyball.**
- Please **email the St. Francis Sports Association** if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 12

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, January 14

- *Parent Digital Wellness Presentation on 'The App Trap':* 8:15 a.m. in the Crum Library on Piney Point Campus; **click here to register**
- *Student Digital Wellness Presentation for Grades 2–4:* 1:15–2:55 p.m.

Thursday, January 15

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Monday, January 19

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* No school

Thursday, January 22

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, January 23

- *Car Door Dads:* 7:30–8:00 a.m.

Middle School

Report Cards Now Available on Portal

Report cards were released this past Friday, January 9. To view your student's report card for Semester 1, please visit your Veracross portal. Click "Classes & Reports" for each of your students to locate the Semester 1 report card.

This Week: Check Your Inbox for Semester Update

Please be on the lookout for an email from the Middle School Office early this week. We have information to share about the following:

- A sixth-grade field trip on Wednesday, January 21;
- Houston Food Bank trips on Monday, February 2, and Tuesday, February 3, for the entire Middle School; and
- Exams and activities for the last week of school.

Door Decoration Contest Winners Get Free Dress This Wednesday

Congratulations to the following advisories for winning the recent Door Decoration Contest—and a Free Dress Day this Wednesday, January 14!

- **First Place:** King Advisory and Cruzalegui Advisory
- **Second Place:** Dinh Prince Advisory and Burgason Advisory
- **Third Place:** Willcutts Advisory
- **Honorable Mentions:** Fry Advisory, Settle Advisory, Jason Prince Advisory, and Barclay Advisory

Middle Schoolers: Please Check Lost and Found

The gym locker rooms were cleared out over Christmas Break, and we have a ton of unlabeled clothing (mostly boys). These items are hung in the Lost and Found closet by the fifth-grade stairs. Unclaimed items will be donated after three weeks. Please come

check for your unlabeled things. (And please take the time to label all uniforms!)

St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Spring Sports

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association spring sports, including volleyball.

- **Click here to register for volleyball.**
- Please **email the St. Francis Sports Association** if you have any questions or concerns.

This Week: Donate Baseball/Softball Equipment in Carpool

The Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Boys Bible Study is collecting new and gently used baseball and softball equipment to support Spring Spirit, an education, sports, and ministry program serving athletes in the Spring Branch area of Houston. Donations will be collected during Middle School carpool drop-off this week—Monday, January 12, through Friday, January 16.

We are looking for items such as the following:

- Bats
- Gloves
- Helmets
- Catcher's gear
- Baseballs and softballs
- Equipment bags

Your donations will help young athletes learn, grow, and thrive—on and off the field. Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry and helping us knock this out of the park!

Bless Your Home for the New Year

As we celebrate **#Epiphany2026**, St. Francis invites your family to participate in the ancient tradition of Chalking the Door.

WHAT IS IT?

It's a simple way to dedicate our homes to God at the start of the year. Using blessed chalk, we mark the lintel of our front door with the following formula: **20 + C + M + B + 26**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- **The Numbers:** Represent the current year (2026).
- **The Crosses:** Represent our salvation in Christ.

- **The Letters:** They stand for the legendary names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar), but also for the Latin phrase “Christus Mansionem Benedicat”—**“May Christ bless this house.”**

In the Anglican tradition, we believe the home is a "Domestic Church." This ritual reminds us that God’s presence isn't just inside the church building. It’s in the ordinary and mundane—in our hallways, our kitchens, and our guest rooms all year long.

SHARE THE BLESSING
Your child will be given a piece of chalk after the Epiphany Eucharist to bring home. Take a photo of your family chalking your door and tag **@stfrancishouston** and use **#Epiphany2026**. Let’s fill our feed with blessed homes!

To learn more about the ancient tradition, **read this article from *Anglican Compass***.

This Week in Middle School Chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- **Read the family devotional.**
- **Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**
- **Musicians:** Cooper Nelson, Hunter Stuckey, Mason Miller
- **Ushers:** William Bridger, Wells Carper, Chase Cotting, Sam Dahr
- **Acolytes:** Emma Hartigan, Tucker Knight
- **Crucifers:** Tyler Kalamaras, Charlie Kochel
- **Readers:** Robert Pyle, Dylan Settle
- **Homilist:** Rev. Katie Mitchell

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- **Read the family devotional.**
- **Scripture: John 1:29-42**
- **Musicians:** Sixth-Grade Choir
- **Ushers:** Blair Davidson, Madeleine Hoehne, Hunter Jennings, Emmie Lundquist
- **Acolytes:** Charley Lane, Gabriela Lehman
- **Crucifers:** Jenson Lindner, Ava Long
- **Readers:** Baron Thiessen, Valentina Torres
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Uniform Reminders
With cooler weather here, jackets and sweatshirts are needed most mornings.

- Please remember that only St. Francis sweatshirts are to be worn inside the building. **Students should always wear a polo shirt underneath the sweatshirt.**
- Girls are welcome to wear sweats or leggings underneath uniform skirts. These should be solid colors (without patterns) in gray, white, blue, or black.
- Please check the length of all uniform pieces, as many students have grown since August.

Phone Policy Reminder

This is a gentle reminder that communication devices are not allowed in Middle School classrooms. If a student has a communication device, the device (both phones and watches) must be turned in during advisory every day. Students are not allowed to use personal devices "car door to car door."

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 12

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

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Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Parent Digital Wellness Presentation on 'The App Trap':* 8:15 a.m. in the Crum Library on Piney Point Campus; **click here to register**
- *Student Digital Wellness Presentation:* 9:40 a.m.

Thursday, January 15

- *"B" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, January 16

- *"A" Day*
- *Special Schedule*
- *Pep Rally and Eighth-Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game:* 2:00–3:30 p.m.
- *St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*

Monday, January 19

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No school*

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Sixth-Grade Field Trip to San Felipe de Austin:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; students should arrive on campus at 7:00 a.m. for a prompt departure by 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 22

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

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Friday, January 23

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Eighth-Grade Shadow at Upper School:* 8:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Upper School

Thanks, Students, for Working Hard on Midterms!

Thank you to all students who studied hard and completed their midterms. Things went smoothly!

Save the Date: US Grandparents and Grandfriends Day Is February 26

Mark your calendar! For students in grades 9 and 12 only, Upper School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is Friday, February 26, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The formal invitation is coming soon.

SAT and ACT Registration Now Open for Juniors

Junior families, it's time to register for spring standardized testing. St. Francis will be offering both the SAT and ACT on campus this spring.

- **ACT Testing Date:** Wednesday, March 4
- **SAT Testing Date:** Wednesday, March 18
- **Registration Deadline for ACT and SAT:** Tuesday, January 20

To register and pay, please **complete this registration form**. If you have questions about which test is right for your student or have additional questions, please **contact Claudia Mejia, Director of College Counseling**.

Balfour Visiting January 20: View Class Rings and Senior Gear

Balfour will be on campus on Tuesday, January 20, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to display class rings and senior gear. All rings and senior gear must be ordered online via **this link**.

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Senior Recognition Ads: Deadline Is January 20

We are excited to offer you the chance to place a recognition ad for your senior in the 2026 yearbook. Full-page ads are $500, and half-page ads are $250. To create your ad, **click this link** and follow the instructions. You can also **watch this video tutorial** for assistance. All ads must be created and submitted by Tuesday, January 20, to be included in the yearbook.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 12

- *Immersions and Explorations*
- *Special Schedule:* Students report at 8:50 a.m.
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms

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Tuesday, January 13

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, January 14

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- *Regular Uniform*

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Friday, January 16

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Tuesday, January 20

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- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Balfour Visit/View Junior Rings:* 12:00–1:00 p.m. in Nau Dining Hall

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Wednesday, January 21

- *“A” Day*

- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, January 22

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

Friday, January 23

- *"A" Day*
- *Special Schedule*
- *Eighth-Grade Visit to the Upper School*
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *US Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in Crum Gym

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service:** 9:00 a.m. in the church
- **Let It Shine Children's Bible Lesson:** On Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service, join Mrs. Devlin to learn about the Bible as we act out Scripture with costumes and props and pray together.
- **Coffee and Donuts:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy a time of fellowship.
- **Lighthouse Children's Art:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional Service With Choral Music:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I Service:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel

First Communion Classes Begin February 1

Our First Communion classes begin Sunday, February 1, offering children a joyful and meaningful way to grow in faith as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist. Classes are for second graders and older, with parents and families invited to share in this special milestone. For more information, **email Allison Devlin**.

Grief Support Group Meets on Sunday Afternoons

The Grief Support Group meets weekly on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Church

Conference Room (CH115). The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and is navigating the complex emotions of grief. For more information, **contact Father David Price**.

Note About Holy Baptism

If you or your child would like to be baptized, please **contact Sally Jo Flores** in the church office for more information.

Women's Bible Study Resumes This Wednesday

(Note: This study has been on hiatus for the holidays, but will resume this Wednesday, January 14.) Women of all ages and life stages are welcome to join us for Bible study, which meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We kick off at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and a speaker, followed at 10:00 a.m. by small-group discussion and prayer. In our small groups, we will read and discuss the book of James. For more information, **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** in the church office. Classes begin on Sunday, January 25.

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 is 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:** 1 Thessalonians
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (Except on second Tuesday of each month, when group meets in St. Francis Episcopal 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:** James
  - **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact:** **Allison Devlin**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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