WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of May 17

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. —Psalm 119:105

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.

Happy Summer!

This is the final *Wolf Watch* of the 2025–26 school year. We hope you all have a fantastic summer!

Early Dismissal on Friday

Please note the following early dismissal times on Friday, May 22:

- Primary School at 11:00 a.m.
- Lower School at 11:30 a.m.
- Middle School at 12:00 p.m.
- Upper School at 12:00 p.m.

Thank You for Your Contributions to the SFPO End-of-Year Gift Collection!

The St. Francis Parents Organization wants to thank everyone who so generously contributed to the End-of-Year Faculty and Staff Gift Collection. Volunteers will be distributing the cash gifts to employees before the All-School Staff Meeting on Wednesday, May 20. We are always humbled by the benevolence of those who participate in this St. Francis tradition. Thank you for helping us provide these amazing

educators, caretakers, facilitators, and administrators a great start to their summer break!

Note From the Nurses: End-of-Year Medication Pickup

If your child has medications in the clinic, either prescription or over-the-counter, the medication(s) must be picked up by a parent/guardian no later than 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22. If you plan to travel and leave before the last day of school, the medication must be picked up on your child's last day of school. **Please note: Emergency medications must stay in the clinic until your child's last day on campus.**

- All medications left in the clinic past the last day of school will be discarded, as the clinic has to prepare for the next school year and does not have the capacity to store medications over the summer.
- **If your child is attending Summer on the Point, the emergency medications must still be picked up and given to the nurse working this summer.**
- If you have any questions, please contact your child's nurse.
    - **Lower and Middle School:** Fay Gant or Anna Klauer at 713.458.6128
    - **Primary School:** Abigayle Harrington at 713.458.6167
    - **Upper School:** Madeleine Tiemann at 713.458.6445

Thank you for allowing us to take care of your children.

Primary School

Rising Kindergarteners: Order Next Year's School Supplies by Friday

Parents of rising Kindergarteners, it's time to order your child's school supplies for the 2026–27 school year! Orders may be placed until Friday, May 22, by following these steps:

1. Go to **www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks**.
2. Enter the school ID:
    - STF001 (St. Francis Lower School)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order. (Orders will be charged tax at checkout.) Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Questions? Please **contact Seasonal Sales Chair-Elect Cassie McKinney**.

St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Fall Soccer

Register now for St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) fall season soccer—open to students in Primary II (age 4) to fifth grade.

- **Click here to register for the fall soccer season.**
- Please **email SFSA Registrar Liz Ward** with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

- *Primary II Bible Presentation:* 9:30 a.m. in Crum Athletics Center
- *Primary II End-of-Year Parties:* Immediately following Primary II Bible Presentation
- *No Chapel for Pre-Primary*

Wednesday, May 20

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend
- *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Parties:* 1:45 p.m.

Friday, May 22

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

Lower School

Laptops for Fifth Grade: Pay by August 7 to Ensure Start-of-School Delivery

All fifth-grade students are required to purchase the school's 13-inch MacBook Air laptops, which are purchased by the family and managed by St. Francis. Please **submit payment via this link** by Friday, August 7, so the laptop can be delivered before the start of the 2026–27 school year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to **contact our Technology Department**.

Find Your Items This Week: Piney Point Lost and Found Clean-Out

All unlabeled items remaining in Lost and Found will be donated on the last day of school.

Please note: Donations of used uniforms in good, resellable condition are accepted year-round at the Piney Point Campus security desk. While we will no longer be reselling DENNIS Uniform items, you may still drop those items off.

Honors (Advanced Academics) Placement Decisions Released May 15: Check Veracross

Decisions about placement for Honors English and Math for rising fifth- through eighth-grade students were released on May 15 for returning students. To view placement decisions, please visit your Veracross Parent Portal, select Classes & Reports, then click the Files tab located near the upper-right corner of the home page.

New students for the 2026–27 school year will receive those results directly in early June.

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    - STF018 (St. Francis Middle School)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order. (Orders will be charged tax at checkout.) Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Questions? Please **contact Seasonal Sales Chair-Elect Cassie McKinney**.

Scrapbook for Grades K–4: Order by Friday

Scrapbooks are available for preorder and will be delivered in the fall. These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific, with hundreds of pictures from class parties, seasonal events, Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, Chapel, lunch, field day, and more! They offer a firsthand look at what the kids are doing at school all year. This book is *completely* different from the yearbook. Remember to order for your child's grade **this year**.

- Please note: **The order deadline for Scrapbooks is Friday, May 22.**
- **Click here to purchase your Scrapbook today.**
- If you do not plan to return to SFE, don't worry! We will mail you a copy of the Scrapbook.

- Questions? **Email Jessica Keegan.**

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 18

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 19

- *Fourth-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 1:15–2:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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Wednesday, May 20

- *Second-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 12:45–2:00 p.m. in classrooms; students only
- *Third-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 1:00–2:15 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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Thursday, May 21

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Kindergarten End-of-Year Parties:* 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only
- *First-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 12:15–1:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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Friday, May 22

- *Last Day of School:* Early dismissal for LS at 11:30 a.m.

- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony:* 10:00–10:45 a.m. in the FAC
- *LS Semester 2 Ends*

Middle School

Locker Clean-Out Is May 19–20

All students will clean out their lockers before departing for summer break. Please send extra bags with your student so they can carry home their supplies. We encourage students to take home unused school supplies for next year, although boxes will be available for those who would like to leave donations.

Eighth-grade students will clean out their lockers on Tuesday, May 19. All other grades will clean out their lockers on Thursday, May 20.

Summer Laptop Intake Program: Turn in Devices by May 22

All students will turn in their laptops after their last test of the school year, just as we did last year. This initiative ensures that all returning-student laptops are equipped with the latest academic software, robust safety filters, and essential digital services before the start of next school year. Laptops not submitted by Friday, May 22, will be placed on a temporary restriction until the device has been serviced. (Students who are not returning next year will have their devices returned to factory settings, with school programming removed.)

Students should turn in their laptops according to this schedule:

- **Fifth Grade:** Thursday, May 21, during Study Hall or electives
- **Sixth Grade:** Friday, May 22, after the completion of the Spanish exam. Students who do not take Spanish may turn in their laptops at 8:00 a.m.
- **Seventh Grade:** Friday, May 22, either 7:45–8:15 a.m. or after the completion of their last final exam
- **Eighth Grade:** Wednesday, May 20, either 7:45–8:15 a.m. or after the completion of their last final exam

Please note that both sixth- and seventh-grade students will need to bring their laptops on the last day of school in order to turn in their devices. If you have any questions, please **contact our Technology Department**.

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End-of-Year Exam Schedule + Details

Each Middle School grade has slightly different dates and expectations for end-of-year exams. **Click here for complete details**, including the full exam schedule.

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Athletics Physicals Are May 19

On Tuesday, May 19, all students are eligible to receive a physical, which is required for participation in athletics or PE classes at St. Francis. Families are welcome to obtain the exam at their doctor's office, if they prefer.

Paperwork was sent late last month and must be completed, signed, and returned to school. Please note that a physician's signature is **not** required when returning the forms; the physician completing the physical at school will sign at the event.

- **Fifth-grade students** receiving physicals on campus will be dismissed at their normal time of 3:30 p.m.
- **Sixth- and seventh-grade** students will attend Sports Preview until 4:00 p.m., but Sports Preview time may also be used to complete physicals, if needed.
- **Eighth-grade students** receiving physicals on campus should be picked up at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, May 18–Friday, May 22

- *End-of-Year Exams:* **Click here** for the full schedule

Monday, May 18

- *"B" Day*
- *Grades 5–7:*
  - Regular Uniform
  - Chapel: 9:50-10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Grade 8:*
  - Spirit Shirts With Uniform Bottoms
  - **Finals Day 1—Science and Math**
  - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Following Exams: Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

- *"A" Day*
- *Grades 5–7:* Regular Uniform
- *Grade 8:*
  - Spirit Shirts With Uniform Bottoms
  - **Finals Day 2—English**
  - Completion Ceremony Rehearsal: Begins immediately following the English exam
  - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
  - Locker Clean-Out: Please bring extra bags for supplies
- *Athletics Physicals*

Wednesday, May 20

- *"B" Day*

- *Grades 5–6:* Regular Uniform
- *Grade 7:*
  - Spirit Shirt With Uniform Bottoms
  - **Finals Day 1—English and Science**
  - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Following Exams: Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- *Grade 8:*
  - Spirit Shirt With Athletics Bottoms
  - **Finals Day 3—Spanish and History**
  - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Following Exams: Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21

- *"A" Day*
- *Grades 5–6:*
  - Regular Uniform: Siblings of eighth graders attending the Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony should wear the Dress Uniform
  - Locker Clean-Out: Please bring extra bags for supplies
- *Grade 7:*
  - Dress Uniform
  - **Finals Day 2—History**
  - Attend Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony: Following the History exam
  - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m. for All Seventh Graders
  - Locker Clean-Out: Please bring extra bags for supplies
- *Grade 8:*
  - Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony: 10:00 a.m.
  - Dismissal for the Summer at the Conclusion of the Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony

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Friday, May 22

- *Last Day of School:* Dismissal for MS at 12:00 p.m.
- *St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- ***Grade 7 Finals Day 3—Math and Spanish:*** Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Upper School

Summer Laptop Intake Program: Turn in Devices by May 22

We are pleased to announce our Summer Laptop Intake Program, which is new for Upper School this year. This initiative ensures that all returning-student laptops are equipped with the latest academic software, robust safety filters, and essential digital services before the start of next school year.

- All student laptops must be turned in by Friday, May 22. Laptops not submitted by this date will be placed on a temporary restriction until the device has been serviced.
- If you have any questions, please **contact our Technology Department**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Textbook Buyback Opportunity

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

Reminder: Fringe Festival Meeting Is May 19

There will be a Fringe Festival student and parent meeting on Tuesday, May 19, from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. in the Student Life Center Black Box.

- We will review expectations and protocols, provide additional information, and take care of a few remaining forms.
- This will also be a chance for families to meet the chaperones, including Ms. Lorna Jordan, Mr. Scott Gibbs, and new Upper School Theater Teacher Ms. Sarah Patterson.
- This is a mandatory meeting. While we prefer that all attend in person, you may **use this link to join virtually**, if necessary.

Final Exams Are May 18–22: Schedule Below

Please find the Upper School final exam schedule below. Note that the start times for testing sessions are 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20	Thursday, May 21	Friday, May 22
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Spanish I / Spanish I Honors Spanish II / Spanish II Honors French I & II Latin I & II	English I / English I Honors English II / English II Honors	World History I / World History I Honors World History 2 / World History 2 Honors	Algebra I / Algebra I Honors Geometry / Geometry Honors Algebra II / Algebra II Honors	Biology / Biology Honors Chemistry / Chemistry Honors Physics
12:30–3:30 p.m.	Spanish III Spanish IV Latin III	English III / English III Honors	US History Civics & Economics	Precalculus / Precalculus Honors College Algebra	

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 18–Friday, May 22

- *Final Exams*
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
    - This is not a free dress day. Students are expected to be in Spirit Wear or Regular Uniform. Students should NOT wear hoodies, jackets, or baggy shirts while testing.

Friday, May 22

- *Last Day of School*

- *Noon Dismissal for Upper School*
- *End of Semester 2*

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

Please join us Sunday in the Parish Hall for coffee, light bites, and fellowship after the 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services. We look forward to meeting you soon!

SUNDAYS AT ST. FRANCIS

- **8:00 a.m. in St. Clare Chapel:** Holy Eucharist Rite I
- **Infant and Toddler Care:** Babies six weeks and up can enjoy playtime, music, and Bible stories in the nursery of the Parish Hall building. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **9:00 a.m. in the Church**
  - *Family Worship:* Blended music/Holy Eucharist Rite II
  - *Let it Shine! Children's Bible Breakout:* All children Pre-K to middle school are invited.
- **10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**
  - *Lighthouse: Expressions in Art*
  - *Children's Art/Crafts*
- **11:00 a.m. in the Church:** Holy Eucharist Rite II with Traditional Music
- **5:00 p.m. in St. Clare Chapel:** Holy Eucharist Rite I

Women's Summer Bible Study Is June 3–August 5

This summer, join us for Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays, June 3–August 5. We will gather from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and conversation, followed by the lesson from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with one large group in the Parish Hall.

We will be reading *The Way of the Wildflower* by Ruth Chou Simons. The lessons are stand-alone, so do not worry if you miss a week for travel—come back whenever you are in town.

Each week, there will be an optional activity for those who are interested. An email will be sent the week prior to RSVP so we can get an estimated number of participants. Please **contact Allison Devlin** for the schedule and to be included in emails if you are not already part of our Women's Bible Study.

St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Fall Soccer

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) fall season soccer—open to students in Primary II (age 4) to fifth grade.

- **Click here to register for the fall soccer season.**
- Please **email SFSA Registrar Liz Ward** with any questions.

June 7: Organ Recital and Choral Evensong

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 7, at St. Francis Episcopal Church for our next organ recital and choral evensong.

- **Organ Recital at 4:15 p.m.:** An organ recital by Valentina Huang, Cathedral Organist at Christ Church Cathedral–Houston, will precede the choral evensong.
- **Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.:** The choir of Christ Church Cathedral-Houston and the cathedral's Canon for Music Robert Simpson will join the Assisi Choir for a combined service. Led primarily by the choirs, the choral evensong will showcase beautiful singing of psalms, canticles, and hymns from the church's tradition.

Wednesday Evening Program on 'The Jesus Way'

A Wednesday evening program on "The Jesus Way: Learning to Live the Christian Life" runs through May 27. Based on the book of the same title by Dr. Peter Walker, the series explores what it means to follow Christ more deeply.

- Part one, "Learning From Jesus Himself," draws heavily from Luke 24, while part two, "Learning From the Apostles," considers how the early church lived out Christ's teaching.
- Evenings will begin with Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall ($15), with the lesson beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Week of Wonder Is August 3–7: VBS Registration Now Open + Adult Volunteers Needed

We invite all children in kindergarten through fourth grade to join us Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7, for an exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

- **What:** Vacation Bible School "Week of Wonder"
- **When:** August 3–7 at 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. daily
- **Closing Celebration:** Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

Families are encouraged to mark their calendars and be part of the joy as participants learn, grow, and celebrate together.

- **Register your K–4 student for VBS by June 12.**
- Adult volunteers are needed to help make this joyful ministry possible. **Sign up to volunteer for VBS.**

- For more information, **email Khristina Ballard** or call 713.829.2531.

Men's Fellowship Group Meets Thursdays

Held Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room (CH115), the weekly Men's Fellowship Group centers around the study of the Gospels and Epistles, with an emphasis on lived faith and practical application for husbands, fathers, and men at every stage of life. Through thoughtful, interactive discussion, we explore how Scripture speaks to everyday realities—faith and vocation, marriage and parenting, work and finances, prayer and worship, humility, forgiveness, joy, trust, and inner peace. We will begin with the Epistle of James, one of the most direct and practical books of the New Testament. For more information, **email Jason Martinez**.

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.

Grief Group Meets on Sunday Afternoons Through May

A Grief Group will continue to meet weekly on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room, through the end of May. Grief takes many forms. It may follow the death of a loved one, but it can also arise from illness, major life changes, broken relationships, or other profound losses. For more information, **contact Fr. David Price**.

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** needs **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.

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 using the "Prayer Requests" link on the **St. Francis Episcopal Church home page**.

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** 1 Corinthians
  - **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 Episcopal Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact: Sally Jo Flores**
- Thursday Men's Fellowship: Every Thursday at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Gospels and Epistles
  - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Conference Room (CH115)
  - **Contact: Jason Martinez**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays at 9:30–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** On break
  - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact: Allison Devlin**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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