

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of August 16

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. - Matthew 5:16

From Fr. Wismer: Welcome Back, Wolves!

Dearly Beloved St. Francis:

Welcome back! How exciting for us all to be gathering back at St. Francis Episcopal School—this year in particular, since it is the Year of St. Francis, being 800 years since his death in 1226. I have always aspired to be like St. Francis because he so diligently sought to be like our Lord Jesus. We will be learning more about St. Francis this year and celebrating his life and joy. He was a shining example and creative inspiration for us to be People for Others.

Fr. Wismer

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: Vehicle Decal Registration and Distribution

Please [refer to the email sent last week](#) to understand where to pick up your vehicle decals for the 2026–27 school year. Thank you for your partnership and attention to this important safety initiative!

From the Nurses' Desk

The nurses are looking forward to a wonderful year with your child! Please do the following to help us keep your child healthy while they are in our care:

- Complete the Magnus Health file. Update any changes during the year and notify us.
- Let us know when your child is sick, so we can monitor the class/grade.
- Please be sure your child carries a water bottle, so they can stay well-hydrated during the day. [Learn about the benefits of staying hydrated throughout the day.](#)

DROP OFF MEDICATIONS MONDAY AND TUESDAY

- Drop off medications during the following times:
 - **Monday, August 17:** 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 - **Tuesday, August 18:** 1:30–3:00 p.m.
- Bring medications directly to the clinic. The security guard and front desk staff cannot take them.
- Please do not send medications by your child.

Explore & Extend: Register Now for Afterschool Care, Enrichment Classes, and School of Music

Looking for a great way to keep your child engaged, learning, and having fun after the school day ends? Registration for Explore & Extend, including Afterschool Care, Fall Enrichment Classes, and School of Music is open now through Friday, September 11.

- **Afterschool Care** begins on the first day of school—Wednesday, August 19—and provides students with opportunities to explore new interests, build friendships, extend their learning, and participate in enriching activities in a fun and supportive environment.
- **Enrichment Classes** begin Monday, August 31. From art to martial arts, dance, and foreign language study to gymnastics, robotics, cooking, and chess, there is a class to pique the interest of every student.
- **School of Music** provides individual music lessons with one-on-one instruction.

[Click here to register for Explore & Extend.](#)

For questions or assistance with registration, please [contact Explore & Extend via email](#) or at 713.458.6437.

Shop the St. Francis Spirit Store

[Check out St. Francis's online Spirit Store](#) or visit us on Piney Point Campus. The store will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the school year. Reorders have already been placed for out-of-stock items. Please [contact](#)

Annie Hartigan with any questions.

St. Francis Parents Organization News

WHO'S SFPO? YOU ARE!

Every St. Francis parent is automatically part of the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO), the volunteer group that helps bring our school community to life. From Booster Club and Friends of Fine Arts to faculty appreciation and school traditions, SFPO is all about connection, community, and school spirit. Whether you volunteer often or are just getting started, we'd love to welcome you.

You can read more about SFPO by clicking here. Please be on the lookout for SFPO tables at Meet the Teacher orientations and Back to School events.

SFE MOMS' NIGHT OUT BINGO IS SEPTEMBER 2

You're invited to the first SFPO event of the year, SFE Moms' Night Out Bingo!

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 2
- **Time:** 6:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Houston Racquet Club
- **Purpose:** Join us for fun and fellowship as we kick off the new school year!
- **Prizes:** Festival parking spot, Christmas poinsettias, breakfast cards, and more!
- **Registration:** **Click here to register.** Registration will close Friday, August 28.

DONATE USED UNIFORMS

Due to the recent switch to FlynnO'Hara Uniforms, SFPO does not have the current inventory to host an August Uniform Resale this year. You can always donate used St. Francis uniforms at the front office or during carpool dropoff.

- Any DENNIS, Tommy Hilfiger, and Parker uniforms you drop off will be donated by the school.
- Donated FlynnO'Hara uniforms will be sorted and saved for a potential sale.

SFPO will announce a sale later in the year, so stay tuned!

Primary School

Primary II: SFSA Soccer Practices Begin August 23

If your child is registered for St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) soccer, please note the following important dates:

- Practices begin on Sunday, August 23. Please contact your child's coach for your team's scheduled practice day and time.
- Texas Kingdom games begin on Friday, September 11. More details on the official game schedule will be available after Tuesday, September 1.

For questions, please [reach out to Liz Ward](#), SFSA Registrar.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 17

- *Primary School (PS) Meet the Teacher:* 4:00–6:00 p.m. in classrooms
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Wednesday, August 19

- *First Day of School*
 - *Kisses and Coffee for Pre-Primary:* 8:30–9:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room
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Tuesday, August 25

- *Primary II Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; students only
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Wednesday, August 26

- *Primary I Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; students only
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Tuesday, September 1

- *PS Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
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Wednesday, September 2

- *PS Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend

Lower School

Lower School Parent Lunches: Sign Up Now

Lower School parent lunch guidelines and sign-up links are now available in the Parent Portal under "Division Resources". Log in to access them, or [click here](#).

SFSA Soccer Practices Begin on August 23

If your child is registered for St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) soccer, please note the following important dates:

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- Texas Kingdom games begin on Friday, September 11. More details on the official game schedule will be available after Tuesday, September 1.

For questions, please [reach out to Liz Ward](#), SFSA Registrar.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 17

- *Lower School (LS) Meet the Teacher:*
 - M–Z: 1:00–2:30 p.m. in classrooms
 - A–L: 2:30–4:00 p.m. in classrooms
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.*
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Wednesday, August 19

- *First Day of School*
 - *LS Trimester 1 Begins*
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Thursday, August 20

- *LS Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
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Friday, August 21

- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
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Monday, August 24

- *LS Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, August 26

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, August 27

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *LS Opening Eucharist Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
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Friday, August 28

- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*

Middle School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 17

- *Meet the Teacher and Locker Setup for Returning Sixth-, Seventh-, and Eighth-Grade Students*
 - Last Names A–L: 8:00–10:00 a.m. in the Middle School hallway
 - Last Names M–Z: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Middle School hallway
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Wednesday, August 19

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *First Day of School*
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Thursday, August 20

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Middle School (MS) Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, August 21

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
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Monday, August 24

- *“B” Day/Special Schedule*
 - ***Dress Uniform***
 - *MS Opening Eucharist Chapel: 9:40–10:40 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Tuesday, August 25

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Early Faculty Meeting: No morning tutorials*
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Wednesday, August 26

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*

Upper School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 17

- *New Student Orientation and Pep Rally: 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
- *New Parent Orientation: 8:30–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*

Tuesday, August 18

- *Senior Paint the Parking Spot: 6:45 a.m. at Couper Campus Senior Lot*

Wednesday, August 19

- *First Day of School*
 - *Red Day/Special Schedule*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Senior Sunrise: 6:30 a.m. at Couper Turf Field*
 - *Upper School (US) Athletics Media Day: 4:30 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, August 20

- *White Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, August 21

- *Blue Day/Special Schedule*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - **BOYS Dress Uniform**
 - Powder-blue oxford shirt (long- or short-sleeve)
 - Twill khaki pants
 - Navy blazer (FlynnO'Hara)
 - St. Francis uniform tie
 - Belt
 - **GIRLS Dress Uniform**
 - Powder-blue oxford shirt (long- or short-sleeve)
 - Plaid skirt only, or twill khaki pants
 - Navy blazer (FlynnO'Hara)
 - St. Francis uniform tie
 - *US Opening Eucharist Chapel: 9:35–10:25 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, August 24

- *Gray Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, August 25

- *Red Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *US Chapel: 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Wednesday, August 26

- *White Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Senior Family College Info Night: 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Nau Dining Hall*

Thursday, August 27

- *Blue Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, August 28

- *Gray Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress*: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *US Chapel*: 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym

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**
 - *Worship*: Contemporary 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 and Choir
- **5:00 p.m. in St. Clare Chapel**: Holy Eucharist Rite I

MAM's 2026 Back-to-School Campaign

The Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Campaign begins in August and continues through the end of September. Every year, MAM assists over 6,000 at-

risk Spring Branch ISD elementary school children; \$50 provides new school clothes for a child.

- Donations should be made payable to St. Francis Episcopal Church with “MAM Back-to-School” on the memo line and placed in the Sunday collection plate or mailed to the church.
- For more information, [contact Heather Burkhart](#).

Men's Fellowship and Study Meets Thursdays

The Men's Thursday Bible Study resumed August 13 after a summer hiatus. They meet from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room (CH115), have breakfast, and then have discussions. Each week is a standalone discussion, so please join us to make new friends and reacquaint with old ones. If you have any questions, please [contact Jason Martinez](#).

Join Us for Family Blessings on August 16 and 23

Join us August 16 and 23 for Family Blessings at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Our dream is to see St. Francis families walking closely with God every day. We invite you to join us in living out our faith at home this year. Please come join us for a special blessing and a gift to enhance your family's journey.

Back-to-School Kickoff Party Is August 23

Join us on Sunday, August 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the church courtyard to kick off the new school year with popcorn, putt-putt, crafts, and fellowship!

Women's Bible Study Resumes September 2

The Women's Summer Bible Study was a great success. After a short break, the group will start up again on Wednesday, September 2, and run through Wednesday, November 18. The fall focus of study will be *Life Lessons From Daniel & Esther: Faith Under Pressure* by Max Lucado. On select dates, attendees will enjoy activities outside the realm of study. For more information, [contact Allison Devlin](#).

St. Francis Community Nights: Wonderful Wednesdays Start September 9

Need a jolt of inspiration? Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays starting September 9. This midweek worship and fellowship will kick off with Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Clare. Our clergy staff will rotate to celebrate, preach, and offer a short 30-minute program after dinner. Enjoy a simple meal from various local restaurant sources (\$15 per person).

We want to foster the opportunity for sacrament, good news, fellowship, and learning. The emphasis is on the experience of community. Please [RSVP to Chrissy Kana](#).

First Communion Classes Start September 13

Children in second grade and up are invited to participate in First Communion Classes to prepare for receiving the beautiful sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

- First Communion Classes begin on Sunday, September 13, and a parent meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on this day. Additional classes will be held on the following Sundays: September 20 and 27; October 4 and 18; and November 1.
- A parent meeting and class service project/practice will be held Saturday, November 7. First Communion Sunday is November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

[Click here to register for First Communion Classes.](#)

For questions, please **[email Khristina Ballard.](#)**

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.

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.

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 under "Connect" 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:** *Christianity's Family Tree* by Adam Hamilton
 - **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:** Resumes September 8
 - **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:** Gospel of Matthew
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Conference Room (CH115)
 - **Contact:** [Jason Martinez](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays at 9:30–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Resumes September 2
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Resumes September 13
 - **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. On the main menu, select "Worship," then "Watch Live" to go to the church's YouTube channel. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.