

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 20

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. —Psalm 112:4–7

CHAPLAIN'S NOTE: FAITH IS TRUSTING

The Psalmist gives such a good description of what a life of faith should look like—gracious, compassionate, generous, and just. We endeavor to live a life characterized by these qualities. A life with a steadfast heart that trusts in the Lord. But we are careful to remember that we are not trusting our good deeds of mercy, as if doing them to impress God or to influence Him in our favor. Rather it is simply because we want to be like him, and we want him to shine through our lives.

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.

Final Call: Place Festival Orders by September 25

The Festival is only a few weeks away—don't wait to buy your Festival gear! Ordering closes on Friday, September 25. [Click here to order now.](#)

Homecoming Is Friday: Here Are This Week's Highlights!

We have fun planned for the entire week of Homecoming. More information about all the festivities can be found in the [all-school email](#).

In case you missed it, here are a few highlights:

- **Spirit Ribbons:** All Primary, Lower, and Middle School students will receive a spirit ribbon/sticker at school on Friday, September 25, to wear throughout the day. Show extra HOCO spirit and wear it to the Varsity Football game that evening!
- **Primary and Lower School Pregame Fun:** Arrive at the Homecoming game by 6:30 p.m. so your Primary and/or Lower School student(s) can run through the spirit tunnel onto the field at 6:45 p.m.

LAST DAY: Preorder Homecoming Meals by Midnight

Preorder your meal from The Pit Room by midnight TONIGHT to enjoy at the Homecoming Varsity Football game on Friday, September 25. Preorder sales will close at 11:59 p.m. tonight—Sunday, September 20. **Limited meals will be available for purchase the day of the event, so buy in advance now!**

Spirit Store: Restock Alert

We know people need clothes for Homecoming Week! The Spirit Store is actively receiving white Feed the Good Wolves T-shirts, blue TX T-shirts, navy SFE performance T-shirts, pink SFE T-shirts, and turquoise I Love SFE T-shirts.

RESTOCK SCHEDULE

- **Monday, September 21:** In the evening, all inventory will be updated in the [**online Spirit Store**](#).
- **Tuesday, September 22, and Wednesday, September 23:** On these mornings, all inventory will be in store for purchases and pickups. NOTE: This may be the last restock of these T-shirt styles.

SPECIAL HOMECOMING WEEK STORE HOURS

- **Monday, September 21:** 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 22:** 7:30–8:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 23:** 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Reminders: We only accept credit cards and Apple Pay. Please come pick up your orders in the Spirit Store or at the Primary School or Upper School offices. Returns and exchanges can be completed in the store within three weeks of purchase.

Alumni Homecoming Reception Is September 25

Calling all alumni! Join fellow alumni and friends for the Alumni and Special Friends Homecoming Reception on Friday, September 25, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Student

Life Center on Couper Campus. Enjoy food, drinks, and time to reconnect before the big game, then head to the Alumni Tent to cheer on our Wolves!

- [RSVP here!](#)
- [View the full invitation.](#)

Save the Date: Picture Day Is September 28

Picture day for all divisions is Monday, September 28. Our vendor, Inter-State Studios, will email parents directly for ordering. You can [visit their website prior to picture day using this link.](#) Our school's code is 0485HPF.

Are You Following St. Francis?

St. Francis is on Facebook and Instagram!

- [Follow us on Instagram \(@StFrancisHouston\).](#)
- [Follow us on Facebook \(St. Francis Episcopal School\).](#)

Be sure to follow Athletics and Fine Arts on Instagram, as well!

- [Follow Athletics on Instagram \(@Athletics StFrancisHouston\).](#)
- [Follow Fine Arts on Instagram \(@Arts At StFrancisHouston\).](#)

People for Others September Service Day: Blood Drive Is September 26

Join us on Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for our September Service Day, a community blood drive. Donating blood is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to help save lives right here in our community.

Sign up for a time slot to donate blood.

We hope to see many of our families, students, and staff take part in this act of service. Thank you for helping make this drive a success!

Primary School

Primary School Hearing and Vision Screenings: September 8–25

St. Francis will be holding hearing and vision screenings for **Primary II students and for students who turned four before September 1, 2026.** Vision screenings will take place the week of September 7, and hearing screenings will take place the week of September 21. Screenings will be conducted by St. Francis nurses who have attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will take place during the school day.
- We do not refer to the screening as a “test.” Please help us by doing the same. The teachers will explain the process to our students, who will discover that they are playing two games with the nurses.
- 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.
- 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 any questions, please [contact School Nurse Abigayle Harrington via email](#) or at 713.458.6167.

St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Basketball

Registration is open for the St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) basketball season. SFSA is open to students in Primary II (age 4) through fifth grade.

- [Click here to register for the basketball season.](#)
- Please [email Liz Ward](#), SFSA Registrar, if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 21

- *Homecoming Week: Spirit Dress or Regular Uniform*
 - *Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up Opens at 4:00 p.m.*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 22

- *Homecoming Week: Spirit Dress or Regular Uniform*
 - *Primary School (PS) Chapel: 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30–8:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, September 23

- *Homecoming Week: Spirit Dress or Regular Uniform*
- *PS Chapel: 9:00 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend*

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, September 24

- *Homecoming Week: Spirit Dress or Regular Uniform*
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Friday, September 25

- *Homecoming Week: Spirit Dress or Regular Uniform*
 - *Primary II and Upper School Pep Rally: 1:45 p.m.; student-only event*
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Monday, September 28

- *PS Individual Picture Day*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 29

- *PS Chapel: 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend*
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Wednesday, September 30

- *Parent Conference Day: Student holiday*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Friday, October 2

- *Pre-Primary Blessing of the Stuffed Animals: Student-only event*

Lower School

REMINDER: Adult Must Sign in Late/Returning Students

For security purposes, all students who are tardy or returning from appointments must be accompanied to the front office and signed in by an adult guardian. Please do not send students in alone.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Sign-Ups Open September 21

Sign-ups for Parent-Teacher Conferences will open on Monday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m.

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- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *Lower School (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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Tuesday, September 22

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–8:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 23

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Thursday, September 24

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *LS See You at the Pole Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m. in the Piney Point Courtyard
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Friday, September 25

- *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *LS/Middle School Fall Pep Rally:* 2:00–2:45 p.m. in the Piney Point Gym
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Monday, September 28

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
 - *LS Individual Picture Day*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 30

- *Parent-Teacher Conferences:* No school for students
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
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Thursday, October 1

- *Dress Uniform*
- *LS Blessing of the Animals Eucharist Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Middle School

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences: Sign-Ups Open September 21

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 30. No classes will meet on this day. Sign-ups open on Monday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m. Please sign up for a time slot for you and your child(ren) to meet with your advisor(s).

To sign up:

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

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

Locker Decoration Guidelines

Some families have inquired about guidelines for locker decorations, particularly around student birthdays. Birthday locker decorations are allowed for one day, using magnets to secure them. Decorations may be placed after school on the previous day or in the morning before school on the day of the birthday. We ask that the decorations are moved inside the locker the following day. Please avoid using metallic streamers due to the mess in the hallway.

Summer Trip Information

- **Costa Rica:** May 30–June 12, 2027
- **Washington, DC:** June 5–9, 2027
- **Boston, Philadelphia, and New York City:** June 5–9, 2027; [view this flyer for more information](#)

September 23: See You at the Pole

On Wednesday, September 23, at 7:30 a.m., students are invited to gather in the Piney Point Campus Courtyard (by the front doors) for a student-led See You at the Pole prayer service. Don't miss this opportunity to pray in solidarity with students around the world who gather at flagpoles because they don't have the freedom we have at St. Francis to pray openly in school.

The service will be led entirely by students, with guitar accompaniment by Father Wismer. Come support your peers, and pray for students like yourselves in every corner of the globe.

Middle School Boys' Bible Study Meets Fridays

The SFE Boys' Bible study offers Middle School boys a space to form meaningful relationships with one another and with the Word of God. Shepherded by Father Wismer, this group will dig into the heart of Scripture and develop a passion for God and His action in their lives.

- **When:** Fridays, during recess
- **Where:** Señora Barclay's classroom

- **Who:** All Middle School boys
- **What:** The book of Daniel

Individual Photos on September 28: Wear Your Dress Uniform

On Monday, September 28, students will take individual photos for the yearbook and for families to purchase. Please remember to wear the Dress Uniform on this day. Fifth-grade students will take pictures before participating in PE, so they should arrive at school in their Dress Uniform.

Smart Families Online Talk: September 22

Smart Families is hosting its first online talk of the school year, “When Online Spaces Turn Toxic: What Parents Need to Know.” Group chats and online gaming can help young people connect. They can also create pressure, conflict, exclusion, and harmful behavior that most adults never see. Join Smart Families on Tuesday, September 22, to explore the hidden dynamics that shape children’s digital lives and get practical guidance for parents. Select a session that works best for you—9:00 a.m. or noon—by using the RSVP links below:

- [RSVP for the 9:00 a.m. \(CT\) session.](#)
- [RSVP for the 12:00 p.m. \(CT\) session.](#)

Middle School Girls Are Invited to Join Clare’s Company Starting September 25

The Clare’s Company Bible study offers Middle School girls a welcoming space for fellowship and encouragement each week. It is a wonderful opportunity to recharge the heart and build lasting friendships before heading into the weekend.

- **When:** Fridays, beginning on **September 25, at 12:05–1:00 p.m.**
- **Where:** Gay Foyer (outside of the Fine Arts Center); breakout groups in various locations
- **Who:** All Middle School girls
- **What:** The book of Daniel

What will it look like?

- **Large-Group Lunch:** Students gather for a brief overview of the weekly reading and time to fellowship with one another.
- **Small-Group Circles:** Girls break into smaller circles by grade level for thoughtful discussion and deeper connection, led by eighth-grade student leaders and supported by a Middle School faculty member or Chaplain.
- **Chapel Send-Off:** The group reassembles for a song, closing reflection, and prayer.

Next Table Talk With the Chaplain Is September 28

Parents are invited to the second Table Talk With the Chaplain gathering, "Learning to Wait: The Practice of Discernment," on Monday, September 28. We will meet in the Bride's Room on Piney Point Campus from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Our kids live in a world built for instant answers—but some of the most important things in life are learned in the waiting. This month, we're talking about how to help our middle schoolers build real discernment: sitting with a hard decision instead of always being handed the answer, and trusting that the waiting itself is where character gets formed.

All parents welcome—come as you are.

Middle School Service Hour Requirements

As part of our commitment to community engagement, all middle school students are required to complete service hours each year:

- **Fifth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Sixth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Seventh Grade:** 15 hours
- **Eighth Grade:** 20 hours

Students who go above and beyond will be recognized with special awards at **25, 50, 75, and 100+ hours**. We encourage students to find causes they're passionate about and make a real impact in our community!

We will continue to use MobileServe this year to track the hours your child accumulates as they build their service résumé. [Here are directions for creating a new account](#) for all new students at the Middle School. For questions about logging or submitting service hours, [contact Rev. Katie Mitchell](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 21

- *"A" Day*
 - *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *Middle School (MS) Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 22

- *“B” Day*
 - *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *No Tutorials Today Due to Faculty Meetings*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30–8:30 a.m.*
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Wednesday, September 23

- *“A” Day/Special Schedule for Eighth-Grade Only*
 - *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *MS Student-Led See You at the Pole Chapel: 7:30–7:45 a.m.; students only*
 - *Eighth-Grade Visits Upper School: 9:45-12:35 p.m.; students only*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, September 24

- *“B” Day*
 - *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *MS Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, September 25

- *“A” Day/Special Schedule*
 - *Spirit Wear for Homecoming:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
 - *Lower School/MS Pep Rally: 2:00-2:45 p.m.*
 - *US Homecoming Football Game: 7:00 p.m. on Couper Campus*
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Monday, September 28

- *“B” Day*
 - ***Dress Uniform***
 - ***Individual Pictures***
 - *NJHS Induction: 6:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 29

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 30

- *Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences:* No regular classes; students are asked to attend conferences with their parents
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Thursday, October 1

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, October 2

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Combined Eucharist With Upper School:* 10:00–11:00 a.m.; students only

Upper School

Pick Up Mums/Garters on September 21

Homecoming mums and garters will be available for pickup on Monday, September 21, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Feel free to bling them up more to make yours unique! Questions? [**Email Ashley Grigsby.**](#)

This Week's Chapel Servers

Here are the Chapel servers for this week's Upper School Chapel:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (SEE YOU AT THE POLE THEME)

- **Readers:** Trinity El-Hakam and Hadley France
- **Crucifer:** Shay Sonneborn
- **Acolytes:** Harry Haywood and Olivia Hogan

- **Ushers:** Grace Montgomery, Hunter Newkirk, Everett Norman, Kamsi Nwobodo, Ethan Oholendt, and Aida Ouattara

Themed Dress-Up Days for Homecoming Week

- **Monday, September 21:** Stages of Life (Students are encouraged to dress up as different stages of life. All outfits must be school-appropriate.)
 - *Freshmen:* Babies
 - *Sophomores:* Elementary/middle school
 - *Juniors:* Soccer mom/barbecue dad
 - *Seniors:* Senior citizens
- **Tuesday, September 22:** Battle of the Holidays (Students dress up in their assigned holiday gear. Characters are allowed, as well. No face or body paint.)
 - *Freshmen:* Valentine's Day
 - *Sophomores:* New Year's
 - *Juniors:* Fourth of July
 - *Seniors:* St. Patrick's Day
- **Wednesday, September 23:** Color Clash (No face or body paint. We are also excited to welcome our eighth graders on Wednesday as they visit the Upper School!)
 - *Eighth Grade:* Blue
 - *Freshmen:* Green
 - *Sophomores:* Purple
 - *Juniors:* Red
 - *Seniors:* Pink
- **Thursday, September 24:** Teachers as Students (Students are encouraged to dress up as teachers, and teachers are encouraged to dress up as students.)
- **Friday, September 25:** White Out (Students should wear all white. Students are encouraged to wear their White Out Homecoming T-shirts that support the Junior Class fundraiser. Shout-out to Upper School student Caroline Tcholakian for this year's White Out T-shirt design.)

US Picture Day Is September 28

All Upper School students will take school pictures on Monday, September 28. Students must wear their full Dress Uniform (including the tie) for pictures, and can change into their Regular Uniform after pictures, if desired.

Seniors can take pictures beginning at 8:00 a.m. until the start of school, and during Advisory (9:40–10:10 a.m.), lunch (11:35 a.m.–12:35 p.m.), and free periods. Seniors will need to take two photos—one in their full Dress Uniform and another in the cap and gown provided by the school.

All other students will take photos during their classes.

Explore Local College Nights: September 28–October 7

Upper School students and families are encouraged to take advantage of several local, in-person college fairs and college nights this month and next. These events offer valuable opportunities to meet directly with college representatives, learn more about admissions programs, and explore a range of postsecondary options.

- **Spring ISD College Fair**
Monday, September 28, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Andy Dekaney High School (22351 Imperial Valley Dr., Houston, TX 77073)
- **Houston Area Catholic High School College Night**
Wednesday, September 30, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Strake Jesuit College Preparatory (8900 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77036)
- **Fort Bend ISD College Fair**
Wednesday, September 30, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin High School (3434 Pheasant Creek Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498)
- **Humble ISD College Night**
Monday, October 5, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Humble Civic Center (8233 Will Clayton Pkwy., Humble, TX 77338)
- **Cypress-Fairbanks ISD College Night**
Tuesday, October 6, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Berry Center (8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX 77433)
- **Bellaire High School College Night**
Wednesday, October 7, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Bellaire High School (5100 Maple St., Bellaire, TX 77401)
- **Katy ISD College and Career Night**
Wednesday, October 7, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Leonard E. Merrell Center (6301 S. Stadium Ln., Katy, TX 77494)

Student-Led Conferences Are September 30

On Wednesday, September 30, students will lead a conference with their advisors and parents. These conferences will help students and parents set personal and academic goals for the school year. Conference sign-ups will open on Monday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m. in your Parent Portal. Look for the green button that says “Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up.”

Handbook Highlights

Each week, we’ll shine a quick spotlight on a helpful tip from our school handbook to help keep our community informed and aligned with shared expectations. These little reminders are just an easy way to support our students and families as we navigate the year together.

VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT FORM

St. Francis provides this service for current students who are applying for a driver’s

license. Forms are available with a 48-hour request to [DaleLynn Settle, Systems Administrator and Registrar.](#)

College Representative Visits at SFE

College representative visits are open to students in grades 10–12, who can [sign up for them through Scoir.](#)

- If a student has any issues registering, please [contact Jeff Hawthorne](#), College Counselor.
- [View the list of currently scheduled college representative visits \(as of September 17\).](#)

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Next Table Talk With the Chaplain Is September 29

Join us on Tuesday, September 29, for “A Safe Space to Fail,” our second Table Talk With the Chaplain gathering in this year’s parent series. We’ll talk honestly about the fear of watching our kids fail—and why a little failure now might be one of the most important things we let them have.

- **Where:** Black Box on Couper Campus
- **When:** 7:45–8:30 a.m. on September 29

All parents welcome—come as you are, coffee in hand.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 21

- *Blue Day*
- *Regular Uniform or Theme Dress-Up Day*
- *Homecoming Week*

- *Student College Rep Visits:* Louisiana State University; student registration required
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 22

- *Gray Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or Theme Dress-Up Day*
 - *Homecoming Week*
 - *US See You at the Pole Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–8:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 23

- *Red Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or Theme Dress-Up Day*
 - *Homecoming Week*
 - *Student College Rep Visits:* Mercer University; student registration required
 - *Eighth Grade Visit to Upper School:* 9:45 a.m.–12:35 p.m. on Couper Campus
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Thursday, September 24

- *White Day*
 - *Regular Uniform or Theme Dress-Up Day*
 - *Homecoming Week*
 - *Student College Rep Visits:* Vassar College, Colgate College, University of Missouri, and Skidmore College; student registration required
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Friday, September 25

- *Blue Day*
- *Special Schedule*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms or Theme Dress-Up Day
- *Deadline for US Students to Submit Yearbook Cover Designs:* [**View the contest guidelines here.**](#)
- *Homecoming Pep Rally:* 1:45–2:20 p.m. in Crum Gym

- *Homecoming Game: 7:00 p.m. at Couper Turf Field*
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Saturday, September 26

- *Freshman HOCO Dinner: 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center*
 - *Homecoming Dance: 8:00–10:30 p.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, September 28

- *Gray Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Picture Day: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *Student College Rep Visits: Furman University, Suffolk University, Trinity College, and High Point University; student registration required*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Tuesday, September 29

- *Red Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Chapel: 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym*
 - *Student College Rep Visits: University of San Diego; student registration required*
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Wednesday, September 30

- *Parent Teacher Conferences*
 - *ACT Test Day (Seniors Only)*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, October 1

- *White Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Eighth-Grade Parent Visit to the Upper School*

- *Student College Rep Visits:* Syracuse University, Stony Brook University, St. Edwards University, and Drexel University; student registration required
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Friday, October 2

- *Blue Day/Special Schedule*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Middle School/US Combined Feast of St. Francis Eucharist:* 9:55–11:05 a.m. in the Piney Point Chapel

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

SF 101: New Member Orientation Class Is September 27

New member orientation classes will be held on Sunday, September 27. Father Bates will host a condensed class at 10:10 a.m. in the Church Library and a detailed class at noon in the Hogan Board Room, with a light lunch served. **RSVP to Julie Lowery.**

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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.

Join Mother Emily for Meditation Mondays

On the first Monday of each month throughout the school year, from 8:55 to 9:10 a.m., parents and staff members are warmly invited to St. Clare Chapel for 15 minutes of guided Christian meditation led by Mother Emily Hylden. Fill up with peace to carry you through the week.

Instructed Eucharist Is September 20

Join Mother Emily Hylden on Sunday, September 20, to explore the wonders of our ancient, tactile liturgy. We'll pray, worship, and learn the meaning of words and actions we undertake each week. If you have specific questions about the Holy Eucharist or Sunday worship that you'd like answered, [email them to Mother Emily](#) beforehand for consideration!

Fall Women's Bible Study Meets Wednesdays

You're invited to join other women for the Women's Bible Study and Fellowship. The fall study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. It began September 2 and runs through November 18. We are studying the Old Testament books of Daniel and Esther using this study guide: *Life Lessons From Daniel & Esther: Faith Under Pressure* by Max Lucado. Order your book. For more information, [contact Allison Devlin](#).

Choral Evensong–Holy Eucharist Is September 27

St. Francis's fall 2026 musical programming begins on Sunday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m. with a service of Choral Evensong–Holy Eucharist. Join the Assisi Choir under the direction of Dr. Matthew Dion, Director of Music, for sung evening prayer of the Episcopal Church. This service is primarily led by the choir and features the singing of psalms, canticles, and hymns of our church. Music includes works by Gerre Hancock, Adrian Batten, McNeil Robinson, David Ashley White, George Dyson, and Everett Titcomb.

MAM's 2026 Back-to-School Campaign

The Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Campaign began 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 Thursday Men's Fellowship and Study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room (CH115) for breakfast and discussions. The group is currently studying the Gospel of Matthew. Each week is a standalone discussion, so join us to make new friends and reacquaint with old ones. For more information, [contact Jason Martinez](#).

St. Francis Community Nights: Join Us for Wonderful Wednesdays

Need a jolt of inspiration? Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays, a midweek worship and fellowship that kicks off with Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel. Our clergy staff will rotate to celebrate, preach, and offer a short 30-minute program on "Exploring Worship" 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. If you would like to be included for dinner, respectfully [RSVP to Chrissy Kana](#).

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:** 2 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:** Teaching Discourses of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)
- Thursday Men's Fellowship and Study: 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:** *Life Lessons From Daniel & Esther: Faith Under Pressure* by Max Lucado
 - **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. 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.