# WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

## News for the Week of October 25

## 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 in heaven.* —Matthew 5:16

### 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.

### Last Chance to Order Spirit Store Presale Items

Today—Sunday, October 25—is the last day to **order your Spirit Store presale items**. Items will be delivered before Christmas Break. Limited quantities are available, and all presale items are final sale—no returns or exchanges.

- **Game Day Palm Straw Hat:** This custom, wide-brimmed women's straw hat in SFE colors is created by C. Shel. One size fits all. Stop by the store to try on a sample! ($175; 100 in stock)
- **Peter Millar Men's Jubilee Striped Polo Shirt:** This custom SFE polo shirt is available in sizes S–3XL. ($115)

### STORE RESTOCKS + SHOP IN PERSON THIS WEEK

Youth blue TX T-shirts are back in stock. This week, the Spirit Store will be open on Monday, October 26, and Wednesday, October 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Fest Success: Thank You for a Special Day!

Sunday's Festival was amazing! We had the weather, the games, the food and, most

importantly, each of you. Festival is a wonderful reflection of the spirit of the St. Francis community, and we are so grateful for everyone who helped make it such a special day.

A special thank-you to parents Courtney Stevens and Sam Seyer for leading an outstanding team of volunteers. Their leadership, along with the time, dedication, and enthusiasm of everyone involved, made this year's Festival a tremendous event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this annual tradition such a memorable day. We are already looking forward to Festival 2027!

## Festival: Watch the Video, Relive the Fun

**Click here to watch a special Festival video** and relive the fun!

## Save the Dates: Par-Tee and Golf Fore SFE

Mark your calendar for two events benefiting the Patrick Nicosia C.A.R.E. Fund. Named after a dedicated SFE volunteer, the Fund provides cultural, academic, and recreational opportunities for students at St. Francis Episcopal School who would otherwise not have access.

- **Sunday, February 28, 2027:** Par-Tee—An adult social for the entire SFE community
- **Monday, March 1, 2027:** Golf Fore SFE—A tournament at Lakeside Country Club

## Parent Volunteers Needed for Fall Book Fair

This year's Fall Book Fair will be held Monday, November 16, through Friday, November 20. If you would like to sign up to help, please **click here to volunteer**. We greatly appreciate your support!

## Dad's Club: Help Cook at This Season's Final Football Game

Dads' Club is cooking for St. Francis's final football game of the year on Friday, October 30. The first shift starts at 5:30 p.m. Come support our fans and enjoy a night of football! **Sign up to volunteer.**

## Volunteer With FoFA: Piney Point Campus Art Changeout Is November 10

Come help Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) change the Lower and Middle School art displayed in the People Place and Gay Foyer on Piney Point Campus. No experience necessary! **Sign up to join us** on Tuesday, November 10, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

### SAGE Dining Services: Please Complete the Parent Survey

We welcome your feedback about SAGE Dining Services.

- Please take a few minutes to **complete this short survey**.
- **Click here for additional information.**

### From the Nurses' Desk: Tips for Staying Healthy When the Flu Is Spreading

During the 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. **If your child is diagnosed with the flu, please email the nurse on your child's campus (Abigayle Harrington, Madeleine Tiemann, or Fay Gant).**

## Primary School

### Join Us for Fall Fun on October 30

Get ready for pumpkins, costumes, candy, and a little Halloween fun. Join us for a free Pumpkin Patch and Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 30, at 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Primary School Pumpkin Patch, which will be located next to the yellow Primary I Cottage on Couper Campus (around the circle drive behind the Student Life Center). For more details, please **view the email invite**.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, October 26**

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

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**Tuesday, October 27**

- *Primary School (PS) Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend

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**Wednesday, October 28**

- *Primary II Field Trips (Capasso and Theis)*
- *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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**Friday, October 30**

- *Halloween Attire (No Costumes, Please), Spirit Wear, or Regular Uniform*
- *PS Pumpkin Patch and Trunk-or-Treat:* 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the PS Pumpkin Patch

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**Monday, November 2**

- *Primary II Steps Forward to Kindergarten (Capasso and Richardson):* Students only
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**Tuesday, November 3**

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

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**Wednesday, November 4**

- *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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**Friday, November 6**

- *Moms in Prayer:* 8:30 a.m. in St. Clare Chapel on Piney Point Campus
- *Primary II Steps Forward to Kindergarten (Theis and Suckow):* Students only

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**Saturday, November 7**

- *PS Admissions Open House:* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

# Lower School

## ERB Testing: November 3–6

From Tuesday, November 3, through Thursday, November 5, ERB tests will be administered each morning to students in third and fourth grades. ERB tests will be administered to fourth-grade students on the morning of Friday, November 6, as well. Please avoid scheduling appointments on these four testing mornings. There will not be homework on these days.

## Lower School Grandparents and Grandfriend Days Are November 18–20

Join us for a wonderful celebration! Guests at Grandparents and Grandfriends Days are invited to attend Chapel, enjoy light refreshments, visit students' classrooms, and browse the Book Fair (open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Spirit Store (open until 2:30 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

- **Fourth Grade:** 12:15–2:15p.m.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

- **Third Grade:** 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- **Second Grade:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

- **First Grade:** 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- **Kindergarten:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

**Click here to RSVP** by Sunday, November 8!

## Pumpkin Decorating Contest Is October 29

St. Francis's Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest for all Lower and Middle School Wolves will be held on Thursday, October 29, in the Gay Foyer at Piney Point Campus.

- First time participating? **Check out our Pumpkin Carving FAQ** for a list of categories, competition rules, and more.
- Entries may be dropped off at Piney Point Campus in the Gay Foyer/Fine Arts Center Lobby during the following times:
    - Wednesday, October 28, at 4:00–5:00 p.m.
    - Thursday, October 29, at 7:30–8:30 a.m. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp!

- Please have your entry form completed ahead of time or be prepared to fill one out when you drop off your entry.
- Pumpkins must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30.
- For any questions, **email Claire de Roode** or **Ashley Kingham**.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, October 26

- *Dress Uniform*
- *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, October 27

- *All Saints' Parties for Grade 4:* 1:40–2:55 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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### Wednesday, October 28

- *All Saints' Parties for Grades 2 and 3:* 12:45–2:15 p.m. in classrooms; students only
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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### Thursday, October 29

- *LS Pumpkin Carving Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *All Saints' Parties for Kindergarten and Grade 1:* 11:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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### Friday, October 30

- ***Halloween Dress***
    - Students are invited to wear Halloween costumes to school in accordance with the casual-dress guidelines; students are NOT allowed to include blood or weapons with their Halloween costumes

    - Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear Spirit Wear shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans
    - Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher with any questions

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**Monday, November 2**

- *Dress Uniform*
- *LS All Saints' Eucharist 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, November 3**

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3 and 4:* 8:30–11:00 a.m. in classrooms

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**Wednesday, November 4**

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3 and 4:* 8:30–11:00 a.m. in classrooms
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**Thursday, November 5**

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *ERB Testing for Grades 3 and 4:* 9:00–11:00 a.m. in classrooms

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**Friday, November 6**

- *Car Door Dads:* 7:30–8:00 a.m.
- *ERB Testing for Grade 4:* 8:30–11:00 a.m. in classrooms
- *Moms in Prayer:* 8:30 a.m. in St. Clare Chapel on Piney Point Campus

## Middle School

**Handbook Corner: No Restaurant Food at Lunchtime, Please**

As a reminder, students should not receive restaurant food during the school day to eat

for lunch, either by parent drop-off or delivery service. Please refrain from having meals delivered to school for lunchtime.

There are many options available in the Dining Hall, including vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options. Students are also welcome to bring a lunch from home, keeping in mind that there is limited reheating availability.

## Sixth-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) Trip Is October 28

On Wednesday, October 28, sixth-grade students and teachers will travel to Camp Olympia for a day of outdoor learning. Students should arrive on campus at 6:45 a.m. They should have breakfast before arriving and may bring snacks for the bus ride. Medications administered at school will be sent with students for the day. Lunch and dinner will be provided, and students will arrive back to school at approximately 6:00 p.m.

### WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING

Students should wear comfortable, school-appropriate clothing for outdoor activities with closed-toe tennis shoes (no Crocs), and bring the following items with them on the trip:

- **Water bottle**
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Snacks for the bus ride (no candy, please)

### MORE DETAILS EMAILED ON OCTOBER 13

On October 13, sixth-grade families received an email from Marion Tolon with more details, including information related to dietary restrictions and the medical release form (**also available here**), which was due October 21. Please **reach out to Marion Tolon** (Coach T) with any questions about the trip.

### LATE ARRIVAL FOR SIXTH GRADE ON OCTOBER 29

On Thursday, October 29, sixth-grade students and teachers may arrive on campus at 9:30 a.m. and report to their advisory classrooms. Students will miss periods 1 and 4 that morning and will begin their school day by attending Chapel at 9:50 a.m. Students may also arrive at the usual time to participate in a quiet study hall, which will be held in a classroom until 9:30 a.m.

## ERB Testing: November 3–5

On Tuesday, November 3, through Thursday, November 5, ERB tests will be administered each morning from 8:00 to 10:45 a.m. Families of students with extended-time accommodations will be contacted by our learning specialist, Iris Sherman. Students using their extended-time accommodation will need to be in their testing

rooms promptly at 7:30 a.m. each day, and will have until 11:00 a.m. to complete the test.

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these three testing mornings. There will not be homework due or class assessments on these days.

Test results are used to provide valuable information about student progress. Additionally, these results are used in determining placement in English and Math courses when students apply for Honors coursework.

**HOW TO PREPARE**
Before arriving on campus each of these days, students should:

- Have a healthy breakfast.
- Charge their laptops to 100 percent nightly.
- Bring a charger labeled with their name, in case there is a battery issue during the testing session.

**WEAR REGULAR UNIFORM**
Fifth grade will not have PE on these testing days, so students should arrive in regular uniform.

## Middle School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day: RSVP by November 8

We look forward to hosting Middle School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day on Wednesday, November 18, from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. (hosted *for sixth and eighth grades only*). Guests are invited to attend Chapel, enjoy light refreshments, visit students' classrooms, and browse the Book Fair (open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Spirit Store (open until 2:30 p.m.).

**Click here to RSVP** by Sunday, November 8!

## Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony Pictures

Photos from the Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony on September 14 can be **viewed via this link**. Thank you to all who made this event a special day for our eighth-grade students and their families.

## In Case You Missed It: Recording of Roberta Anding on Nutrition With SFE Parents

If you were unable to attend the October 21 presentation with clinical sports dietitian Roberta Anding, you may **view a recording of the session here**. Please note that while the student presentations were thoughtfully age-appropriate, the session shown in the recording was intended for parents only.

## Summer Trip Information + Registration Due Soon

If your student is interested in going on a summer trip, please see the information below for more details. The registration deadline for all trips is Wednesday, November 4, at 5:00 p.m.

### WASHINGTON, DC

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
- **Dates:** June 5–9, 2027
- **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui, Middle School Spanish Faculty
- **Trip Information:**
  - **View the presentation from the Zoom information meeting.**
  - **Watch the recording of the Zoom information meeting.**

### BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, AND NEW YORK CITY

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled seventh graders
- **Dates:** June 5–9, 2027
- **Trip Leader:** Shannon Shrader, Middle School Academic Dean
- **Trip Information:**
  - **View the presentation from the Zoom information meeting.**
  - **View the trip flyer.**

### COSTA RICA

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled eighth graders
- **Dates:** May 30–June 12, 2027
- **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward, Middle School Spanish Faculty
- **Trip Information and Application:**
  - **View the tentative itinerary.**
  - **View the required St. Francis Travel Application (to be printed).**
- **Parent Information Session via Zoom:**
  - **View the recording of the Zoom information meeting.**
  - **View the slide deck from the Zoom information meeting.**

### ECUADORIAN ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Current eighth graders, don't forget to sign up for the summer trip to visit an animal sanctuary in beautiful Ecuador! Wednesday, October 28, is the deadline to return the application form and registration fee to Mrs. Gallegos in the Upper School Office. The online registration through ACIS is due by Sunday, November 1. **Use this link to register.** See last week's email about the summer trip for more details!

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    - Thursday, October 29, at 7:30–8:30 a.m. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp!
- Please have your entry form completed ahead of time or be prepared to fill one out when you drop off your entry.
- Pumpkins must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30.
- For any questions, **email Claire de Roode** or **Ashley Kingham**.

## Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

On Friday, October 30, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with the casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear Spirit Wear shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

- Blood or weapons
- Immodest dress
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt
- Leggings, except when worn with a long T-shirt

Remember that we share our hallways with our Lower School friends. We wouldn't want any of them to be frightened by scary or horror-themed costumes, so no skeletons, zombies, ghosts, goblins, demons, or devils, please. The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts apply to costumes as to regular uniforms or casual-dress days. Fifth-grade students may arrive in costume, rather than in PE uniforms.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, October 26**

- *"A" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *First Day of Winter Sports Season*
- *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, October 27**

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

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**Wednesday, October 28**

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Sixth-Grade OLE Trip to Camp Olympia*
    - Students should have breakfast before arriving to school at 6:45 a.m.
    - Students should return to school at approximately 6:00 p.m. Parents will be notified if anticipated arrival is later than 6:15 p.m.
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**Thursday, October 29**

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Sixth-Grade Only:* Optional arrival at 9:30 a.m.; please refer to the OLE information above for more details
- *MS Pumpkin Carving Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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**Friday, October 30**

- *"A" Day*
- *Halloween Dress or Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
    - Please see guidelines above for Halloween dress
    - Fifth-grade students may come to school in costume instead of in PE uniforms

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**Monday, November 2**

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- ***Dress Uniform***

- *All Saints' Day Eucharist:* 9:40–10:40 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, November 3**

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *ERB Testing:* 8:00–10:45 a.m. (Extended time: 7:30–11:00 a.m.)

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**Wednesday, November 4**

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *ERB Testing:* 8:00–10:45 a.m. (Extended time: 7:30–11:00 a.m.)
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**Thursday, November 5**

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *ERB Testing:* 8:00–10:45 a.m. (Extended time: 7:30–11:00 a.m.)
- *MS Chapel:* 10:45–11:10 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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**Friday, November 6**

- *"B" Day*
- *Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *Moms in Prayer:* 8:30 a.m. in St. Clare Chapel on Piney Point Campus

## Upper School

**Summer Travel to Ecuadorian Animal Sanctuary: Apply by October 28**
Don't forget to sign up for the summer trip to visit an animal sanctuary in beautiful Ecuador! Wednesday, October 28, is the deadline to return the application form and registration fee to Mrs. Gallegos in the Upper School Office. The online registration

through ACIS is due by Sunday, November 1. **Use this link to register.** See last week's email about the summer trip for more details!

## October 30: Halloween Costume Contest

Calling all students and faculty: We're hosting a Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, October 30, and we want to see your most creative, scary, funny, or original costumes! Whether you're channeling classic monsters, pop culture icons, or something unique, we can't wait to see what you come up with.

**Remember:** All costumes must follow school dress code guidelines—keep it fun but appropriate for our school environment.

## ISAS Fine Arts Festival: Deposit Due October 30

This year, SFE will again participate in the **ISAS Fine Arts Festival**. This Festival has grown in popularity over the years and is now seen as the highlight of the year in the arts communities within the region's upper schools.

From its start in 1967, the Festival has prioritized collaboration and learning over competition, offering professional critiques that encourage creativity and experimentation. It has inspired students, strengthened arts programs, and fostered mutual appreciation among schools, gaining stature and popularity over the years.

### TRAVEL DETAILS

- **When:** Thursday, April 8, to Saturday, April 10, 2027
- **Where:** Greenhill School in Dallas

We will travel by motor coach to Dallas, stay at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott hotel, and participate in three days of visual and performing arts, showcases, college fairs, portfolio reviews, projects, and workshops with professional artists and over 3,000 students from other top-level arts programs.

### FESTIVAL FEE

While the Upper School arts program will subsidize a portion of the cost for each student, there is a participation fee to help cover meals, lodging, and transportation. The total financial responsibility per Festival participant is $490, broken into two installments and paid via **this ISAS payment link**.

- **$150** initial deposit is due on **Friday, October 30,** and secures your spot.
- **$340** second installment is due on **Friday, January 29, 2027**.

If this fee presents a financial hardship, please **email Lorna Jordan**. Cost should not be an obstacle to attending, and we are willing to work with families with demonstrated need.

**STUDENT AND PARENT DOCUMENTS**
Student information forms, behavior contracts, and parent permission slips are available to you in **this Google folder**. All forms should be **returned to Caroline Lee** by **Friday, January 29, 2027**.

**ATHLETICS (AND OTHER POTENTIAL CONFLICTS)**
The Fine Arts and Athletics departments will work together to ensure that all artist-athletes who wish to attend can. All SFE students choosing to attend the conference will be excused from athletics practices. If your student is part of an athletics team or other organization outside of St. Francis that may have a potential conflict with these dates, please let us know, and we will do our best to work with you on a solution.

Due to the popularity of this Festival, we are asking for a firm commitment from students who will be attending. All students who attend must participate within an artistic discipline (music, technical theatre, dance, drama/theatre, visual arts).

We can't wait for ISAS 2027!

## 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.

**APPROVED GEN AI TOOLS**
St. Francis Episcopal School allows the use of the following approved Gen AI tools: Flint, Canva AI, and BandLab for Education. Students must receive prior approval from their teachers to use approved Gen AI tools on school assignments. Students found using non-approved Gen AI tools may be subject to disciplinary action and/or academic penalties at the discretion of the Head of Upper School.

## Save the Date: Virtual College Counseling Program Is November 4
SFE College Counseling, in partnership with Academic Independence, will host a virtual information session on SAT and ACT test prep planning for sophomore and junior families on Wednesday, November 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. With PSAT scores releasing on Thursday, November 5, we'll discuss how to interpret scores, what they mean for college planning, and SAT and ACT test preparation opportunities available to only SFE students. Questions? Please **contact Claudia Mejia**.

## Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress
On Friday, October 30, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear a Halloween-themed or Spirit Wear T-shirt with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

- Blood or weapons
- Immodest dress
- Masks
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt
- Leggings, except when worn with a long T-shirt

The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts that apply to regular uniforms or casual-dress days also apply to costumes.

## 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 questions about registering for a visit, please **contact Jeff Hawthorne**, College Counselor.
- **View the list of currently scheduled college representative visits (as of October 15).**

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, October 26**

- *Gray Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visits:* Chapman University and Trinity College–Dublin; student registration required
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**Tuesday, October 27**

- *Red Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School (US) Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym

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**Wednesday, October 28**

- *White Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visits:* New Castle University; student registration required
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**Thursday, October 29**

- *Blue Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visits:* University of the Pacific and University of Arkansas; student registration required

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**Friday, October 30**

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

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**Monday, November 2**

- *Red Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visits:* University of South Florida, University of Calgary, 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, November 3**

- *White Day/Special Schedule*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *All Saints' Eucharist Chapel:* 9:35–10:25 a.m. in Crum Gym

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**Wednesday, November 4**

- *Blue Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *Virtual College Counseling SAT and ACT Test Prep Planning Meeting:* 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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**Thursday, November 5**

- *Gray Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

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**Friday, November 6**

- *Red Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Moms in Prayer:* 8:30 a.m. in St. Clare Chapel on Piney Point Campus
- *US Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *US Admissions Open House:* 6:00–8:00 p.m. on Couper Campus

## Church

**Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events**
Please join us 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. Worship 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. Worship in the Church:** Holy Eucharist Rite II with Traditional Music and Choir
- **5:00 p.m. Worship in St. Clare Chapel**

## Kitty's Coat Drive Ends October 25

Our annual Kitty's Coat drive ends today—Sunday, October 25. Named for Kitty Elliott, who organized the original coat drive, St. Francis Church and school collect coats for Memorial Assistance Ministries to distribute to Spring Branch Independent School District students who are in need. A collection area is set up in the St. Francis Church Narthex. Please bring your new or gently used children and youth coat donations to the church today.

## St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Basketball

Register by Sunday, November 15, for the St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) basketball season. SFSA is open to boys in pre-K (age 4) through twelfth grade and girls from pre-K (age 4) through eighth grade.

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

## 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.

## 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**.

## 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**.

## 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).

If you would like to be included for dinner, please **RSVP to Chrissy Kana** to ensure we order enough food.

## Wednesday Community Nights at St. Francis

We want to foster the opportunity for sacrament, good news, fellowship, and learning. The emphasis is on the experience of community. If your group meets weekly, consider meeting on Wednesdays at the church. Enjoy church and dinner before or after your group meeting. **Let Chrissy Kana know** if you would like to reserve space, and be sure to RSVP for dinner.

## 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 Volunteer Opportunities webpage** 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 "Request Prayer" link at the upper right of 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**. Click "Watch Online" at the upper right of the home page to go to the church's YouTube channel. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.