

## Summer Learning Menu for SFS Faculty 2021: The Parent Edition

The St. Francis Faculty and Staff seeks to embody and inspire intellectual engagement, curiosity, lifelong learning, and a spirit of innovation. To that end, each summer, we engage in professional learning activities. This summer we focused on the areas of DEI, Restorative Practices, Mindfulness, Trauma-Informed Teaching, and Student Engagement. Tonight, we share these professional learning resources with you.

Linked beside each category, you will find a list of podcasts, articles, books, videos, or documentaries related to each topic. Dive in! Spend some time exploring these interconnected topics. We look forward to partnering with you this year as we continue to engage your children, supporting their growth and development as whole people while also ensuring their academic progress. Beyond diving in, we invite you to enter into conversations with one another and with faculty and staff around these focus areas. We hope that our shared goals in working together will strengthen not only your child's experience in the school but also our sense of connectedness as a community, our shared purpose being educating children and adolescents in a Progressive school environment that emphasizes the process of learning while supporting the whole child.



**Summer Learning Menu:** This reading menu consists of five categories, each of which contains various learning options. There isn't any best way to engage with these resources -- we'd like you to work with them in a way that makes sense for you. This might mean delving deeply into one area or sampling from a few different ones. Ultimately, the choice is yours. Each attached sheet does note which resources are recommended if you have not read/listened to them yet.

<b>Category#1</b>	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
<b>Category#2</b>	Restorative Practices
<b>Category#3</b>	Mindfulness
<b>Category #4</b>	Being Trauma-Informed
<b>Category #5</b>	Student Engagement for In-Person Learning
<b>High School</b>	Charles Yu's <i>Interior Chinatown</i> (the HS summer reading book for students, faculty, and staff)
<b>New to SFS or to Progressive Independent Schools?</b>	Parents new to St. Francis or to Progressive education may want to read <i>Democracy and Education</i> by John Dewey, and <i>Loving Learning: How Progressive Education Can Save America's Schools</i> by Ayelet Waldman, Katherine Ellison, and Tom Little. (All new faculty and staff read these during the first summer.)