



Sapientia et Scientia

Samuel Fuller School

“...Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
Colossians 2:2b-3

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Upcoming Events

**January 18 –
City State Day**

**January 21 –
No School: Martin Luther
King Day**

**January 30 –
9AM-2PM: Open House
Midterm 2**

**February 1 –
No School: Professional
Development Day**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.



Monday Missive

Analogs for Classical Christian Education

Excerpts from “Once More, What is Classical Education?”

by Dr. Christopher Perrin

Source: Classical Academic Press Magazine

As I present seminars on classical education and train teachers around the country, I find that this question—*What is classical education?*—persists. Even experienced classical educators keep asking it. To be honest, I keep asking it, and have been asking it and answering it for nearly twenty years now.

We can define classical education by what it is:

- Classical education is the liberal arts and the great books.
- Classical education is the cultivation of the soul on truth, goodness, and beauty by means of the liberal arts.
- Classical education is cultural transmission—the transmission of the soul of society from one generation to another.

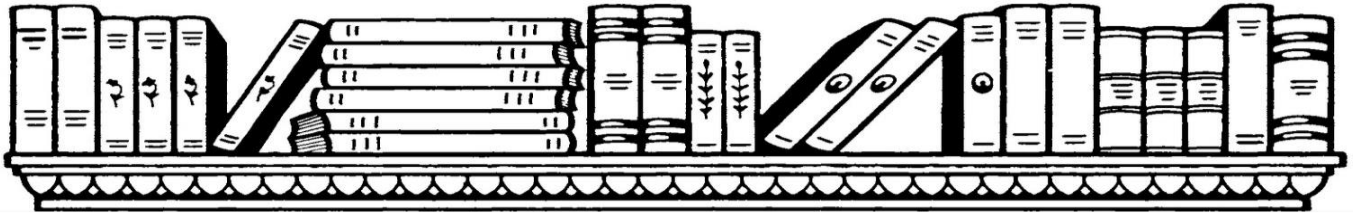
We can also define something by analogy. We define by analogy when we say that something is like something else. Analogy is particularly useful when defining those things that are complex. Humans use metaphor and analogy at the most basic levels of thinking and speaking—all language and thinking relies heavily on metaphor and analogy.

So then, what is classical education like? What does it resemble? Here are several analogies that I like and often use when defining classical education:

- Classical education is like a museum.
- Classical education is like a garden.
- Classical education is like a cathedral.
- Classical education is like a table.
- Classical education is like a tapestry.
- Classical education is like a mosaic.
- Classical education is like a conservatory.
- Classical education is like a monastery.

Can you see resemblances in each case? In the museum analogy, there are many beautiful “rooms” in classical education, all of which display something beautiful, true, and good. Like a world-class museum, classical education is such a large treasury that you can’t fully explore or comprehend it even in a lifetime. Like a museum, classical education features a collection of beautiful things created and gathered by those who have preceded us, so that we receive it as a remarkable gift, a tradition that has been graciously handed down for us to enjoy. A museum contains those things that delight and inspire us—a place where the “muses” dwell, creating a kind of internal “music” in souls and delivering from the shallow distraction of “amusement.” Classical education views the cosmos (something beautiful at root) as a living museum that cultivates wonder.

Analogs are enjoyable as they engage our imagination and impart insight to us fairly quickly. When answering the question “What is classical education?” I usually start with a short aphoristic definition such as “the liberal arts and the great books,” but move to analogies as soon as I can.



Announcements and News

REMIND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To announce school delays, cancellations, and other important reminders, we use the text messaging service **Remind**. This week we received word that due to unresolved issues with Verizon, Remind will no longer be able to send text messages to phones which use Verizon as their phone carrier.

Remind is an essential tool for parent communication which SFS will continue to use. If you have Verizon as a phone carrier, please **download the Remind app on your phone**. This will allow you to receive our notifications directly on your phone, instead of via text message. On the app you may also **enable email notifications**, another way to receive announcements.

Remind is working to resolve these issues with Verizon. Hopefully, they will be solved in the near future.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Mark your calendars that the **K-2nd Dinner Theater** has been changed to **Thursday, February 28th**. We look forward to this evening of fellowship and enjoying the theatrical talents of our youngest students!

TAEKWONDO CLUB

Next week our popular Taekwondo Club begins again! During this club, students will learn the basic blocks and strikes of Taekwondo, memorize movement patterns called "forms," and just have a great workout! The Taekwondo club will:

- be open to students 4th grade and up.
- will cost \$20 per student.
- have its first class on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd from 3:00 to 4:15pm.
- will last for 5 weeks until February 26th.
- require students to bring a pair of gym clothes to change into.

Interested parents can sign up by contacting Mr. Davenport or Mrs. Rivers.

Once Taekwondo club finishes, we will begin a **basketball club!**

HELP WITH STAGE

One day after school this week, Kevin Newcomb will be taking down the stage in the sanctuary that was used for our Christmas program. Although this job requires some heavy lifting, many hands could make it light work! Please contact Mrs. Rivers if you are available to help break down the stage. The exact day to take down the stage will be determined based on volunteer availability.

JANUARY OPEN HOUSE

Our first Open House is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 30th**. Please let any friends or family know! Even a casual conversation with a stranger or an acquaintance can help spread the word!

We are also looking for parent volunteers willing to distribute open house posters and brochures to local libraries and businesses. If you have a lawn on a busy street, consider putting out a lawn sign advertising the open house. Please let Mrs. Rivers know if you are willing to help out in any of these areas.

TEACHER EASE

Updated Teacher Ease Statements are attached to this newsletter. Please look over your statement and pay any owing balance.

Remember:

- Most fees are added to the account of the oldest sibling in each family (milk, pizza, EDP, etc.)
- Fees added to younger siblings are as follows: grade-specific field trips, after school clubs, and City State & PE t-shirts.
- A balance in parenthesis [For example: (\$63.75)] means you owe that amount.
- A balance not in parenthesis [For example: \$6.85] means that you have that amount as a credit on your account.
- If you have a fee credit, we can transfer this credit to a different unpaid fee, **upon request only**.

EVERYDAY FUNDRAISING

Remember the easy ways you can support SFS! Keep collecting Box Tops! We will submit the next batch at the end of March. And if you need anything from Amazon, don't forget to buy at Amazon Smile (and choose to support Samuel Fuller School)! A small percentage of each purchase is given to SFS.