



*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 30 –**

**Midterm 2**

**9AM-2PM: Open House**

**February 1 –**

**No School: Professional  
Development Day**

**February 8 –**

**City State Day**

**February 18-22 –**

**No School: Winter Break**

**February 27 –**

**9AM -2PM: Open House**

**February 28 –**

**K-2 Dinner Theater “The  
Little Red Hen”**

### Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 14. What is sin?**

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.



## *Tuesday Tidings*

### **The Window of the Heart**

A devotional by John Piper

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. (Hebrews 12:3)

One of the most remarkable capacities of the human mind is the capacity to direct its own attention to something it chooses. We can pause and say to our minds, “Think about this, and not that.” We can focus our attention on an idea or a picture or a problem or a hope.

It is an amazing power. I doubt that animals have it. They are probably not self-reflective, but rather governed by impulse and instinct.

Have you been neglecting this great weapon in the arsenal of your war against sin? The Bible calls us again and again to use this remarkable gift. Let’s take this gift off the shelf, and dust it off, and put it to use.

For example, Paul says in Romans 8:5–6, “Those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace” (my translation).

This is stunning. What you set your mind on determines whether the issue is life or death.

Many of us have become far too passive in our pursuit of change and wholeness and peace. I have the feeling that in our therapeutic age we have fallen into the passive mindset of simply “talking through our problems” or “dealing with our issues” or “discovering the roots of our brokenness in our family of origin.”

But I see a much more aggressive, non-passive approach to change in the New Testament. Namely, set your mind. “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2).

Our emotions are governed in large measure by what we consider — what we dwell on with our minds. For example, Jesus told us to overcome the emotion of anxiety by what we consider: “Consider the ravens. . . . Consider the lilies” (Luke 12:24, 27).

The mind is the window of the heart. If we let our minds constantly dwell on the dark, the heart will feel dark. But if we open the window of our mind to the light, the heart will feel the light.

Above all, this great capacity of our minds to focus and consider is meant for considering Jesus (Hebrews 12:3). So, let’s do this: “Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”



## Announcements and News

### TAEKWONDO CLUB

Taekwondo with Mr. Davenport begins today **Tuesday, January 22 from 3:00-4:15 PM**. The club is open to students in 4th-8th grades and costs \$20 for the 5-week session. If your child is planning to join Taekwondo or any other of our after-school clubs, it is very important to remember to **sign up through the school office**. You can do this by texting or emailing Mrs. Rivers or Miss Murdy. Once you sign up for Taekwondo, we will bill you for the session through TeacherEase, and you can send your payment in to the office any time.

Please remember that Taekwondo will give the students a heavy work out, so student should bring athletic clothes in which students can move freely.

### 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. We have plenty of lawn signs, so please let Mrs. Rivers know if you are willing to help out in any of these areas.

### REMIND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To announce school delays, cancellations, and other important reminders, we use the text messaging service **Remind**. Last 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.



### K-2<sup>nd</sup> DINNER THEATER

We are looking forward to the K-2<sup>nd</sup> Dinner Theater on **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** (please note the change in date) at which the students will be performing "The Little Red Hen"! Next week Mrs. Rivers will be assigning roles.

The following props will be needed for the play. If you are willing to let us borrow these items, please contact Mrs. Rivers.

- Child sized table and chairs (at least 2 chairs)
- Dog or cat bed which a K-1<sup>st</sup> grade student could fit in

### 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RECITAL

As your students may have shared with you and as you will have seen on the school calendar, we are planning a 3rd-5th grade recital for the end of March. The recital will include dramatic representations of some of the things our students are learning in class this year and will end with some music and drama based on the story of Hansel and Gretel. More details will be coming soon.

### SNOW DAYS

With the winter season comes the possibility of snow days! If school is cancelled due to weather, it will be announced through:

- Remind
- school website
- SFS Facebook page
- WBZ school closings

Please remember to check these sources when extreme weather is forecast.