



*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. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?**

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.



## *Monday Missive*

As we return to the academic year and begin a new calendar year, we pray that in the following months the students, parents, and faculty of SFS will grow closer to God and learn to see him in all the wonders of his created world.

**“God’s Will Is That You Draw Near”**  
a devotional by John Piper

*Let us draw near with a true heart.* - Hebrews 10:22

The command we are given in this passage is to draw near to God. The great aim of the writer of the book of Hebrews is that we get near God, that we have fellowship with him, that we not settle for a Christian life at a distance from God.

This drawing near is not a physical act. It’s not building a tower of Babel by your achievements to get to heaven. It’s not necessarily going to a church building. Or walking to an altar at the front. It is an invisible act of the heart. You can do it while standing absolutely still, or while lying in a hospital bed, or on the train as you commute to work.

This is the center of the gospel — this is what the garden of Gethsemane and Good Friday are all about — that God has done astonishing and costly things to draw us near to himself. He has sent his Son to suffer and to die so that through him we might draw near. Everything that he has done in the great plan of redemption is so that we might draw near. And that nearness is for our joy and for his glory.

He does not need us. If we stay away, he is not impoverished. He does not need us in order to be happy in the fellowship of the Trinity. But he magnifies his mercy by giving us free access through his Son, in spite of our sin, to the one Reality that can satisfy our souls completely and forever, namely, himself. “In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11).

This is God’s will for you, even as you read this. This is why Christ died: that you would draw near to God.



## Announcements and News

### **WINTER RECESS REMINDERS**

Please remember the following winter recess policies as your child prepares for school each day. As long as the temperature is above 12 degrees and there is no precipitation, recess is held outside, so students should **bring warm coats, hats, and gloves**. If there is snow on the ground, students may bring snow boots to change into for recess, but may not change into snow pants. Changing into and out of snow pants takes away both recess and class time from the student. Students without snow boots must stay on the pavement away from any snow.

### **SCHEDULE REMINDER**

In the upcoming months, there will be no school on Monday, January 21st for MLK Day, and on Friday, February 1st for a Professional Development Day.

### **JANUARY OPEN HOUSE**

Our first Open House is scheduled for end of this month, **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. There are also a few local businesses that are willing to set up table displays for the school, and we are looking for parents available to set up one or more of those displays. Please let Mrs. Rivers know if you are willing to help out in any of these areas.

### **EVERYDAY FUNDRAISING**

Don't forget about 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.

### **TEACHER EASE ACCOUNTS**

January's Teacher Ease paper account statements will be sent home with next week's newsletter. If you wish to check your account balance this week, please visit the Teacher Ease website.

