



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

October 2 –

Boni Libri Festival

October 6 –

**SFS Annual Trail Race at
Pratt Farm**

October 8 –

No School: Columbus Day

October 9 –

**All School Field Trip to
Cranberry Bogs**

October 12 –

City State Day

October 16 –

Mid Term 1

October 25 –

**Noon Dismissal: Parent
Teacher Conferences**



Monday Missive

Excerpt from *Honey for a Child's Heart: The Imaginative Use of Books in Family Life*

“What Good Books Do”

Good books have genuine spiritual substance, not just intellectual enjoyment. Books help children know what to look for in life. Reading develops the taste buds of the mind as children learn to savor what is seen, heard, and experienced and fit these into some kind of worthwhile framework.

What is unfamiliar becomes close and real in books. What is ridiculous helps children see the humor in their own lives. Sympathetic understanding is a generous byproduct of sharing the emotions of stories, and standing in someone else's shoes. Books are no substitute for life, but a keener pleasure comes to life because of books.

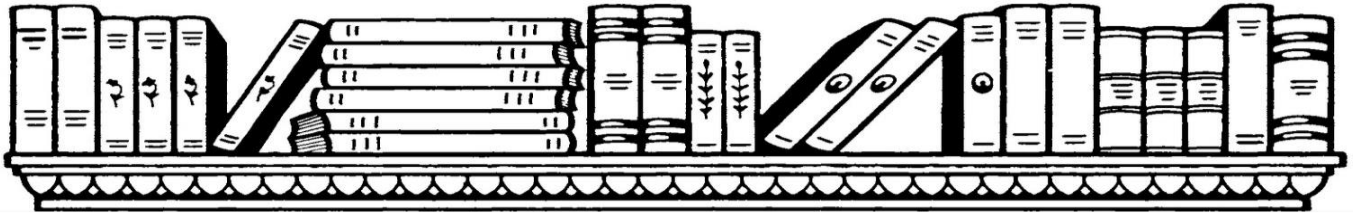
Children have marvelous elasticity of mind. Fancy a child who hasn't met a dragon or a unicorn! Imagine a child who doesn't speculate about what small creatures live in a hollow tree or rocky crevice! That's the stuff a sense of wonder may feed on, but when the child is older he will respond with the same sensitivity to a lovely sentence from Monica Shannon's *Dobry*: “Snow is the most beautiful silence in the world.”

Children meet others whose backgrounds, religions, and cultural ways are unlike their own. They come to accept the feeling of being different, and fear which is the result of not understanding, is removed. Geography invades our living rooms as children visit families from other countries, and the world seems quite friendly.

Facing failures and tragedies with the characters of a story may vicariously give children the experience of courage and loyalty. Weeping with some and rejoicing with others – this is the beginning of a compassionate heart.

Courage is transmitted by heroes like *Johnny Tremain* and even the comical Reepicheep in *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. Valor does not belong to an exclusive race of supermen. It is within the hearts of those who are committed to truth and honor, the kind of heroes with whom one can identify. Children have loved the biblical Daniel, David, and Joseph for these same reasons and have gained deeper understanding of the relationship of courage to faith.

One of my young friends read *Call It Courage* at least four times the year he was nine. In transition between being a child and being a boy, he needed a model for his new manhood. This book fed his heart with ideals and integrity in such practical ways that it is difficult to measure its influence. He said, “It made me feel brave and strong!”



Announcements and News

RUNNING CLUB

Running club will be held at the Pratt Farm both Tuesday and Thursday this week. Please **sign the attached permission slip** if your child wishes to participate. It must be turned in **tomorrow, October 2nd**. Pickup will be at the Pratt Farm at 4:30 PM. Volunteers are welcome to help shuttle students to the farm and/or to run or walk the trails with our students.

BONI LIBRI FESTIVAL

Tomorrow, **Tuesday, October 2nd** we will celebrate the power of good books! Each student is invited to come to school dressed as a favorite book character and the older students are invited to bring a favorite picture book. If your child is not wearing a costume, he or she should wear their City State shirt or colors. We will enjoy an afternoon of book themed activities, book themed snacks and deserts, and a read aloud.

TRAIL RACE AT PRATT FARM

Please join us at Pratt Farm on **October 6th** for our 11th Annual Trail Race. You won't regret it. Whether you're a runner or not, it really is a fun day. We need plenty of help setting up in the morning, picking up in the afternoon, and running or cheering on runners in between. Whatever you can do would be an important service. Let Bob or Erin Ewell know if you can volunteer.

ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

We are still missing permission slips for our **Tuesday, October 9th** field trip to local cranberry bogs. Please check that you have completed and submitted your form. We are looking forward to this opportunity to learn more about an important local industry!

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

We have not received handbook acknowledgement forms from 14 families. Over the next week, please read the Parent/Student Handbook, sign the acknowledgement form, and return it to the school office. This year, 7th and 8th grade students are also required to read the handbook and sign an acknowledgement form. Please ensure that your 7th or 8th grade student has done this.

TUITION

If you are able, please pay your October tuition using the Quickbooks link sent to you through email by our treasurer, Stacy Herman. If you have any questions about payment, please email Stacy Herman at treasurer@samuelfullerschool.org.

FEES

Please make sure to submit payments for any fees – milk, City State shirts, extra PE shirts, Running Club, uniform order – to the school dropbox. You may also check your Teacher Ease account to see which fees are still owing. Please feel free to lump payments together in one check or cash payment.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. Davenport and Miss Mattscheck are getting married! They are grateful for the sweet community that God has provided here at Samuel Fuller School and would love to share their wedding day with you and your children. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to join them for the ceremony and a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. The wedding will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Central Congregational Church here in Middleboro.

GEMS AND CSB

Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior (GEMS) and Christian Service Brigade (CSB) will resume next week! GEMS begins on **Tuesday, October 9th** and CSB begins **Wednesday, October 10th** at First Congregational Church. Both meet from 6:30-8:00PM. We would like to invite boys and girls in 1st grade through 6th grade to join our clubs. We look forward to teaching each child to love God and others and to develop a living, dynamic relationship with our Lord and Savior. Come join us!

BOX TOPS

The first deadline for mailing in Box Tops is November 1st, and it is coming quickly! Don't forget to collect Box Tops and submit them to the school office. Every cent counts!