



*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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## *Monday Missive*

### Upcoming Events

**October 16 –**

**Mid Term 1**

**October 18 –**

**5PM-8PM SweetFrog  
Fundraiser**

**October 19 –**

**K and 1<sup>st</sup> Field Trip:  
Soule Homestead  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Field Trip:  
Higgins Armory**

**October 26 –**

**Noon Dismissal: Parent  
Teacher Conferences  
4-8 PM**

**October 27 –**

**No School:  
Professional  
Development Day**

**October 31 –**

**K Field Trip: Fire  
Station**

Excerpts and Summary of

### *The Freeing Nature of a Liberal Education*

by Andrew Mitchell

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“As students and teachers return to every flavor of school imaginable... for most students, their future looks much less liberating. Teachers too will undoubtedly feel at times less than generous with the demands their pupils will be placing on them, to say nothing of in-service days, committee work, and hours of voluntary and extra-curricular activities.”

What is this liberal education? “It is a broadly-based and orderly study of Truth (once upon a time also called Reality) that leaves students with not only a better understanding of what it means to be human, but also of our roles here on Earth, impelling all of us in varying degrees, to action. It is generous in its scope, encompassing the sciences, the humanities, and the arts, unwilling to consider any true discipline as beyond the pale.”

Why then is this education called “liberal”? The word connotes “freedom.” What is freeing about this education?

A liberal education should free us from three things. First, it frees us from the tyranny of utility, a belief that we study simply for the sake of what is useful or needed, not what is True or Beautiful. Second, it frees us from the tyranny of determinism, the idea that students are merely receptacles for information, not human beings with a free will who can choose to learn and appreciate what they learn. Finally, it frees us from our own presuppositions, allowing us to look at and consider Truth from many different angles.

But it is not enough to be freed from these things. We should be freed towards something higher – the freedom to think, speak, and do only that which is good, just, and honest. “A liberal education not only directs us to submit to the Truth and to conform our lives to it, it also frees us to serve, to be gracious and generous as we learn humbly, teach with humility, and serve those around us in humility.” We are freed from evil and freed to do good.



## Announcements and News

### **SWEETFROG FUNDRAISER**

This **Wednesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** we are holding a fundraising event at SweetFrog at 1899 Ocean Street in Marshfield, MA. Samuel Fuller School will receive **10%** of all sales between the hours of 5-8 PM, so please **invite** friends, family, and acquaintances to come out and support our school. SweetFrog regularly supports community events and organizations, and the “frog” in SweetFrog stands for Fully Relying on God.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

We have several exciting field trips coming up for our younger grades.

- **Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - K and 1<sup>st</sup>:** Students will visit the Soule Homestead and meet the farm animals, card wool, and take a nature walk.
- **Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>:** At the Higgins Amory exhibit at Worcester Art Museum, students will view weapons from Medieval ages and watch a weapons demonstration.
- **Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – K:** Kindergartners will visit the Middleboro Fire Station. This field trip is part of a series where the students visit community helpers such as firemen, nurses, and veterinarians.

Please fill out the **attached permission slip** if your child will attend one of these field trips.

### **BOXTOPS**

Our first submission deadline for Box Tops is around the corner! Please submit any Box Tops you have collected to the school office by **Wednesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**. Attached is a collection sheet to use if this helps you keep track of your Box Tops.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The form to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** is attached to this newsletter. Please return the form to the office by **Monday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

