



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 7 –

Trail Race at Pratt Farm

October 9 –

No School: Columbus Day

October 16 –

Mid Term 1

October 20 –

City State Day

October 26 –

Noon Dismissal: Parent Teacher Conferences

October 27 –

No School: Professional Development Day

Cursive at SFS

Why does Samuel Fuller School teach cursive handwriting starting in Kindergarten? Isn't it outdated in the 21st century?

The Montessori Learning Center in Utah also teaches cursive to its students and compiled the list below of reasons for teaching cursive at a young age.

- Cursive writing involves a flowing, uninterrupted movement which reinforces the left to right directionality of our written language.
- Teaches words as a cohesive unit.
- Cursive or connected writing allows for the continuous flow of thought and thinking ahead while writing.
- Cursive reinforces the beginning and ending of words, with proper spacing of letters.
- Since all lowercase letters start from the same beginning point, the confusion resulting in reversals or inversions is eliminated.
- By joining letters, cursive writing reinforces the blending of sounds within words.
- **Research indicates that the challenge offered by the motor learning activities actually helps the brain learn how to get its various structures to work together more efficiently as it processes symbolic language. Cursive offers the kind of motor-learning activity that stimulates the brain to build pathways for better reading, writing and yes, later on, keyboarding.**
- It is easier for the young child to learn!

Teaching and learning cursive is not ignoring the needs of our children living in the modern world. Instead it prepares them.



Announcements and News

TRAIL RACE AT PRATT FARM

Come spend the morning at Pratt Farm running the trails and fellowshiping with other SFS families! Our annual Trail Race fundraiser is on **Saturday, October 7th**. This fundraiser helps the school greatly, so please invite family and friends to walk or run the beautiful racecourse or, if you don't plan to run, please let Bobby or Erin know how you can help out.

RUNNING CLUB

This week, we will hold running club at the Pratt Farm to prepare students for the race. Permission slips will be attached to this week's Monday Missive.

Because of the extra time it will take to transport students, dismissal will not be until 4:30, and pickup will be at the Pratt Farm, not at the school. Feel free to plan with **Miss Mattscheck** individually if you need to pick up your child at an earlier time.

We would love to have volunteers help bring the students to the farm after school (3-3:15pm) or walk or run the trails to help keep an eye on them (3:15-4:30pm). We usually have about 25 students running at each meeting, so extra volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

GEMS AND CSB

Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior (**GEMS**) and Christian Service Brigade (**CSB**) will resume Tuesday evening, October 10th at 6:30, at First Congregational Church. 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!

WELCOME TO THE HOLMES!

We are very happy to welcome **Jordan Holmes** to our 1st grade class and her family to our community! A new contact list with the Holmes's information has been uploaded to Basecamp.

WELCOME TO BETHANY!

Every school day until the end of January, **Bethany Seifert**, a Middleboro High Senior, will be interning at SFS, helping out with and observing several classes. She attends Central Congregational Church in Middleboro and appreciates the chance to spend time at a Christian school. We are very excited to have her, and the students are enjoying her help and presence in the classroom.

