



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

**November 20 –
City State
Day/Thanksgiving
Celebration**

**November 21 – 23 –
Thanksgiving Break**

**November 28 –
End of Term 1**

**December 7 –
5th- 8th Field Trip to “A
Christmas Carol”**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.



Monday Missive

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to spend with your family and friends and give thanks for all God has given us. May we never forget how important gratefulness is. John Piper reminds us of the weighty importance of gratitude in one of his “Solid Joys” devotionals.

“The Gravity of Gratitude,” devotional by John Piper

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful . . . (2 Timothy 3:1–2)

Notice how ingratitude goes with pride, abuse, and insubordination.

In another place Paul says, “Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking . . . but instead let there be thanksgiving” (Ephesians 5:4). So, it seems that gratitude, thankfulness, is the opposite of ugliness and violence.

The reason this is so is that the feeling of gratitude is a humble feeling, not a proud one. It is other-exalting, not self-exalting. And it is glad-hearted, not angry or bitter. Bitter thankfulness is a contradiction in terms.

The key to unlocking a heart of thankfulness and overcoming bitterness and ugliness and disrespect and violence is a strong belief in God, the Creator and Sustainer and Provider and Hope-giver. If we do not believe we are deeply indebted to God for all we have and hope to have, then the very spring of gratitude has gone dry.

So, I conclude that the rise of violence and sacrilege and ugliness and insubordination in the last times is a God-issue. The basic issue is a failure to feel gratitude at the upper levels of our dependence.

When the high spring of gratitude to God fails at the top of the mountain, soon all the pools of thankfulness begin to dry up further down the mountain. And when gratitude goes, the sovereignty of the self condones more and more corruption for its pleasure.

Pray for a great awakening of humble gratitude.



Announcements and News

POINTSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Celebrate SFS and the holidays with our poinsettia fundraiser! Until **November 27th**, friends, family, churches, or offices may order magnificent poinsettias through SFS with the proceeds benefiting the school. An **online order form** is posted on the SFS website and the Facebook event. Please invite friends and family to buy poinsettias and support SFS!

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Tomorrow, **November 20th**, students are invited to come to school in Thanksgiving themed attire or City State Shirts for our Thanksgiving celebration! The afternoon will be spent in games and activities and City State fun.

We could use a few more Thanksgiving or fall themed snacks and goodies for our celebration. If you are willing, please sign up on Basecamp.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Our school uniform is designed to encourage an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Uniforms foster positive student behavior and productivity, encourage a student's sense of belonging at the school, and promote a positive impression of our school within the community. But over the past few weeks, we have noticed several uniform infractions. Please make sure your child's attire is in line with the uniform code and, if possible, use the Thanksgiving break to find any lost uniform items. We will start sending home uniform infraction slips the week after Thanksgiving.

Here are several common uniform infractions:

- Students must only wear black pants. Chinos on Monday through Thursday and athletic pants on Friday. Black yoga pants may be worn on Friday, but not any other day.
- Leggings worn by girls must only be worn under skirts or skorts, **not** alone.
- Sock color must match legging color.
- PE shorts must be at least mid-thigh length.
- Skirt hem should be no more than 2" above the knee.
- Accessories with Wednesday dress uniforms must coordinate with the uniform colors.

COLD WEATHER

Now that the weather has turned cold, please keep these things in mind as your child prepares for school each day.

- We go outside for recess in cold weather down to 12 degrees. Students should bring necessary gloves, hats, and coats.
- In weather under 40 degrees, students must have long sleeves or a jacket/sweatshirt, in order to go outside for recess.
- If there is snow, students may bring (not wear) snow boots to school and change into them before recess.
- Students may not bring snow pants for recess. Changing in or out of snow pants takes valuable time away from recess and classroom time.

