



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 28 –
End of Term 1**

**December 7 –
7:15AM: 5th- 8th Field Trip
to “A Christmas Carol”**

**December 20 –
7PM: Christmas Concert**

**December 21 –
9:15AM – 1PM: Christmas
Party**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is, God’s making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.



Monday Missive

“**Glorious Imagination,**” by David Goodwin, President, ACCS
from the magazine *Classical Difference* (2018 Winter)

Some years ago, Regents School of Charlottesville set a promotional video to the song by David Archuleta called “Glorious.” I was inspired by the words. The song metaphorically refers to believers as “a symphony” made of many players who, together, make beautiful the work of our Savior, the conductor.

As great as the song is, I will say that “worldview” reveals itself in one small way if you’re a quibbler. So, I will quibble. Archuleta’s faith is Mormonism, and the song was written for a Mormon film. In the song, each of us is a musician in God’s orchestra. For any religious belief that tends to hold a more works-based worldview, the song makes the most sense—we’re doing the “creating” (so the lyrics say). For trinitarian Christians, each believer would be better described as an instrument, with the Holy Spirit as the musician playing the song, and with the orchestra conducted by Christ to glorify God the Father—a quibble, I know. I don’t want to diminish the beauty or value of the song. Rather, I want to point out how subtly worldview can influence our thoughts. In this particular song, if we are instruments, then from this quibble comes a helpful word-picture.

When my daughter bought her first concert violin, I learned something. She bought an instrument handmade by a master over a century ago. But that wasn’t enough. She then had it “tuned” by a master in a city 400 miles away. “Can’t you find someone here to tune it?” I asked. I learned that even the greatest instrument with the most natural quality needs to be tuned by a master. The bridge was modified, specific strings were chosen, tuning pegs were tweaked, and work was done on the inner instrument. The result was stunning.

I’m often asked how classical Christian education works with the grain of the child, and why it is necessary. After all, there are many good Christian kids who didn’t get a classical Christian education! The question to ask: Was my daughter’s concert violin such a beautiful instrument because of the master who made it in Indianapolis in 1912? Or, because it was tuned by a tuning master in Salt Lake City in 2014? Yes, to both. God creates our children, and gives them to parents to tune them. That’s where classical Christian education comes alongside.

To express Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, children need to direct their imagination. As we shape and hone your child’s imagination, we do so with great care. We do this with good stories—stories that reshape the metaphorical sounding-board to reverberate with beauty. We do this with recitation and structure as a master repeatedly plucks the strings until they vibrate in tune. We use the greatest tools the Christian West can provide to hone each instrument to the glory of God. And, we use methods that were learned by generations of educators from an earlier, more refined age. The school’s role is to fine tune your children so they are ready to be played in the providential symphony of Jesus Christ. Given the gravity of this calling, we ask for your prayers in raising up a generation to conduct itself as worshipers, tuned to love the True, the Good, and the Beautiful.



Announcements and News

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. **We will start sending home uniform infraction slips this week.**

Here are several common uniform infractions:

- Students must only wear black pants. Chinos (no black denim or cargo pants) 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.
- No more shorts may be worn on any day until warmer weather. Girls must wear leggings or tights under their skirts/skorts.
- In weather under 45 degrees, students must have long sleeves or a jacket/sweatshirt, in order to go outside for recess. Even if students do not get cold easily, they must bring some long-sleeved item to cover their arms.
- If there is snow, students may bring snow boots to school and change into them before recess. Snow boots may not be worn in class.
- Students may not bring snow pants for recess. Changing in or out of snow pants takes valuable time away from recess and classroom time.



POINTSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Tomorrow **November 27th** is the last day to order poinsettias! Make sure to invite friends, family, churches, or offices to support SFS by ordering these magnificent plants. An **online order form** is posted on the SFS website and the Facebook event. Please share the Facebook event!

5th-8th GRADE FIELD TRIP

Attached to this newsletter is a **permission slip** for our upcoming field trip to the musical production of "A Christmas Carol" on **Friday, December 7th**. Please fill out and return the permission slip to the school office **as soon as possible**. Please note that since the play is in Beverly, MA students will need to arrive at the school no later than 7:15AM, so that we can be on the road by 7:30AM. **If you are choosing not to send your child on this field trip, please let Mrs. River know right away so she can make alternative educational plans.**

TERM TWO SUPPLIES

With the end of Term 1, we are beginning to run out of cleaning supplies! Families with the last names H-P, please bring in the following items for Term 2:

- 3 roll paper towels
- 4 boxes of tissues
- 3 large tubs of antibacterial wipes

Thank you! These supplies are essential to keeping our building clean and our students healthy!