



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

November 28 –

End of Term 1

Poinsettia orders
due

December 8 –

6th – 8th Field Trip to
Zeiterion Theatre

December 9-10 –

SMFC Concert

December 21 –

7PM: Christmas
Concert

December 25-January 5 –

Christmas Break

Excerpts from

More Important than the Cosmos: Why Literature Matters

from *The Classical Teacher* (Summer 2017)

By R. W. Livingstone

Why study history and literature? This question is often asked by indignant parents, who want to know why their children, destined for business, learn fancy subjects instead of things serviceable to them in life.

An open and alert mind is the child of a varied education, not of a narrow technical training. Your student will get his commercial and professional knowledge, but the first task is to give him a general training, to open windows on the world, and thus give him a glimpse of its possibilities, and a sense of proportion. Commerce will not flourish the better if I send into it men of narrow outlook and untrained minds.

The great gap in science is that it tells us hardly anything about man. The man who is our friend, enemy, kinsman, partner, colleague, with whom we live and do business, who governs or is governed by us, has never once come within our view.

That is why it is impossible to base our education on physical science. It omits a branch of knowledge which everyone needs. It is possible for the ordinary man to dispense with a knowledge of physical science: He can go to specialists who will do his business for him better than he can do it himself. But no one can dispense with a knowledge of man. Everyone needs it, and is using it each minute he is in relation with human beings, whether he is speaking to them, or reading what they have written, or engaged in work which at any point touches them. We need this knowledge of private individuals. And still more, we need it as citizens and voters. Our need of science may be great, but our need of political and moral wisdom is greater, not less obvious, more difficult to remedy, and more dangerous to the state.

How do we justify the prominence of the humanities in education? As science reveals to us the physical constitution of ourselves and of the world around us, so the humanities reveal to us man. Before the student of literature, philosophy, and history are displayed all the forces and ideas that have governed man, personal, religious, or political - to see why he has rejected this and espoused that, why this failed and that was successful, what are liberty and religion, family affection and personal greed, and in a word, to study Man.



Announcements and News

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

This is your chance to share your passion for Samuel Fuller School and provide a beautiful way for friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to celebrate the season. Whether they buy a poinsettia for their church, as a gift, as a donation to a nursing home or for themselves...their support helps our school to flourish. It is easy...

- Collect orders with payment or direct people to order online.
- Post on Facebook and share with everyone – Invite people to the Facebook event which will have a link to order online too.
- Return order forms with payment to the school by **Tuesday, November 28th**.

Plants will be available for you to pick up at the school on Thursday, December 7th from 2:45pm – 6:00pm.

TERM TWO SUPPLIES

Families with the last names H-P, please bring in the following items for Term 2:

- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 large tubs of antibacterial wipes

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

6th-8th FIELD TRIP

On **Friday, December 8th**, the 6th - 8th grade classes will visit the Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford and see a play comprised of five short stories including *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allen Poe and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience some classic 19th century stories! If your child is attending, please fill out the **attached permission slip** and return it to the school office ASAP. We also need **1-2 parents with large passenger vehicles** to help drive the students to New Bedford. Please let Mrs. Rivers know if you are available.



SMFC CONCERT

Next weekend a group of SFS students will perform along with the *Southeastern Massachusetts Festival Chorus* in their Christmas concert at Taunton High School. There will be a full-page advertisement for SFS in the event program.

There is a \$2 discount for tickets reserved through a group order. Please contact Mrs. Rivers by **Tuesday, Nov 28th (tomorrow)** if you would like to be part of a group order. Full ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children. We look forward to hearing our SFS students share their talents with our local community!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for Term 1 will be sent home next week.

CHRISTMAS ROBES

We need 8 new robes for our Christmas program. Two volunteers are making 5 of them. If you are willing and able to sew the last 3, please contact Mrs. Rivers. A special thanks to **Jen and John Carty** who ironed all of our old Christmas robes. What a blessing!