



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

**December 19 –
1st Grade Field Trip to My
Brother’s Keeper**

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

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

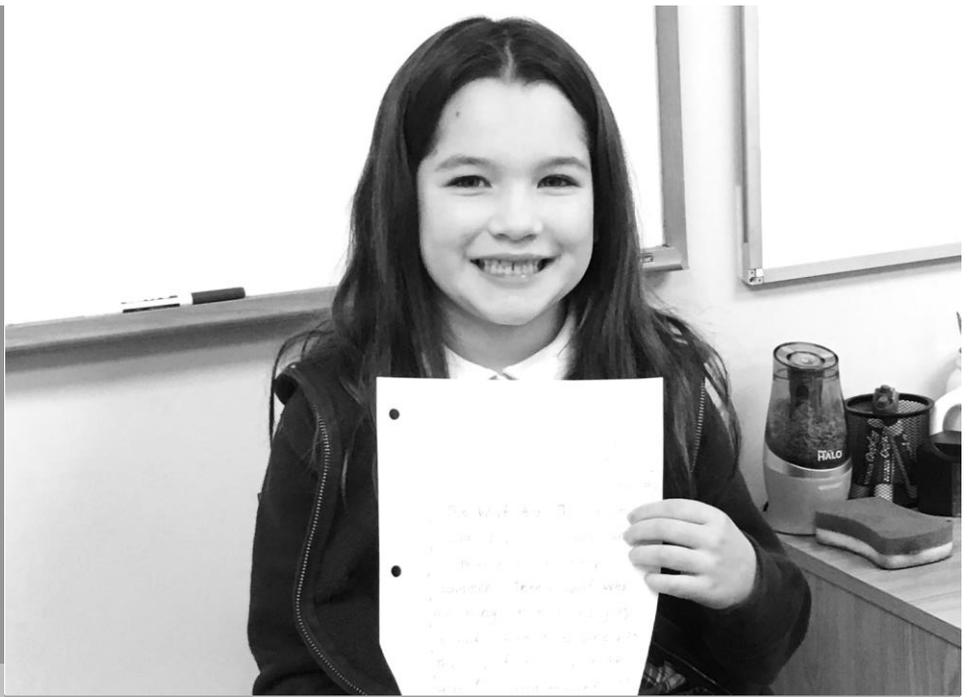
**December 24 – January 4 –
Christmas Break**

**January 7 –
K-2nd Field Trip at Zeiterion
Theater**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 11. What are God’s works of providence?

A. God’s works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.



Monday Missive

How to Be Unlucky

By Joshua Gibbs

This year the faculty of SFS is reading through How to Be Unlucky by Joshua Gibbs. Before each professional development day or faculty meeting, we read a chapter and then discuss it at the meeting. We have read three chapters so far and are all finding it a convicting, an encouraging, and a challenging book. The author’s conversational style is easy to follow, and his personal anecdotes are illuminating and frequently hilarious. Consider picking up a copy for yourself as it will help you reflect on the role of virtue in our lives and the lives of our students.

Perhaps the description from the back of the book will pique your interest further.

“Once upon a time, Joshua Gibbs was a disinterested slacker who, despite attending a classical Christian school, learned little and cared even less for his studies. He was more interested in pop culture than Great Books and performed only the bare minimum to pass. By age 27, however, he began work at a different classical institution, teaching the same literature he merely skimmed as a student. Ten years later, Gibbs has become a popular blogger and frequent speaker at education conferences. In this series of frank reflections on an unlikely career, Gibbs contemplates what it means to be a good teacher, how Great Books can change lives (and how one particular book, *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius, changed his), and why effective education is primarily concerned with the acquisition of virtue.

“One part literary guidebook, one part personal memoir, and one part teacher’s manual, How to Be Unlucky presents a one-of-a-kind case for ancient ways of thinking about teaching in our contemporary world.”



Announcements and News

1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP

The 1st Grade class has an exciting opportunity to serve our community this Christmas! On **Wednesday, December 19th**, the 1st Grade will be wrapping presents at My Brother's Keeper in Easton, an organization which seeks to bring the love and hope of Christ to Massachusetts by providing assistance to families in need.

Parents of 1st grade students: Please sign and return the attached **permission slip** as soon as possible.

K-2nd FIELD TRIP

On the first day of school in January, our Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will visit the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford where three stories by Eric Carle, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, will be retold using puppets.

Parents of K-2nd students: Since the excursion is the first day of school in January, we must be ready for this field trip before Christmas break. Please sign and return the attached permission slip as soon as possible.

REPORT CARDS

Term 1 Report Cards were sent home last week. After you review them, please sign the report cards and return them in the manila envelope provided. We hope to use the same envelopes throughout the year. Please let Mrs. Rivers know if you have any questions about your child's report card.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas program is fast approaching and Mrs. Rivers and the students are busying preparing songs and recitations. If your child is reading or memorizing scripture for the program, please have them review their speaking part at home.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MARKETING

Are you available to distribute Christmas program posters and flyers to local churches, business, or libraries? We want to invite as many people as possible to hear the good news that Christ is born! Let Mrs. Rivers know if you are available.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Friday, December 21st**, the last day before our Christmas break, is our annual Christmas party full of games, treats, and fun! The K - 4th students will participate in a Secret Santa and the 5th - 8th grade students will participate in a Yankee Swap (\$7 price limit for all grades).

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We love to receive Christmas cards from our school families! If you send a Christmas card to the school, we will display it on the bulletin board by the office.

LIVE NATIVITY AT ROCK VILLAGE CHURCH

You are invited to attend a Live Nativity hosted by Rock Village Church of Middleboro. This presentation of the birth of Christ will take place on **Saturday, December 15th at 4:30pm at the Middleboro Town Hall** (Rain date: Sunday, December 16th). There will be live animals and refreshments! Come and bring the whole family!

ONE STARRY NIGHT

On the evening of **Wednesday, December 19th**, First Baptist Church in Middleboro is hosting an interactive Christmas family night.

Ready to take your family back in time? Come to One Starry Night and experience Christmas like never before!

Journey back to the ancient town of Bethlehem where you'll see, touch, smell and taste just what life was like the night Jesus was born. Travel the streets and visit the marketplace at the height of the census, stop and chat with the innkeeper and hear the account of shepherds. Spend time with Mary and Joseph as they tell of their long journey to Bethlehem and share of the moment they first held their baby – God's Gift of Messiah – in their arms that night. Families are invited to spend time in the stable and behold the King, Immanuel – God With Us!

Visit each station, with crafts and treats for the whole family!

An interactive night...an experience like you've never had before!

Wednesday, December 19th, 6-8p.m.

First Baptist Church

111 Plymouth Street (Route 18)

N. Middleboro, MA