



*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

**December 7 –**

**7:15AM: 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Field Trip  
to “A Christmas Carol”**

**December 20 –**

**7PM: Christmas Concert**

**December 21 –**

**9:15AM – 1PM: Christmas  
Party**

**December 24 – January 4 –**

**Christmas Break**

### Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 10. How did God create man?**

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

### Acquiring Good Taste

from the magazine “Classical Difference” (Winter 2018)

One day, I was sitting in the home of an elderly English gentleman named Malcolm, and he set a cup of hot tea in front of me.

A long-time anglophile, the spring of my nineteenth year found me studying in England, taking in the castles, the rain, the history ... but not the tea. In fact, I couldn't stomach the tea. It was bitter, with an equally bitter aftertaste. This time I drank it, trying so hard to be a good guest that I drained the cup. So he poured me more. In fact, whenever he saw me again (he and his wife were my “adopted parents,” so I saw them often), he would offer tea. And I had to accept.

For three months I studied in England, drinking tea, eating crumpets, looking out the window at buildings that were older than my country. By the time I came home, I was hooked. I saw in a cup of hot tea not just a drink that could settle a meal. I saw a respite from a hectic day, the chance to sit and gaze out of a window. I had acquired a taste, and the process of acquiring that taste made my enjoyment of it much richer than if I had been born liking it.

Many “good tastes” are acquired this way. In classical Christian education, we encourage our kids to develop a palate for the true, the good, and the beautiful. But acquiring taste is not just for students. Sometimes we forget that the true, the good, and the beautiful are acquired tastes for us as parents, too. God has given us a rich world to live in, and when we close ourselves or our children off from it, we become impoverished, begging for handouts in the forms of sermons and sound bites but never gaining knowledge for ourselves.

Drinking tea went from a chore to a respite. The same process can apply to learning. Learn a little Latin, pick up the protractor, or read the great books, instead of just telling the kids to do so. We have all grown into many of our tastes. One of these days, you'll find that reading a Charles Dickens novel or gazing at the stars and knowing their patterns is a desirable—even refreshing—activity. You'll thirst for these experiences, because you've made it a priority to acquire a taste for them. Without even realizing it your children might begin to thirst more for them, too.



## Announcements and News

### REMINDER

Please remember that when ordering pizza or milk, we must have a pizza or milk **order form**, not just the money. We will not know what to purchase for your child unless we have an order form.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

As we have had an inordinate amount of rainy Tuesdays and cancelled flag football, we will have a makeup meeting tomorrow after school from 3-4:15pm.

### POINTSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported SFS by ordering poinsettias. Please pick up your order at the school on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, between 2:45 and 6pm.**

### 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP

Please make sure to sign and return the **permission slip** for our upcoming field trip to the musical production of "A Christmas Carol" on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Rivers know right away, so she can make alternative educational plans.

As we cannot supply pizza on our field trip, if your child has ordered pizza for this Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will count this order towards next Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please email Miss Murdy if you have any questions about your child's pizza order.

### TEACHER EASE ACCOUNTS

Attached to this newsletter is each family's updated Teacher Ease statement. Please look over your statement, and pay any outstanding fees. If you have a fee credit, we can transfer this credit to a different unpaid fee, **upon request only.**

### TERM TWO SUPPLIES

It is the beginning of Term 2, and we are in need 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!

### REPORT CARDS

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home this **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**, the last day before our Christmas break, is our annual Christmas party full of games, treats, and fun! The K - 4<sup>th</sup> students will participate in a Secret Santa and the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a Yankee Swap (\$7 price limit for all grades). **Parents of K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students:** the name of your child's Secret Santa recipient is in an envelope attached to this newsletter.

### 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 on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>! Please see the attached sheet for more information.

### THANK YOU, CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Thank you to all the godly men who have led us in worship on Wednesday mornings! If you see them, please personally thank Peter Murdy, Bruce Smith, Rick Sweitzer, Richard Davenport, Dan Casieri, Troy Albee, Ray Severance, Jon Stricklin, and Zachary Maxcey.