



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

In morning chapel for the month of December, Mrs. Rivers will lead the students in Advent devotionals. Today they read and discussed the first one.

Upcoming Events

December 8 –

**6th – 8th Field Trip to
Zeiterion Theatre**

December 9-10 –

**SMFC Concert at
Taunton High School
Saturday – 7PM
Sunday – 3PM**

December 21 –

**7PM: Christmas
Concert**

December 22 –

**9:15AM Delayed
Opening: Christmas
Party**

**December 25-January 5 –
Christmas Break**

God's Promise: The Hope of a Child

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Isaiah spoke this prophecy to the people of Israel in a time when they were disobeying God. Isaiah brought terrible warnings telling them that God would take away their food and water and bring enemies against them. But in chapter nine, Isaiah gave God's people a promise of hope: In spite of their great sin, God would take their sadness away.

In verse six of chapter nine, Isaiah described this promised hope as the coming of a very special child. The child would be both man and God and would rule forever and ever in peace over God's people. Isaiah's wonderful prophecy declared that the child would be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Each of the names – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace – point to Jesus. Jesus is a prince with a wisdom that surpasses that of Solomon, and he brings a peace greater than that enjoyed during the reign of King David. Though it is obvious to us that this description points to Jesus, even Isaiah would have found it a mystery (Colossians 1:26). How could a child be both man and God? Who would this child of promise be and when would he be born?

Isaiah never saw the fulfillment of his words. Seven centuries would pass before Jesus was born. Now we get to look back and read God's fantastic promise with the full knowledge of the story of Christmas. With the coming of Christ and the revelation of the gospel, the mystery of the child hidden from Isaiah has been opened up for all to see. How it should fill us with wonder and cause us to sing, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And He shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" (from Handel's *Messiah*)



Announcements and News

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 return a **permission slip** to the school office ASAP. The students are also required to wear their **Wednesday dress uniforms** for the field trip, but should bring **PE clothes** for gym class after the field trip.

SMFC CONCERT

This 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. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children. We look forward to hearing our SFS students share their talents with our local community!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MARKETING

Are you available to **distribute Christmas program posters and flyers** to local churches, business, and 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.

REPORT CARDS

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home this **Friday, December 8th**. 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.

THANK YOU, CHAPEL SPEAKERS!

Thank you Rick Sweitzer, Ray Severance, Troy Albee, Peter Murdy, James Hopkins, and Bruce Smith for speaking in chapel in October and November. We are encouraged by your godly messages.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Friday December 22nd**, the last day before our Christmas break, is our annual Christmas party! 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). In additions to gift giving (and swapping) there will be games and treats!

