



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

**February 15 –
6PM: K-2 Dinner
Theater**

**February 16 –
City State Day**

**February 19 – 23 –
Winter Break**

**February 28 –
9AM-2PM and 5PM-
8PM: Open House**

**March 8 –
End of Term Two**

**March 15 –
Noon Dismissal:
Classical Seminar
and Banquet**



Monday Missive

Today is the 209th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.

Lincoln’s Providence - devotional by John Piper

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! (Romans 11:33)

Abraham Lincoln, who was born on this day in 1809, remained skeptical, and at times even cynical, about religion into his forties. So, it is a most striking thing how personal and national suffering drew Lincoln into the reality of God, rather than pushing him away.

In 1862, when Lincoln was 53 years old, his 11-year-old son Willie died. Lincoln’s wife “tried to deal with her grief by searching out New Age mediums.” Lincoln turned to Phineas Gurley, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington. Several long talks led to what Gurley described as “a conversion to Christ.” Lincoln confided that he was “driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I have nowhere else to go.”

Similarly, the horrors of the dead and wounded soldiers assaulted him daily. There were fifty hospitals for the wounded in Washington. The rotunda of the Capitol held two thousand cots for wounded soldiers. Typically, fifty soldiers a day died in these temporary hospitals. All of this drove Lincoln deeper into the providence of God. “We cannot but believe, that He who made the world still governs it.”

His most famous statement about the providence of God in relation to the Civil War was his Second Inaugural Address, given a month before he was assassinated. It is remarkable for not making God a simple supporter for the Union or Confederate cause. God has his own purposes and does not excuse sin on either side.

“Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war might speedily pass away. . . .

“Yet if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bond-man’s two hundred years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid with another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago so still it must be said, “the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether.”

I pray for all of you who suffer loss and injury and great sorrow that it will awaken for you, as it did for Lincoln, not an empty fatalism, but a deeper reliance on the infinite wisdom and love of God’s inscrutable providence.



Announcements and News

K-2nd DINNER THEATER

We are looking forward to our dinner theater this Thursday and the production of *The Tale of Tom Kitten!* Invite your friends and family to this adorable play! A sign-up for the potluck has been posted on Basecamp.

BOX TOPS

Our next batch of Box Tops is due! We must send ours in by March 1st to be counted. If you have not already done so, please drop off your Box Tops at the school office by **Friday, February 16th**.

CITY STATE DAY ON FRIDAY

This Friday is our next City State Day! Students should wear their City States shirts or colors, and we will end the day with games and activities.

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED

We are participating in Six Flags *Read to Succeed* program. Any student in **K-6th grade** who has read for **6 hours** in their spare time by March 1st will receive a **free ticket** to Six Flags New England. Students who have already read 6 hours through Reading Marathon will be entered into this program automatically. Any child who has not yet reached this goal can complete reading 6 hours, record their time on a Reading Marathon bookmark, and submit it to their teacher by **February 27th**. We are so excited our K-6th grade students have this opportunity!

CLASSICAL EDUCATION SEMINAR AND BANQUET

Save the date – **Thursday, March 15th**! We are excited to hear Kevin Clark speak at our Classical Education Seminar and Banquet. Clark is a faculty member at The Geneva School in Florida where he has taught such courses as aesthetics, rhetoric, Christian theology, and the history of Western philosophy. He also co-wrote **The Liberal Arts Tradition** with Ravi Jain. He is sure to have much wisdom and insight to share with us.

EARLY REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is now open! Please visit our website and click on the “Registration Form” tab under “Admissions.” Any registrations received after April 1st will be charged a \$50 fee.

NEW STUDENT APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT

If you plan to enroll new siblings at SFS, fill out the Registration form and call the school office to schedule STS or ISEE testing for entrance evaluation. If you know anyone who might be interested in SFS for their children, encourage them to visit SFS at our **Open House on February 28th**.

