



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

April 12 –

**3-4:30 PM: 3rd – 5th
Musical Practice**

April 13 –

**No School:
Professional Day**

April 16-20 –

**No School: Spring
Break**

April 26 –

**3-4:30 PM: 3rd – 5th
Musical Practice**

April 27 –

**7PM: 3rd – 5th
Musical**



Monday Missive

The Value and Use of a Classical Christian Education

Many parents see the value of a classical Christian education, but may sometimes worry how useful it will be to their child down the road. At our Classical Education Seminar and Banquet in March, Kevin Clark addressed this apparent dichotomy pointing out that what is valuable is also supremely useful. Here is an excerpt from his talk on this point.

“As you leave here tonight thinking about the value of a Christian classical education, consider the various elements of the curriculum, and ask yourself how useful these would be.

- **Literature:** Is it useful to know how to read deeply, to truly understand what you read, and to make connections with other works of literature?
- **History:** Is it useful to know the story of your own nation and the larger tradition to which it belongs, to be able to appreciate the complex historical and sociological nature of contemporary political issues?
- **Rhetoric:** Is it useful to be able to stand confidently before an audience of peers to deliver a speech on a controversial topic, to take a definite stand with respect to a debated issue, and to floor questions in real time? To know how to discern where the relevant point of an issue lies and have the resources to speak into that issue according to the exigencies of the moment and the needs of your audience?
- **Math:** Is it useful to approach a problem not just with a formula that would help you find the right answer, but with the creativity to choose which way you would like to engage the problem, to discern the mathematical principles at work in your experience of the world, or to make sense of the phrase in beautiful equation?
- **Latin:** Is it useful to consider the what it means to be pious, following your duty to found a new city even if it means forsaking all personal goods? To be able to engage in two millennia of texts that shaped the western mind?
- **Logic:** Is it useful to be able to identify what is at stake in a debate, to follow the flow of an argument and to know what the salient point is, to discern whether an argument has been made rather than simply suggested or implied?
- **Science:** Is it useful to know something about the natural world, and to explain how things work, without reducing the world merely to physical and chemical causes? To know the structure and function of your own body?

“As you turn from the particular classes in the curriculum to reflect on the model of education as a whole, ask yourself how useful it would be to know how to learn and to love doing it. That is the heart of the Christian classical model of education: teaching people how to learn and doing it in such a way that they love doing it. I think as you reflect you will find that this would not only be ideal but would be advantageous in every way imaginable.

“Thus, I am no longer taken in by what I have found to be the false dichotomy between the value and usefulness of a Christian classical education. I’ll no longer argue value over usefulness. It is giving up too much ground.”



Announcements and News



KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

This Thursday, April 12th, the kindergarten class will visit Foxboro Animal Hospital as part of their Social Studies unit on community helpers. We are sure the kindergarteners will enjoy learning how veterinarians care for local pets. Parents of kindergartners, please sign and return the attached **permission slip** by **Wednesday, April 11th**.

3rd – 5th MUSICAL: EXTRA PRACTICE

Mrs. Rivers will hold an extra musical practice for the 3rd – 5th musical after school on **Thursday from 3 – 4:30PM**. Although practice is not mandatory, students are strongly encouraged to attend as these extra practices are key to perfecting the fast-approaching performance. Students should bring a **snack** and **change of clothes**.



PROPS FOR SPRING MUSICALS

If you are loaning props for either of our upcoming spring musicals, please drop them off at the school office this week. Having props helps the students better imagine the scenes they are preparing!

COSTUMES FOR MUSICALS

Little Red Riding Hood costumes are due this **Thursday, April 12th**. The sooner we have the costumes, the more smoothly the production will go.

FINANCIAL AID

If you wish to apply for financial aid for the 2018-19 school year, the application is now available on the website under the “Admissions” tab. This application must be submitted by **May 1st**.