



*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:

**October 1 –**

**Pratt Farm Clean-up  
Day**

**October 2 –**

**School Pictures**

**October 7 –**

**Trail Race at Pratt  
Farm**

**October 9 –**

**No School: Columbus  
Day**

**October 16 –**

**Mid Term 1**

**October 20 –**

**City State Day**

**October 26 –**

**Noon Dismissal: Parent  
Teacher Conferences**

### *The Next Best Thing*

Article from “Classical Difference” (Fall 2017 Issue)

“I wish I could go back to school!” It’s a common lament from parents of classical Christian school students.

While we can’t do much to reverse time, we can offer suggestions.

Increasingly, we’re hearing that parents have found a way to bridge this gap, with the added bonus of engaging in their kids’ daily lives.

It’s simple. Get your students’ reading lists, and read the books. Most schools supply the list of books each grade will be reading during the year. Since you don’t need the exact same copy as your student, you can easily find used versions on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Alibris. Some might be available in the public domain using sources like Project Gutenberg. If you plan ahead, you might be able to use your student’s copy before it goes to school.

Ask your kids what they discussed in class, and what they think. Having some common ground makes conversation easier. You might even be able to help with studying or projects. Some parents ignite discussion by playing “devil’s advocate” with the ideas in the books—something difficult to do unless you’ve read the material. And if all you can pry from your students is the short answer, at least you’ll have a window into part of their day.

It might not be like going back to school, but according to some parents, it’s the next best thing.



## Announcements and News



### **TRAIL RACE AT PRATT FARM**

Come spend the morning at Pratt Farm running the trails and fellowshiping with other SFS families! Our annual Trail Race fundraiser is on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. This fundraiser helps the school greatly, so please consider these ways you can support us:

- Invite family and friends to participate
- Ask a local business to sponsor the race
- Help clean up the trails at Pratt Farm on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2PM** (contact Bobby or Erin Ewell)
- Volunteer on race day (contact Bobby or Erin Ewell)

### **SMFC CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Is your child interested in singing in the Southeastern Massachusetts Festival Chorus (SMFC)? Our school has been invited to bring a 20-25-person children's choir to perform at the SMFC on **December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you are able to commit to the **December 8<sup>th</sup>** rehearsal and the concerts, then please let Mrs. Rivers know. The children will perform selections from our Christmas program, and we look forward to sharing our students' skills with the community.



### **PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK**

If you have not read the Parent/Student Handbook and signed the **Handbook Acknowledgement Form**, please do so as soon as possible and return the signed form to the school office. The form has been posted on basecamp if you misplaced your original copy.

### **HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION FORMS**

Current Health and Immunization Forms must be kept on file for all students. Please request copies of these forms from your child's physician and submit them to the school office.

### **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** is school picture day! Attached to this newsletter is a sheet with information about the photoshoot.

### **CITY STATE DAY**

Last Wednesday our students enjoyed their first City State Day! Among other activities, the day included a tarp game where the students tried to fit as many students as possible on a tarp being folded up smaller and smaller. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders led our four City State teams, and they did a wonderful job encouraging their fellow students. We look forward to many more fun Fridays and City State activities!