



Samuel Fuller School

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UPDATE ON LAND AND BUILDING PROJECT

I am sure many of you are anxious to hear how the land and building project plans are coming along. The Board of Elders of the First Congregational Church has put together a committee of four - Dave Delancey, Kathy Easterbrooks, Bobby Ewell, and John Ryder - who are working on the recommendation regarding granting the school a piece of land. Each of these individuals bring specific talents and skills to the committee, which will be making its recommendation to the church in the form of a report on April 30, 2012. Other committees have been formed and are being contacted, including a Financial Committee and a Building Committee, which includes a subcommittee - the Design Committee. The Design Committee, which includes Dave Brown, Steve McKenna, Chris Maury, and Bob Powell, met with the school board last evening and is working on a mock-up building plan, as well as preparing an estimated amount of land that might be needed for the project. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction and for the Giver of all Good Gifts to supply our every need as we move forward with our plans.

CALENDAR

Winter Recess (for students!) is here! We hope you all have a relaxing week and we'll see you on the 27th. March is a very busy month, so please check our calendar and plan accordingly. Check the new writeboard on basecamp for our golf tournament which is scheduled for October. If you can help out, great! Watch for another fellowship fundraiser coming up soon, and race updates as well! The race is scheduled for May 12th.

CLASSICAL CORNER

Perhaps you are familiar with the concept of the urban legend. Urban legends are modern folktales, stories believed by their tellers to be true but that don't necessarily have any basis in fact. Remember the giant alligators in the New York sewers? How many of

us have believed at some point that saying "Bloody Mary" three times facing a mirror will cause her to appear? It doesn't matter if it's true; the story just needs to be sensational.

Not surprisingly, urban legends have cropped up around the classical Christian school movement. Never mind that these myths are no more true than the thousands of myths, urban legends, and internet rumors discussed at Snopes.com. They are still out there, and families should be well-informed so that they can fend off these tales.

One urban legend about classical Christian education is that it is harsh and oppressive. When people hear words like Latin, classics, uniforms, and recitations, they immediately think of the film *Dead Poets Society*, with frustrated children being pushed to the breaking point by grinding homework loads and dictatorial teachers.

But does challenging curriculum lead to unhappy children? Just the opposite, in fact. To quote our friends at The Ambrose School, "The excitement of children learning Latin grows as they become able to describe the world in a language that most adults do not understand. The rich and complex texture of classical literature is strangely amplified by youth. Science and the history of Western Civilization come alive for those who hunger to know about their world." When you visit Regents Academy you find children who are excited about learning. Learning new things can be intimidating to adults, but to children it is exciting.

Classical Christian schools insist on order and respect in the classroom, but this order does not require students to sit quietly with eyes directed downward, never interacting with their teachers. In fact, students at Regents are encouraged to ask questions, offer opinions, make observations, and vocalize answers. Regents students sing, chant, debate, invent, and inquire. Our classrooms are lively places with active students who are learning from a demanding curriculum with joy. **Taken from Classical Christian Education Urban Legends, Part 1 By David Bryant, Regents School of Austin**
To Be Continued.....



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UPCOMING DATES:

February 20th-24th - Winter Recess
February 28th - Mid Quarter Three
March 8th - Parent-Teacher Conferences
Early Release Day (*NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!)
March 15th - SFS to the Boston Symphony Orchestra
March 16th - Professional Development Day - No School
March 22nd - Open House
March 29th - K-2 Dinner Theatre

VERSE OF THE WEEK: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8*

