



Samuel Fuller School

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ALL SCHOOL NEWS

TREE PLANTING

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to drive to the tree planting in memory of Bill Kerrins on Monday, June 7th, as well as those of you who are going to meet us there. We will leave after lunch (12:15 PM) and return before dismissal. Please return the field trip form on Monday and remember to drop booster seats off in the morning.

TUITION

The last payment for the 2009-2010 school year is now due in the office. For those of you who pay on a 12-month plan, please send your payments to the school office during the summer months.

ON-LINE TEACHER TRAINING

On July 28th-30th, we will be having a live, on-line teacher training workshop, which is being made available through Veritas Academy in Leola, Pennsylvania. We are opening these workshops to our families free of charge. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the classical model of education that is being used here at Samuel Fuller School. There are many interesting Plenary Sessions and workshops, including "The Family That Stays Together," "Teaching Children to Read," "Restoring Education," "Teaching Bible to Little Ones," "How to Make Your Children Love Stories," and more. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in the workshops. Thanks.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

We have completed all testing. Results will be sent home with report cards on the last day of school.

OLYMPIC DAY

Wednesday, June 9th is the last day of school and our last chapel service. Please join us if you are able. Chapel begins at 8:15, and our Olympic ceremonies will begin at 9:00. There will be an awards ceremony and cookout after the competitions, and the students will then be dismissed. Students should wear plain colored gym shorts (no logos) and their SFS race t-shirt (either year). If your child needs a t-shirt, let the office know. Please also let us know on Monday if you are planning on attending the cookout so we can plan accordingly. You can let Melia Kerrins or the office know if you would like to bring something to share; i.e. hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, chips, salads, deserts. Thanks!

SPOTLIGHT ON FOURTH GRADE

Latin **A** students have learned the endings and translation for three basic verb tenses, Present, Future, and Imperfect (a past tense). They now know that "tense is time". For each chapter, we learn English derivatives for many of our Latin words. For example, the Latin word *humus* means earth, ground, or land from which we derive our English words humble and humility. To be humble is to be "near to the earth" rather than proud and "raised up high." Agnes and Micaiah, our **Latin B** students, have just finished the daunting task of learning all the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person personal pronouns in Latin in all the five noun cases, and in all three genders. Additionally, they have learned more nouns, verbs, and adjectives, and have continued to parse Latin sentences. They are doing a great job!

Bible - We have come to the end of our study of the Old Testament by reviewing the return of the Jews to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel, and later Ezra and Nehemiah. We have seen God's covenant faithfulness to His people in

graciously moving the heart of the Persian king, Cyrus, to allow them to return to their homeland. The task of first rebuilding the Temple and then the walls of Jerusalem was difficult, but once again God's hand was with His people and the tasks were completed despite opposition from Israel's enemies. Next year, we begin an overview of the New Testament, and look forward to increasing our understanding of God's great faithfulness and love in sending His own Son to meet His people's greatest need **History**

We are ending the school year with a study of the Reformation, learning how God was at work reforming and renewing his Church in various parts of Europe beginning with the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg church in 1517, continuing with the work of Ulrich Zwingli in Switzerland, and moving to the peculiar circumstances of King Henry VIII which opened the door to the Reformation in England. We have learned about the significant writings and work of John Calvin which influenced many men of his time, particularly John Knox who brought the Reformation to Scotland. Here in the events of history, we see God's faithfulness to His Church, purifying and cleansing it, so that the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, could continue to go forth clearly to the world.

UPCOMING DATES

- June 7th - Tree Planting at Kerrins
- June 9th - Last Day of School/ Olympics and Cookout
- June 15th - 6:00 SFS Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner
- July 28th-30th Veritas Teacher Training at SFS
- September 7th - Teachers' First Day of new school year
- September 8th - Students' First Day of new school year

VERSE OF THE WEEK: "Finish the Course with Joy!" Acts 20:24