

October 13, 2009

Dear Parents of NCS athletes,

The fall athletic season is coming to an end and the winter season is just around the corner. As published in *QUID NOVI* last week, basketball Pre-season for students in grades 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> will start the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>, on the days indicated on the enclosed factsheet.

As the athletic opportunities at New Covenant Schools continue to grow each year, it is not clear at this time whether “cuts” will be necessary, although some team rosters may be limited. Decisions will depend upon the number of students who go out for the teams. Every effort will be made to accommodate those who wish to play.

### ***Third and Fourth Grade***

The intramural basketball program for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls will *tentatively* begin in January and run thru mid-February. The goal of this program is to introduce our younger students to New Covenant Schools’ athletics. Sessions will meet on Wednesdays following school dismissal until 4:30 pm. The format will consist of a 20-minute instruction period on basketball basics. Players will then break up into teams and play games. In order for this to work we will need parent volunteers to help with the coaching and instructing of the students. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me. *The intramural program will only be scheduled if the gym is available and there is enough parent/student participation.*

### ***Junior Gryphons Basketball***

The Junior Gryphons 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ and girls’ teams will start the first week of January. These teams will be limited to ten players on each roster. We will be participating in the Thomas Road Baptist Church league. We have played in this league with good success. Currently we have need for coaches at this age group. If you are interested in assisting in this capacity, please contact me at 660-4179.

### ***MS, JV & Varsity Basketball (7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>)***

Pre-Season will start on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> with practice times indicated on the enclosed factsheet. A parent-meeting with the coach will take place after the teams have been formed. During the meeting the coach will discuss the upcoming season, review athletic policies and hand out the schedules.

### ***Parental Involvement, Clock Keeper and Team Moms***

As a parent of a New Covenant School student you understand that much of our success is a result of the generous hours that many of you commit to various events and functions of the school. Athletics is no exception. Currently we have need for volunteers who would be interested in running the clock during our home basketball games and collecting admissions at the door. The clock would be made available to the volunteers during practice hours for training. If you are interested in assisting in this capacity please contact me.

Team “mom” is another volunteer position available. The primary responsibility of a team mom is to facilitate the coach’s job by helping to coordinate details during the season such as transportation, end of season parties, phone calls, snacks, concessions, etc. Let your child’s coach know if you desire to take on this role. Also, please don’t forget to sign up for concessions during our home games. This aspect of the sporting events also helps raise funds for athletics. Thank you for considering how you might help support New Covenant Schools’ athletics in any of these capacities.

In an attempt to communicate our athletic schedule more effectively, a weekly athletics calendar will be issued and the website will be updated. The athletic hotline, 455-0111, updated every day by noon, is used for decisions on inclement weather and other unforeseen changes. For the latest scores, updates and changes log on to [www.newcovenantschools.org](http://www.newcovenantschools.org) and follow the ‘Athletics’ link.

It is a privilege to work with your children. I enjoy challenging them to begin to discover ways to pursue their fitness and athletic goals. With great anticipation, I look forward to working with your children this season. Go Gryphons!

Sincerely,

Andy Ashcroft,  
Athletic Director

# **GRYPHONS WINTER FACT SHEET**

## ***INTRAMURAL CO-ED BASKETBALL (3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>) (TENTATIVE)***

Coach: Parent Volunteers

Practice day and time: Wednesdays following school dismissal until 4:30 pm

Location: Moomaw Gymnasium

## ***Jr Gryphon's (5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>)***

Girls Coach: TBA

Boys Coach: TBA

Basketball league begins in January

## ***MS, JV & VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL***

Coach: Phone:

Practice days and times: Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Fri., 3:00-5:00 pm

(Practice times are subject to change)

Transportation: The NCS van will transport players to and from away games.

**Important dates:** Parent meeting TBA

VACA MS/JV Regions 2/15-20/10 (Timberlake)

VACA Southern Divisional Play 2/22-27/10 (Roanoke Valley C. S)

VACA State Finals: 3/1-6/10 (Timberlake)

## ***VARSIY BOYS BASKETBALL (9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>)***

Coach: Bryan Corley Phone: 434-473-3619

Asst. Coach: Mark Sette Phone: 434-665-6896

Practice days and times: Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Fri., 5:00 -7:00 pm

(Practice times are subject to change)

Transportation: The NCS van will transport players to and from away games.

**Important dates:** Parent meeting TBA

First game 12/01 Away vs. CHA

VACA Southern Divisional Play 2/22-27/10 (Roanoke Valley C. S)

VACA State Finals: 3/1-6/10 (Timberlake)

***MS, JV Boys Basketball (7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>)*** : Dependent on INTEREST level and coaching staff

VACA MS/JV Regions 2/15-20/10 (Timberlake)