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Senior Basketball Girls  
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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

## HEART SHAPES

*by Marion Patterson, Principal*

*D*o you remember learning to make valentine hearts, folding the pink paper and cutting a swooshy curve through both layers? If you imagined your heart well, and cut it accurately enough, it would appear when you unfolded your craft, ready to be adorned with lace from paper doilies or glitter from a shaker.

Shaping the hearts of children is not quite as straightforward, but it happens as we work together to envision the good character we'd like to see in ourselves and our children, and work to trim the edges of their wants and will. At New Covenant, we work to shape hearts through both instruction and correction.

Instruction, the passing on of information and skills, happens in our classrooms in a variety of ways. We often start out with direct instruction,

in which a teacher might explain, illustrate, give examples, and make connections to new concepts. As the years go by, students are led to discover new concepts on their own, through reading, guided research and discussion. Like the paper heart unfolded to reveal its shape and perhaps a kind message, a new understanding uncovered can delight a learner at any age.

Then there's the correction side of learning. In any subject area, it's crucial for students to get feedback on whether or not they have mastered a process or a body of information. Often that comes from a teacher's bright colored markings, or even a verbal response, "Well, that's a thought, but I'm not sure you've understood what we were reading." As they mature, children begin to test themselves and

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New Covenant Schools will host two Open Houses in February. Both events will feature tours of our classrooms and facilities as well as light refreshments and discussion with administrators. Word-of-mouth is our best advertisement, so if you have friends who might consider a classical, Christian education encourage them to visit us. We will continue to offer our regular weekly tours. Prospective parents may contact Linda Simon for more information. [lsimon@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:lsimon@newcovenantschools.org)

OPEN  HOUSE

**Tuesday, February 12 from 9 – 11 am**  
**Thursday, February 21 from 9 – 11 am**

Think.

Learn.

Love.

Live.

# E T C E T E R A

## EVERYONE



**ART & SCIENCE FAIR** Plan to join us **Friday, February 22** for the Art & Science Fair. View the artistic abilities of our students and enjoy watching Middle and High Schoolers compete in various science challenges. Art viewing and food service begin at 5:30 pm, and the science challenges will start around 6:00 pm. Deadline to submit art work is this **Wednesday, February 13**.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DRESS** **Wednesday, February 13** all students, faculty and staff may wear jeans, and a Valentine-colored top in celebration of St. Valentine's Day!

**WINTER BREAK** will begin **Thursday, February 14** and continue through Tuesday, February 19. Students return **Wednesday, February 20**.

### WINTER UNIFORM GUIDELINES

**FOR YOUNG WOMEN:** leggings should meet the socks, match the uniform, and fit like tights (not sweat pants). No wild and crazy colors or leggings that stop

just below the knee. Leg warmers are prohibited. On days when the forecast high temperature is 40 degrees or below, girls may wear uniform slacks, even on dress day, with their normal dress day tops (if slacks have belt loops, a belt must be worn).

### FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN:

long-sleeved t-shirts may be worn under long-sleeved shirts for extra warmth. If the t-shirt is white or navy, it may be worn under a short-sleeved shirt as well. Outerwear, other than the New Covenant hoodie or fleece, may not be worn in the building.

**BOX TOPS** Information was sent home with your child today regarding **Box Tops, Kroger points, Amazon Smile and Givens Books-Little Dickens**. Please take time to look it over and continue to support New Covenant Schools through your purchases. The deadline for Box Tops is **February 25**. Thank you for your continued support!

**REGISTRATION** is now open for spring sports! Please visit [www.newcovenantschools.org/experiences/athletics/formsandlinks](http://www.newcovenantschools.org/experiences/athletics/formsandlinks) and register your athlete before Friday, February 22. Students may not attend practice unless they are registered and have a current athletic physical on file. Remember to update your Fan Account while you are on the website. Varsity Men's lacrosse and women's soccer begin practice February 25. The first Varsity Men's Tennis practice is March 4th.

## SWIMMING

BRC/VIC Conference Championship  
Men 200 Medley Relay – 3rd place finish  
Time 2:08.

**Jack Marotta (09) Michael Marotta (09) Davis Sneed (09) William Spruill (09)**  
**STATE QUALIFIERS:**

Women 200 Medley Relay - 3rd place  
finish Time 2:14.

**Madeline Duncan (09) Natalie Rogers (10) Caroline Marotta (09) Skylar McCurley (09)**

Women 200 Free - 2:14.5

**Natalie Rogers** finished 2nd Silver Medal  
Women 200 IM - 2:27.0

**Caroline Marotta** finished 2nd silver  
Medal

Men 100 Fly 1:00.60Y F

**Michael Marotta** Silver 3rd place

Women 100 Fly - 1:06.1 -

**Caroline Marotta** 2nd place Women 100  
Breast 1:17.3

**Natalie Rogers** 2nd place

## VARSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NCS	40	VES	49
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## VARSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL

NCS	45	East Menn	80
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NCS	47	Holy Cross	64
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NCS	54	North Cross	62
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## JV MEN'S BASKETBALL

NCS	41	East Menn	46
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NCS	45	North Cross	37
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## MS BOYS BASKETBALL

NCS	28	Holy Cross	30
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NCS	18	North Cross	30
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NCS	30	Sandusky	52
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NCS	23	LCA	35
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generate their own plans and processes for studying and mastering material more often.

Beyond simple mistakes in learning and thinking, there are times that each of us requires the correction of our behavior. Teachers who practice consistent classroom management and hold high expectations for the teaching/learning environment must sometimes confront student behavior. Our practice is to deal clearly with moral issues such as cheating, dishonesty,

and unkindness – yet with an important caveat. Whatever we say to a student must leave his or her dignity fully intact, and leave the student with the understanding that the teacher wants his success in school and in life enough to confront him.

Parents tell us that one of the top reasons they choose New Covenant is that we work on character – not just outward behavior, but also the heart motivations that underlie it. It's challenging work, shaping the minds and hearts of children, but worth it!