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Miss Jackson's fourth grade class planted their broccoli in the Gryphon Garden this Thursday.

THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

HANDS & HEARTS

by John Heaton, Headmaster

This Wednesday marks the sixth annual Hands & Hearts project. If you're new to our community you might not realize what a massive effort it is, involving over 400 students and a small army of parent volunteers. Each year **Dayna Renalds**, our Development Director, seeks out non-profit organizations for targeted work projects that can be accomplished by our students, and this year's projects are significant.

In the early years, some of these organizations were skeptical of our ability to mobilize and manage our children productively. Who wants 150 grammar school students on their property for 4 hours? Yikes! We made believers out of them, however, with unbelievable logistical planning, support, transportation, and small groups led by volunteer parents. We have been able to set hundreds of hands and hearts to

tasks that were overwhelming to the recipients. Our students have astounded the leadership of organizations such as the Salvation Army and Rush Homes, who now call us back hoping that we will return each year for the next project.

The Hands & Hearts project blesses others in our community, but it accomplishes so much more for our students. When we pause to imagine what our children will grow up to be, our vision includes a person who is generous and rich in good works. We spell this out in our "Portrait of the Graduate" which captures our deliberate attempt to model and motivate our students into habits of serving others (view the whole portrait here <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/about/portrait-of-a-graduate/>).

It's easy to be a consumer. Learning to be "other-oriented," empathetic, and willing to

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HANDS & HEARTS FUNDRAISING

GOAL - \$35,000
RAISED - \$42,602!

What's New?

Gryphon Girls Run is a 7 week program starting Wednesday, April 3 for 5-7 graders. Julie Neiderer will lead this group twice a week, Wednesday and Friday from 3:15-4:00 PM. We will meet at the pavilion for each practice and will remain on the school campus during practice.

This program will serve to empower our young ladies to steward their bodies well physically, emotionally, and spiritually. They will participate in a group devotion before each run. The running portion of each practice will focus on the girls having a fun running experience, building community, building endurance.

Please email jneiderer@gmail.com if your student is interested in participating. We also encourage mothers to come and participate as well.

GRYPHON GIRLS RUN

Think.

Learn.

Love.

Live.

H O N O R A R I A



JENNA NG For the second year in a row, a New Covenant Schools student has won the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the News and Advance. **Jenna Ng** will once again represent our school and our area at the National Spelling Bee, held in Washington, DC. Congratulations, Jenna!

HANDS & HEARTS PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS:

Thanks to your help and support we have already raised over \$42,000 for our annual Hands & Hearts day of service! Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in the raffle drawing after completing sponsorship letters:

Waylon Spiva – Free Chick-Fil-A in the school lunchroom for the remainder of the school year

Luke Ancona – jumbo racket game

Emilia Andrade - \$15 Panera gift card

Ava Boettger – Mr. Heaton’s scooter for the day

Callen Carlton – large bottle of bubbles and blowing machine

Eleanor Seckman – mystery prize

Mimi Black – monkey stuffed animal

Adelyn Thornhill – artist set

Malcom Hite – lego package

John Sorenson – Dollywood tickets

Jael Brenning - \$15 iTunes gift card

Joel Ng – Pac-Man portable video game

Eve Hilton – large playground ball

Elina Bengds – ice cream party for class

David Eaton – Nerf gun

Bryson Taylor – large red stuffed bear

Idella Olmsted – fishing pole

Abigail Oppenheimer – pinata party for class

Gigi Olson – laser tag bunker set

Elizabeth Niedzialek, Olivia Fries, Tori

Ashton, Olivia Zealand, Cora Helm – 4 Park Hopper passes to Disney World

MORE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

New Covenant will offer a selection of art, drama and music camps this summer on the dates below. **Registration opens TODAY April 1.** A registration form is on the school website under MY NCS. **Grade levels refer to the grade to which the student is rising.**



STAY FIT! PROGRAM

Grades 1-12

June 3-August 2 (off the week of July 4)



AMERICAN GIRL CAMP

June 10-14 (9:00 am-2:00 pm) Grades 2-5



ORCHESTRA CAMP

June 18-22 (10 am-4 pm)

Grades 4-12



MS DRAMA CAMP

June 24-29 (8:30 am-12:30 pm) Grades 5-8



SOR DRAMA CAMP

June 24-29 (1:30-5:30 pm)

Grades 9-12



GO FORTH

Aug 5,6,7 (8:00 am-12:00 pm)

Grade 12



MS BAND CAMP

June 24-29 (1:30 pm-5:30 pm)

Grades 5-8



SOR BAND CAMP

June 24-29 (8:30 am-12:30pm)

Grades 9-12

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

STRINGS CAMP DATES are June **18-22**, Tues-Sat. Last Quid listed dates as June 18-23.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY New Covenant offers a selection of camps and programs this summer. To register, go to our school's website under MY NCS. Note: **Grade levels refer to the grade to which the student is rising.**

TIME TO UPDATE RENWEB/FACTS for 2019-2020 The administration and staff for New Covenant Schools are looking ahead and making plans for our next school year. You will be receiving an e-mail **this Thursday, April 4**, asking you to log into your Renweb account and update / complete your child's information for 2019-20. The process is quick and allows us to begin forming classes for next year. Please take the time to get this completed no later than **Friday, April 15.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR SALVATION ARMY The last day to bring in your food items for Salvation Army is **tomorrow, Tuesday, April 2.** Please bring your canned or boxed goods to the collection site in the front lobby. We are collecting food donations such as peanut butter, tomato sauce, canned meat, creamed soups, cereal. Everything donated will be taken to the Salvation Army and processed by our students during Hands & Hearts. Thank you for your support!

POST PLACEMENT MEETING To finish the admissions process, new families should make plans to attend the Post Placement Meeting on **Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 pm** in the Chapel at New Covenant. Meet members of our

staff and learn important details you will need for the first day of the 2019-20 school year.

ATHLETIC TEAM PHOTOS for Middle School 7/8 thru Varsity are scheduled for after school this **Thursday, April 4.** All athletes should have their BLUE uniform unless otherwise directed by their coach.

EASTER BREAK this year begins **Thursday, April 18** with a **11:30 dismissal** thru **Monday, April 22.** Students return Tuesday, April 23.

LUNCH ordering for May opens Friday April 5. The deadline is **Friday, April 19.** This deadline occurs during Easter Break, please order before then.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
- If your child is on the milk list, 4th quarter milk charges of \$30 were added to your lunch account last week.
- You may now order a small garden salad for only \$2.00 or a small grilled chicken garden salad for only \$3.50. Perfect for petite appetites!
- Finally, we have had fantastic helpers this year with Microwave Moms, Ice Cream Team, and Pizza Friday. Would you consider becoming a lunch volunteer next school year? Parents and grandparents are welcome!

PANACHE DVDS AVAILABLE Video copies of this seasons' Panache productions, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Peter and the Starcatcher*, are now available for \$10 in the office. You may place your order by emailing Robin Layne at rlayne@newcovenantschools.org. She will bill your FACTS account for the purchase. If you prefer to pay with cash or check, please stop by the lobby desk for assistance.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT SUNDAY New Covenant instructors and graduates join the James Chamber players at Oakwood Country Club **this Sunday, April 7, at 3 pm**, to present a concert featuring works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Tchaikovsky, and Brahms. The players, led by Strings Director **Joe Nigro** and cello instructor **Teresa Angell**, will include New Covenant grads **Christian Kumar** and **Nina Caldwell**. To reserve your tickets, call Oakwood Country Club at 384-8181 x3. Tickets will also be available at the door.

SPRING YARDWORK? Need help? The **MEN'S VARSITY SOCCER** team is volunteering time between March 16 and April 27. Contact Coach **Tyler Bullock** at 434-660-8838 to discuss details.



VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

NCS 1 Covenant 5

JV WOMENS SOCCER

NCS 4 VES 2

VARSITY MENS TENNIS

NCS 0 Covenant 9

JR GRYPHON LACROSSE

NCS 13 BRClub 11

MIDDLE SCHOOL LACROSSE

NCS 12 BRClub 11

NCS 6 NorthCross 16

VARSITY MENS LACROSSE

NCS 14 WFHS 2

Generations Day

MAY 3, 2019 8:00 -11:30am

Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and special family members of New Covenant Students, are invited to join us for a special day to visit your child's classroom, hear what they are learning, and enjoy refreshments.



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serve others is a much harder quality and must be cultivated. Our projects this year include the organizations listed below.

THE ARC OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA The Arc serves the needs of adults who have mental and physical handicaps. This organization meets a tremendous need in our community, providing quality care during the day for their clients, most of whom require supervision and assistance for basic tasks. Our teams will spend the day refreshing their campus with mulch, working in classrooms, and spending time with the residents themselves. This is our second year at the Arc.

RUSH HOMES Rush Homes has a similar mission, but they provide affordable and accessible rental housing options for adults with disabilities and low incomes in Lynchburg. This year our students will prepare and plant a garden, paint murals, and cleanup bulletin boards.

THE SALVATION ARMY The Salvation Army has come to depend upon our annual visit and the leadership saves its biggest jobs for us. Our students engage in landscaping, pressure washing, and cleaning and sorting donated items. In addition to all of this, we will build

shelving and remove an old shed that has served its useful life.

WATERMARKS CAMP 8th grade will help to prepare Watermarks Camp for its summer camping season, working to refresh mulch and landscaping, to stain decks on the lake and complete light construction projects. The camp director relies on this group's help each spring.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD

You can do several things that will help your child get the most from the project. First, a supply list and team assignment was sent to you by email today. Make sure you pay attention to the necessary supplies, and if you send a tool or piece of equipment, be sure to write your name on it with a sharpie marker.

Second, be sure to pack a water bottle and nourishing lunch for your student. We will have time for breaks and for lunch. We want the students to be well hydrated.

Third, remember that the Salvation Army has made an appeal to us to help replenish their food pantry which has been drawn down throughout the winter. We are still accepting items in the lobby where you'll find a pallet for your canned goods and food items.

Finally, we wish to thank all of you who engaged family and friends to sponsor our students. Your donations enabled us to go to these sites with supplies and equipment so that our presence requires limited expenses from the organizations we serve. The project also raises money for New Covenant, and we are pleased to announce that donations to the project total more than \$42,000. This is one of the largest community projects we accomplish, and we appreciate your participation in it. Let us go forth, generous and rich in good works!

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Rev'd John Heaton
Rev'd Rodney Longmire

MISSION STATEMENT

New Covenant Schools is an educational community serving families of Central Virginia, providing an exceptional education in a classical curriculum within the framework of historic Christianity, furnishing the student with the tools of education and the inspiration to be a life-long learner.

Stay Fit! Program

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| One student..... | \$80 |
| Family Membership..... | \$125 |
| Personal Training Session | |
| One participant..... | \$25 pr/hr |
| Two participants..... | \$20 pr/hr each |
| Three participants..... | \$18 pr/hr each |

