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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

Women's Varsity athletes at a recent track meet. See our sports section for the latest scores.

FINANCE 101

by Scott McCurley, Dean of Faculty

*S*tudent loans in the U.S. alone have surpassed the 1.5 trillion-dollar mark. The average student debt is hovering around \$29,000. At a 5.5% interest rate over the typical 10-year term of the loan, the student will be paying about \$315 per month with a resulting payout of over \$37,000. When I went to college in the fall of 1989, tuition and fees at UVA were \$2,708. Today this will run you \$15,900. (<https://ias.virginia.edu/university-stats-facts>).

There is much that a school can and should teach the young people in its charge. There is much to learn about becoming an adult that is beyond the scope of the classroom. It takes involved parents and grandparents, aunts

and uncles, churches and neighbors to pass on the collected wisdom. This can also come from students that have walked these halls in past year, students just a half generation ahead of the current crop.

On Friday morning, one such alum, **Mr. Drew Neiderer** (class of '11), met with the senior class over coffee and donuts. The goal of this seminar was two-fold: 1) to provide guidance in basic financial concepts; and 2) to discuss student loans in particular.

Drew Neiderer graduated from VA Tech with a degree in Applied Economic Management and is currently working with Montvue Capital Management in Lynchburg. In his seminar he

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What's New

NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS WANTS TO HELP YOU SAVE MONEY

We understand that good financial stewardship is important to you and your family and have responded by offering several ways to afford New Covenant. We'd like to help you further. Join us for breakfast on May 8 at 7:30 am or lunch on May 14 at noon to hear from Headmaster Heaton and Director of Finance Linda Hackenbracht on how to save money through the Virginia 529 Savings Plan or the Scholarship Tax Credit Improvement Program. This information will help your bottom line and your future. Check your e-mail for a sign-up genius notification where you may see further information and RSVP. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Think.

Learn.

Love.

Live.

H O N O R A R I A

24 CLUB TOURNAMENT

During the month of April, twenty-nine 3rd and 4th grade students have been meeting once a week after school to hone their mental computation skills in the 24 Club. During club time students played the math card game "24." Each card in the game challenged students to add, subtract, multiply, or divide four numbers to come up with the answer 24. Their hard work culminated on April 25th in the 24 Club Tournament. Congratulations to the 24 Game medal winners **Joel Ng (gold)**, **Michael Seckman (silver)**, and **Charlotte McCarty (bronze)**. **Journey Lancaster** and **Richter Harris** both won the Sportsmanship award, and **Britton Basten** took home the Most Improved award. Want to try your hand at the 24 Game?



One possible answer combination: Final Answer: $6 \times 4 = 24$ Solution:
 $8 - 3 = 5$, $5 + 1 = 6$, $6 \times 4 = 24$



8 students from NCS participated in a soccer tournament this weekend in Raleigh and won the championship!!

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.



E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION 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 school year. To those of you who updated your enrollment packet, thank you. For those who have not, please do so immediately.

2019-20 MASTER CALENDAR can be viewed or downloaded from our NCS website under MY NCS. <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-Master-Calendar-web.pdf>

PANACHE DVDS AVAILABLE Video copies of this season's Panache productions are now available for \$10 in the office. You may place your order by emailing Robin Layne at rlayne@newcovenantschools.org.

CALLING ALL NCS BUSINESS OWNERS! If you would like to advertise your business in the play program for our May production of *Seussical the Musical*, please contact **Kathy Mosher** in the school office (kmosher@newcovenantschools.org). Ads cost \$100 for a full page, \$75 for a half-page, \$50 for a quarter page, \$25 for a business card. Thank you for supporting our drama program and allowing us to support you!

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MOVING UP MEETING Parents of 4th graders are invited to join **Marion Patterson** and select faculty on Monday, May 6 at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Learn what a middle school day is like and help your student navigate this new adventure!

EMPLOYMENT

NEW COVENANT IS OFFERING a part-time position supervising and managing the custodial crew. While the position is not full time, it does require skill in managing projects and a small crew of personnel. It could be the perfect job for a semi-retired individual who wishes to be busy about four hours per day, and it does require a physically able-bodied person. If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please call the office or email **Gary Trittipoe** at gtrittipoe@newcovenantschools.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING PLAY Join us for the Middle School Spring Play, *Seussical*, on Friday, May 3 at 7:00pm and Saturday May 4 at 2:00 and 7:00pm. To reserve your tickets please email **Beth Mayberry** at bmayberry@newcovenantschools.org.

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SPRING CONCERT for School of Rhetoric will take place on Monday, May 6 at 7:00pm.

VARSITY WOMENS SOCCER

NCS	1	Chatham H	1
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JV WOMENS SOCCER

NCS	5	Chatham H	0
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JR GRYPHON LACROSSE

NCS	10	BRC	8
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MIDDLE SCHOOL LACROSSE

NCS	8	BRC	3
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MS GIRLS SOCCER SOCCER

NCS	2	TCS	1
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TRACK

Women's

100 Meter Dash-3rd Eva Sayles, 4th Sophia Rucker
200 Meter Dash-1st Sophia Rucker, 3rd Eva Sayles
400 Meter Dash-2nd Charity Simon
800 Meter Run-2nd Elizabeth Matney
1600 Meter Run-7th Elise Uminn
Long Jump-1st Eva Sayles, 2nd Kayla Haley
Shot Put-4th Bailey Foster, 7th Jael Brenning
Discus-3rd Bailey Foster, 5th Jael Brenning

Men's

100 Meter Dash-10th Roman Seay, 13th Will Spruill
200 Meter Dash-8th Will Spruill
800 Meter Dash-14th Will VanVoorhis
1600 Meter-12th Will VanVoorhis
High Jump-3rd Gabriel Sansone, 8th David Kline
Long Jump-7th Gabriel Sansone, 10th Corbin Sayles, 11th David Kline

Team Rankings Women

Eastern Mennonite School
New Covenant Schools
North Cross
Tandem Friends
VES

Team Rankings Men

Hargrave
Eastern Mennonite
North Cross
VES
Tandem Friends
Blue Ridge School
The Covenant School
New Covenant Schools



Seventh grade students took a field trip to Richmond last week. They visited the Virginia State Capitol building and the Science Museum of Virginia.

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provided clear definitions of assets, liabilities and net worth. With respect to net worth, students were shown two contrasting examples. In the first, we considered a local, well-paid, late twenty-something engineer. Though she is making a sizable income, she also has significant student loans to pay off, carries credit card debt, and has chosen to live by herself in an up-scale apartment complex. She also treated herself to a high-end BMW she has always wanted, along with the car payment that entails.

In the second, we considered a local health-care worker (the same age) making roughly half what the engineer earns. He also has student debt but has aggressively paid it down. More importantly, he has chosen an automobile and a living situation well within his means. He has contributed to his 401k (not a lot, but some) and has made it a habit to pay off his credit card bill monthly.

These two examples force one to think carefully about what it means to be “financially well off.” The engineer has the outward appearance of being successful, but her net worth is zero – *and* she is significantly in debt. As our students head off to college or to the next step in their lives, we believe that it’s important to help them navigate their financial options. Ultimately, financial freedom is achieved and maintained when an individual learns to delay gratification, and to sacrifice in the short term for better things later.

In his presentation Mr. Neiderer drew upon a very well-known book, *The Millionaire Next Door*, in which this distinction is developed in greater depth. I have read the book a couple of times. It would make a good graduation gift.

We welcome back Mr. Neiderer on May 9th to speak to the Junior class on this topic.

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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.

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SUMMER STRENGTH TRAINING

— GRADES 1-12

The goal of the summer fitness and strength training program is to provide students from grammar through high school, the opportunity to get fit, making them stronger and faster, while facilitating team bonding.



**TRAIN MONDAY - FRIDAY
JUNE 3 - AUGUST 2
SIGN UP AT**

www.newcovenantschools.org/stay-fit/

Personal Training and Group Training Sessions available
One Student \$80 | Family \$125 | Personal Training \$25/hr
Contact Coach Carl Stamey cstamey@newcovenantschools.org or
Coach Julie Neiderer jneiderer@newcovenantschools.org for more
information.

PANACHE PRESENTS



**May 3 at 7 p.m. &
May 4 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

www.newcovenantschools.org

Call the office to reserve your tickets today!

\$8/students \$10/adults 434-847-8313

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