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A group of New Covenant students take a quick break while working at Rush Homes.

THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

A COMMUNITY IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF THE PARTS

*L*ook forward every year to New Covenant Schools' annual service project. Few things we do as a community approach the scale of this effort, and even fewer make such a visible, immediate, and positive impact outside the walls of our school.

Consider that we put over 400 students - kindergarten through high school - in the field at multiple locations; then add their chaperones and many of their parents, and the number swells to over 500. That's more than a thousand busy hands! Connect those hands to hearts that are rich in good works and you've got "Hands & Hearts." It's the annual project that brings our community together to contribute roughly 3,000 "man" hours simply for the good of others in our community.

Consider also that everyone who is listed in

the pages of this edition of *QUID NOVI* participated directly to the success of our labors. Your gifts support the work of classical, Christian education. Your gifts also allow us to bring projects into reality that community organizations might not otherwise pursue. *Hands & Hearts* brings lots of willing labor to a site. At the same time, it seeks to *avoid* burdening organizations with staff time and expenses that are not in the budget. The Salvation Army needed shrubs and trees for our landscape project - *your* gifts provided them. It needed paint and materials for the walls in the Center of Hope and wood for new shelving. *Your* gifts provided that, too. The sidewalks required pressure washing - New Covenant loaned its unit. We had to move massive amounts of mulch at the Arc of Central Virginia, your gifts put fuel in our

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tractor which we provided to the site. The lobby at Rush Homes needed a mural. Our students designed the piece, and your gifts provided the necessary paint.

The organizations we serve are typically overwhelmed by the level of planning and organization, and by the amount of work we accomplish, even with the youngest of students. They are grateful that we are able to provide so much with *zero* impact to their budgets.

I am always left with the sense that as a community, we are greater than the sum of our parts. Hundreds of students are working, while hundreds more sponsors are supporting and underwriting. The result is that everyone participates in a truly impactful day of charity and good will.

We take this opportunity to celebrate the success of the project you have made possible, and to thank you for your willingness to join with us. Thank you for your support.



“ I *appreciate* the mission and ideals that you work to instill in your students. We are *grateful* for the opportunity to have New Covenant Schools with us, not only for the work that you do for us, but also to be a part of the *stewardship* of “training up a child in the way he should go.” ”

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SALVATION ARMY OF GREATER LYNCHBURG GRADES PK - 7

- * prepared toiletry packets and filled small bags with cereal for Center of Hope guests
- * colored placemats and rolled silverware packets for the evening meal
- * designed and decorated bulletin boards in the Center of Hope
- * painted in common areas of the living quarters
- * cleared debris and demolished an old shed
- * cleaned food pantry shelves and organized food donations by expiration dates
- * sorted donations of clothing, shoes, and household items
- * refurbished front landscaping and pressure washed buildings and walkways
- * built shelving units for clothing donations
- * washed several Salvation Army vehicles and cleaned in all major building areas
- * cleared fence rows of weeds and leaves
- * sorted hangers for use with clothing donations

THE ARC OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA GRADES 5 - 7

- * weeded and mulched landscaped areas in front of buildings
- * cleaned windows and wiped down main hallways throughout the building
- * trimmed trees and painted gutters on the building
- * picked up trash on the campus and raked leaves from fence rows
- * assembled picnic tables and picnic benches
- * cleaned and organized cabinets in classrooms and kitchen
- * washed windows in large group activity areas

WATERMARKS CAMP GRADE 8

- * mulched around rope course and other activity areas in the woods
- * planted trees to beautify the campus
- * prepared and tended the camp garden

RUSH HOMES GRADES 9-12

- * weeded, planted flowers and a large vegetable garden in facility landscaped areas
- * created and decorated bulletin boards
- * cleared brush and provided general maintenance for three single family dwellings
- * designed and painted two large murals for lobby areas
- * restored old church pew for use in the lobby area
- * performed general cleanup tasks and touch up paint jobs
- * trimmed bushes, stained porches, and cleaned garden area for a New Covenant family

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“ *Everyone* at Rush Homes is *raving* about the work New Covenant students have done. Everyone had such a pleasant attitude, looked like they were enjoying work that I would hate to be doing...and the quality of the work is *top-notch!* Thank you and all of your volunteers for choosing Rush Homes again this year. This has been a great day, for sure. ”

Kate Goodman, Development Director, Rush Homes

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BY THE NUMBERS

2 gardens planted

4 borrowed large yellow school buses to transport students

5 work sites

8 students assigned to a work team

12 firepower nandinas planted at the Salvation Army

15 fresh loaves of bread delivered to working high school students

20 parent drivers needed to transport students

49 teams of students working on projects

71 degrees as a high temperature

382 various clothing hangers organized

550 student designed t-shirts ordered

585 donations received

820 canned goods sorted

51,467 dollars raised



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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.

View the 2019 Hands & Hearts student video at:

<https://www.newcovenantschools.org/experiences/community-service/>

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

END OF YEAR Parents, now is the time to make sure all your student accounts are paid in full with the school financial office. This includes charges for lunch, Gryphons Outfitters, tuition, aftercare, and library fees.

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SUMMER CAMP & STAY FIT! STRENGTH TRAINING 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.**

PANACHE DVDS AVAILABLE Video copies of this season's 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.

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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 by routing it through the Virginia 529 Savings Plan or gifting to 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.

YEARBOOKS ARE HERE Students will receive their books as follows:
SOR - during lunch on May 16th
MS - during the MS party on May 17th
GRAMMAR - Monday May 20th

GRAMMAR

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION will be held Thursday morning, **May 23 at 10:00 am** in the Moomaw Gymnasium.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, is the last day of school for students in Pre-K and students in 1st-8th grades. Grades 1-4 will have their concert at **8:15 am** in the Moomaw Gym. These students will participate in **field day** after the concert. School will be dismissed for all students at **12:00 pm**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT will be held **Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm** in the Moomaw Gymnasium.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMS will be administered **Wednesday, May 22 & Thursday, May 23** with a regular **3:00 pm** dismissal.

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SPRING CONCERT School of Rhetoric Spring Concert will take place **tonight, Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Moomaw Gymnasium. The School of Rhetoric band, chorus, and orchestra will present a variety of musical selections.

HOUSE OLYMPICS This **Friday** the House Council will be sponsoring the Annual SoR House Olympics. Students will compete in a variety of activities, including small-field soccer, whiffle ball, relay races, corn hole, badminton, etc. Thank you to the House Council for all their hard work in planning this event.

SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS for JV and Varsity athletes will be held **Friday, May 17, at 7:00 pm** in the Moomaw Gym.

SOR EXAMS will be administered **Wednesday, May 22 & Thursday, May 23** with a **12:15 pm** dismissal.

SOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL **Thursday, May 23.**



VARSITY WOMENS SOCCER

NCS	2	VES	4
NCS	4	VES	0

VARSITY MENS TENNIS

NCS	1	Hargrave	8
NCS	0	VES	9

VARSITY MENS LACROSSE

NCS	20	Hargrave	14
NCS	2	BRS	21
NCS	2	VES	15
NCS	4	Roanoke	9

JR GRYPHON LACROSSE

NCS	3	LLC	11
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MS LACROSSE

NCS	4	LLC	6
NCS	6	JRDS	2

Special recognition to **Logan Duncan** who won his final senior Varsity Tennis match. He won in a tie breaker that lasted for a grueling two hours. Great job, Logan!

