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Campus on a summer morning

THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

FIRST DAY

by John Heaton, Headmaster

*I*n just a few short days New Covenant will begin its twenty ninth academic year. I'm a little bit surprised every summer as I prepare for the term because New Covenant still feels like the "new school" in Lynchburg. Maybe that's because so many of us who work here joined the endeavor in the early days. Time gets by us without notice and we forget that we're growing older; so is the school.

Even after more than twenty years, however, the month of August continues to excite me as it does your children. Even my son, **Thad**, a rising junior, will secretly admit that he's ready for school to start. There will be lots of energy in our halls as we welcome 430 students, 75 of whom are new this year.

Getting off to a good start involves some preparation, so take a few minutes to check the following: First, make sure you have your supply

lists which are available at newcovenantschools.org/myNCS. You can find the academic calendar there also, although the most urgent dates are posted below. Second, there is still time to finish summer reading in middle and high school. If your child has lost his or her response questions, these are also online at My NCS.

Third, follow our Facebook page for up to the minute notices for Gryphon Outfitter hours and other news. Starting tomorrow, the office will be open all day and you can stop by for assistance with most anything.

Fourth, younger children are well-served when parents switch to "school" schedule. Observing school bedtimes a week or so before starting is a good way to make the transition from summer to school.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon.

Think.

Learn.

Love.

Live.

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

FACULTY MEMBERS return to work on **Wednesday, August 7**.

GO FORTH Senior College Application Camp continues through Wednesday of this week.

CONVOCATION will be held at Heritage United Methodist Church on **Sunday, August 11, at 6:00 pm**. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MEET YOUR TEACHER will be held on **Tuesday, August 13** (see box right).

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is **Wednesday, August 14, 8:00 am**. Tears and Cheers will take place in the library so join us for a second cup. Remember that pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students are dismissed at noon that day.

REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST

days of school means increased congestion on our roadways. Carpools have not formed so there are more cars at this time of year. Please be courteous to our neighbors by maintaining the posted speed limit (25 mph on all roads around the school. Do not turn around in driveways, and when using Woodway as a cut-through, remember that you are "extra traffic" in a quiet, established neighborhood. **Be a good neighbor.**

DROP OFF FOR grammar school students is on the Chapel Side (second entrance). Kindergarten, middle and high school students drop at the flagpole entrance. Please pull as far forward as possible in the drop lane, and do not leave your vehicle. If you wish to come inside, please park in the lot.

Meet Your Teacher

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

1:00-2:00 pm - Pre-K students (A-M)

2:00-3:00 pm - Pre-K students (N-Z)

3:30-6:00 pm - Grades K-12

Parent Meetings (students may attend)

4:00-4:30 pm - Rising Freshmen

4:30-5:00 pm - Rising Juniors

5:00-5:30 pm - Rising Seniors

School of Rhetoric Dinner & House Induction Ceremony

6:00-8:00 pm
Workman Field House

CONVOCATION THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 6 PM - ALL INVITED TO ATTEND

Each year New Covenant begins the new term with Convocation, a service of prayer. In addition to music and worship, Headmaster Heaton will have short remarks for parents and children. The class of 2020, full at 36 seniors, will be in procession with faculty members, and we honor them as they embark upon their final year with us. This is a family friendly event and children are welcome. We provide a nursery for you, accommodating children aged 2 through 5 years. This year we'll have food trucks on hand after the service so that you can fellowship with your friends and enjoy summer refreshments. This year's service will be held at the Heritage United Methodist Church on Leesville Road, beginning at 6 pm.

CONVOCATION

Heritage United Methodist
Church / Leesville Road

All Welcome

Nursery, Ages 2-5

Food Trucks

SENIORS!

COME BY SCHOOL ANY DAY THIS WEEK AND PICK UP YOUR REGALIA FOR CONVOCATION. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR CAP AND GOWN FOR THIS EVENT.



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