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QUID NOVI

PreK students begin another colorful day.

THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

ACCREDITATION SURVEY: WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

New Covenant Schools is currently accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which is known as AdvancED in the k-12 level. This year the school will change its accreditation affiliation to the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS). VAIS is specifically designed to study and accredit private schools and is recognized as the leading accrediting agency in the commonwealth. We expect to make this change by next February when the VAIS accrediting team completes a site visit. There will be no lapse in our accreditation, of course, and parents will notice no difference at all in the school, its programming or curriculum. This change is purely administrative, but provides better

service and support to the school. **THAT SAID, THE ACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY** requires an intense amount of work on the part of faculty, staff and administrators. There are some ways, however, that parents may engage with the process. This week, **Beth Mayberry** will be sending every current parent a link to participate in a short survey provided by VAIS. The survey will only take a few minutes to fill out, and every family that returns a survey will win a popsicle for their child(ren) at lunch. The survey's window will be open for about ten days. If you have questions about any aspect of accreditation you can contact the **Principal, Marion Patterson**, or the **Headmaster, John Heaton**, directly.

What's New?

TEXTING SERVICE

New Covenant will begin utilizing a texting service with Remind.com to alert you in the event of an emergency, an early school dismissal, or some other disruption to the school day. Within the next week you should receive a text message to your mobile phone with a group name like or similar to "New Covenant Schools with L. Simon." Although the text will invite you to download the Remind app to your phone, you do NOT need to download it in order to receive the text messages. Please note that as of now we will rarely use this texting feature; however, we have it in place for emergencies or short notice dismissals (e.g., snowy weather). Your Monday QUID NOVI is still the regular place to go for all routine announcements.

Think.

Learn.

Love.

Live.

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

SCHOOL DIRECTORIES Attached to today's email is the 2019-20 New Covenant Family Directory. Family information can also be found on Renweb. This directory is provided as a service to our families and is not to be used for professional solicitation. Those who ordered the printed copy of the directory will receive an e-mail about payment and pick-up once directories are delivered to the school.

SCHOOL PICTURES TSS Photography will be on campus this **Thursday, September 5** to take individual and classroom photos. **Please make every effort to have your student on time and do not plan any appointments on this day, if possible.** We will also do senior individual formal and casual portraits. All ordering is online, and nothing is needed from you in advance.

DROP-OFF TIMES New Covenant's school day runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (3:05 p.m. for the SoR).

Parents who drop earlier than this time probably know that there may be one or two faculty or staff members on campus or in the building before that time. However, they have other duties to which they are attending; they are **not** tasked with student supervision.

We often arrive before 7:30 a.m. to find a gaggle of students at the front door waiting to be let in. Of course, we let them in. Within minutes, however, these students disappear to parts of the building unsupervised. Parents should know that these are the times when students are most likely to sustain injury to themselves or have accidents that damage property by careless horseplay.

We ask that you take this seriously, even if you think your child is responsible. Students who arrive before 7:30 a.m. must wait in vehicles until 7:30. We offer well-staffed supervision every morning at 7:30 a.m.

UNOFFICIAL ATHLETIC PRACTICES

There are a number of students involved in a variety of sports who workout on an informal basis with our coaches, personal trainers, or with their teams. We are pleased that you work at your sports and want to encourage that. However, if you are engaged with an unofficial practice in any capacity, **we ask that you use the practice field (front field). The competition field is not to be used for any practice unless authorized by the Athletic Director.**

Likewise, access to Moomaw Gym, Workman Field House or the W-H Fitness center is by permission only. Our goal is to maintain high quality fields and courts for our students, including a quality practice field.

Middle School

CELL PHONE POLICY REMINDER

This is a reminder that the school's policy on cell phone use is very explicit. Students in middle school are **not** to bring cell phones to school. The office does not collect and hold them - they simply stay home. This policy was carefully written to extend to all other devices that connect to or communicate via the internet, make phone calls, or send and receive texts.

TRAIL LIFE is a program for boys and young men, ages 5-17. It is similar to Boy Scouts and is being hosted by New Covenant Schools. Troop VA-2424, led by two New Covenant dads, **Russell**

Matney and Andrew Pieleck. Starting in October, the troop will be meeting at New Covenant on the second and fourth Monday of each month. An informational meeting for parents will be held on **Tuesday, September 10**, in the **chapel at 6:30 p.m.** See the next page for more details.



TRAIL LIFE USA[®]

TROOP VA-2424 KICKOFF

New Covenant Schools (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 - 7:30pm

*Questions about our
troop?*

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TRAIL LIFE USA is a Christ-centered outdoor character development adventure program open to boys and young men ages 5-17*. Boys will love the fun and adventure! Parents will love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency.

Join us for more information!

Learn more about Trail Life USA and have an opportunity to ask questions about the new Christ-centered outdoor adventure program for boys and young men.

www.TrailLifeUSA.com

