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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

Mr. Dunaway takes SoR students to the fourth annual VAIS Festival of the Arts.

STREAMS OF EDUCATION: VISUAL ARTS

Marion Patterson, Principal

"I would love to see a second Renaissance of Christian artists reclaiming what is true and expressing it in the larger culture through visual art." – Michael Dunaway

Art teacher, **Michael Dunaway**, views art as a language, one which students can use to express their thoughts and feelings and share their experience of life in ways which touch other people. Beyond this worthy goal, it can also enable them to express what is good, true and beautiful, and thus to point viewers to the Creator. To help equip our students to influence the culture around them, he's teaching art in intentional ways at each age level in the school. In the grammar school years, he guides them

through the elements of art – the alphabet of a visual art language. They learn about line, shape, color and form, using lessons correlated to New Covenant's Grammar of History Timeline.

As his students move into Middle School, Mr. Dunaway capitalizes on their natural inclination to argument and shifts his focus to art criticism. Students study movements and ideas in art history. They analyze the works of great painters and sculptors to determine which elements and techniques they used. Then they think in the

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A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

FEATURING THE
Charlottesville Ballet
PERFORMING A PORTION OF THE NUTCRACKER.

Please RSVP to: lsimon@newcovenantschools.org
More info? Visit www.newcovenantschools.org

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 10
8:15-9:45 A.M.



THINK.

LEARN.

LOVE.

LIVE.

H O N O R A R I A



Congratulations to **Michael Minnick**, senior soccer captain, who was named All State VISAA 2nd team.



SENIOR OLIVIA KALAFIAN, who received the faculty and staff nomination for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, is the Class of 2020 Lynchburg Chapter and District Finalist and is now advancing to the state round of scholarship competition. This honorary competition is a distinction for students with a record of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism, all of which Olivia has faithfully displayed throughout her SoR career. Congratulations, Olivia! We wish you the best in this next level of state competition.



CURRENT HOUSE STANDINGS

Alexandria - 1416



Antioch - 1544



Canterbury - 964



Wittenberg - 1279



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GLAD YOU ASKED: WHY DOES NEW COVENANT SOLICIT FINANCIAL GIFTS EACH YEAR?

Did you know that each fall around November New Covenant's board of directors sets the tuition levels for the following school term? It carefully estimates what expenses will be and how many students the school will enroll, but does so nearly a full year before the plan takes effect! The board wants you to know what tuition will be for the next year at the *earliest possible date* so that you can plan your family budgets accordingly.

The board is responsible to ensure the financial health of the school, and it does so by setting tuition to cover at least 96-98% of the operating costs - salaries, utilities, books, curriculum, athletic uniforms, etc. By only covering operating costs, however, tuition stays as low as possible - that's good; but only covering operation costs does not buy *extra* equipment and other essentials that contribute to a superior student experience, such as a new kiln, new theater lights, new lacrosse equipment, or microscopes for the lab. It also leaves very little money for other important things such as reserve funds for those years when enrollment may fluctuate - that's *not* good. For all of these reasons we ask for financial support from parents, friends and benefactors, and these gifts are vitally important. Here's how it works:

THE ANNUAL FUND Any contributions made to the Annual Fund are unrestricted and are used to pay any expense that is *not* covered by tuition. If tuition revenue turns out to be even 1% short of expenses, those gifts become very important.

THE NEW COVENANT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION The Foundation receives gifts that fund scholarships for qualified students who enter kindergarten or first grade, or who transfer from a public school. Money received by the Foundation helps to lower the amount of tuition assistance in the general budget, thus helping to keep tuition stable. Donors to this fund may qualify for federal tax deductions, but they also receive a 65% tax CREDIT on Virginia State income taxes.

THE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND Contributions here support qualified students who, for one reason or another do not qualify under the Foundation. It is important to note that these students could not attend the school without support from this fund.

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

THE ANNUAL SERVICE of Lessons & Carols will take place on **Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm** at **Hyland Heights Baptist Church**. The program features students in grades 5-12. School for all grades will begin the following day at 9:00 am. **NOTE: Due to circumstances beyond the control of New Covenant staff, this event has been moved from Heritage Baptist Church to Hyland Heights Baptist Church on Highway 29 South.**

PARENTS AFTERNOON OUT

This year the 8th grade will host a special event on **Saturday, December 14, from 2:00-5:00 pm** in the Moomaw Gym at New Covenant Schools. Parents Afternoon Out is for all New Covenant students from K - 4th grades and is a time for parents to go Christmas shopping or on a date while their kids play fun games, do crafts, and have a snack at school with the 8th graders. The cost is \$5 per child and space is limited to 50 students. Please see the flier sent home in your child's Monday folder for more details and information about how to register.

PANACHE is pleased to present An Evening of Melodrama on **Saturday, December 7, 2019, at 7:00 pm**. The performance includes two one-act plays: Dirty Work Afoot (or The Trials of a Working Girl) and Little Nell (Mortgages, Tears, and Everything). Tickets are \$5.00, sold at the door (no reserved seating). Make plans now to join us for the fun. You won't want to miss the Romance! the Intrigue! the Excitement! and, of course, the Happy Ending!

CHRISTMAS BREAK will begin **Thursday, December 19th** with an **11:00 am** dismissal for all grades.

YEARBOOK ORDERS close **December 20th**. If you did not order a yearbook for your student during re-enrollment, you need to order through Jostens before December 20th! Those who ordered during re-enrollment should have seen the \$45 charge on their FACTS account. If you are unsure, check your account for the charge. Please go to www.jostens.com and place your order today.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is now accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. The link to access FACTS tuition assistance applications is <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. When applying, you will be asked to submit your 2018 tax returns. The fee to apply is \$35, and is charged by FACTS, not the school. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis similar to last year. **The deadline to apply for TAP is January 31** but you will benefit by filing early. If you have specific questions about

your application to FACTS, please call FACTS customer care directly at 866-315-9262.

CURRENT FAMILIES who are planning to enroll new siblings for the 2020-2021 are strongly urged to submit application immediately. Available seats were protected for those prospective students; however, the seats are "unprotected" after December 1 and may be released to new applicants. To apply, visit the web site at www.newcovenantschools.org and click on "Apply Here" at the top of the home page.

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EXAMS FOR THE School of Rhetoric will be given **Tuesday and Wednesday December 17 & 18**. On Tuesday, the SoR will dismiss at **12:15 pm**. We will have supervised study halls for SoR students until 3:00 pm if needed. On Wednesday, the SoR will dismiss at **12:15 pm** and students should not remain on campus

Support New Covenant	Goal	YTD
Annual Fund	\$150,000	\$5,620
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$5,090
New Cov Foundation	Pledged	Rec'd
	\$147,000	\$87,943
Restricted Gifts	n/a	\$35,762



Please consider New Covenant Schools in your end-of-year giving. Donations may be given through cash, check, stock transfers, or IRA distributions. Contact Dayna Renalds in the Development Office for more information. Don't delay, all gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2019.

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TAX CREDITS OFFERED !

Nearly everyone can redirect tax money toward student scholarships and receive huge tax benefits. If you would like to know how this is accomplished, contact **Dayna Renalds** in the Development Office at drenalds@newcovenantschools.org.



School of Rhetoric students participating in the VAIS Festival of the Arts...through drawing, music, sculpture and more.

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same way about their own creations.

In the School of Rhetoric, aesthetics come into clearer view as students use the fundamentals to articulate their own self-expression. They use the language of visual art to express themselves with eloquence.

The art room offers exploration in a wide variety of media: drawing, painting, 3 dimensional sculptures, and ceramics. Five of our high school students recently expanded their opportunities by attending the Festival of the Arts at St. Anne's Belfield School in Charlottesville. Sponsored by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools, this event offered workshops in visual arts, music, creative writing, poetry and jazz. Mr. Dunaway attended a workshop on enameling and learned

a new technique for creating a marbled effect on clay beads. Some of our students chose a workshop on jazz, and all enjoyed the opportunity to be in creative community with students from other schools.

Student initiative has also led to the formation of an Art Club for School of Rhetoric students.

Students will meet in the art room after school to create in community with

peers, some of whom couldn't fit art into their schedules this year. They'll have the freedom to explore ceramics, painting and other interests in a small group setting with Mr. Dunaway's support.

The Art and Science Fair will take place in February. Students will get more information about submitting their own creative efforts this week as we return from the holidays. I hope

you'll encourage your students to learn the language of visual art and join in the creative community at New Covenant Schools.

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OUR MISSION

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.

PANACHE PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF

Melodrama



Including:

DIRTY WORK AFOOT
(OR THE TRIALS OF A WORKING GIRL)
BY
TERRY DIMURRO AND JERRY STARKS

LITTLE NELL
(MORTGAGES, TEARS, ANDEVERYTHING)
BY
JOHN NASH

One performance only! Saturday, December 7 at 7 p.m.

All seats \$5.00, sold at the door

(no reserved seating)