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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

Middle Schoolers watch as their spaghetti towers are tested in the science challenge.

## THE SOUND OF MUSIC OPENS FRIDAY

by John Heaton, Headmaster

New Covenant Schools has a long tradition in live theater. Its earliest performances were directed by **Nancy Sattler** (ret), and often staged in rented halls or make-shift spaces. Since 2003, however, our drama troupe, *Panache*, has been showing its talents on the Moomaw stage. For more than a dozen years it has performed under the direction of **Gail Mitchell**, who has challenged and stretched our students to take on very ambitious projects.

This year will be no different as *Panache*

brings you what might be its most ambitious undertaking yet, *The Sound of Music*. The rights to this show have not been available to groups in Central Virginia until this year, and New Covenant will be the first school to stage it! (Other groups will follow later this spring). This production may be the most loved production in America, as it has been accessible through television to the widest audience possible.

We are pleased to bring it to our community.

We are also pleased to announce that *Panache*

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## What's New?

Chaplain Davidson Morse and Headmaster Heaton cordially invite you to join them and others from the community for a traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on **Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 pm** in the Grammar School Commons. The event is free and children are welcome. If you would like to bring an item to share, bring a pound of your favorite breakfast meat - bacon, sausage, etc., pre-cooked! Everything else is provided. On Wednesday morning at 7 am you are further invited to join the faculty and staff for Ash Wednesday prayers in the Marie Macdonald Chapel. This service marks the beginning of Lent and lasts 30 minutes, so that everyone may be on time to duties or jobs elsewhere. The supper and the morning service are sponsored by All Saints Church, which is affiliated with New Covenant Schools. You need not be a member of the parish to be welcome.



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# H O N O R A R I A

## JADON WALKER JOINS THE 1,000 POINT CLUB

by John Heaton

New Covenant junior, **Jadon Walker**, joined the ranks of an exclusive club on Friday, February 15, scoring his 1,000th career point in a game against Timberlake Christian School. Jadon entered the game with 997 points in varsity matches, and, in the first quarter, stepped back from the arc on his first shot of the evening to swish a three-pointer. He is the second New Covenant athlete to achieve this record, following **Drew Bowman** (class of 2019) who scored a career high of 1,094 points. With another year of eligibility, and averaging over 20 points per game, Jadon is on track to set a school record next year.

This season Jadon was the leading



Jadon Walker is presented the game ball immediately after scoring his 1,000th goal.

scorer in the Virginia Independent School Conference (VIC). He was named to the All Conference First Team, another notable achievement.

Jadon is pictured (left) with his mom and dad, **Buck and Jesse Walker**, who have six children enrolled at New Covenant. Buck currently serves as the Assistant Coach for the Women's Varsity basketball team, which competed as a finalist last Saturday at Roanoke College for the Blue Ridge Conference championship finals. The Lady Gryphons defeated Easter Menonite and Roanoke Catholic to advance to the championship game. They lost to Miller School (60-28).

## LADY GRYPHONS MAKE BRC FINALS

by John Heaton



It has been an incredible run for the Lady Gryphon's varsity basketball team. With a regular season record of 18-4, the women's team was ranked #4 in the state. Last week in the Blue Ridge Conference

Tournament, they defeated Eastern Menonite in the quarter-finals, setting up a rematch with Roanoke Catholic on Thursday. The two teams had split a pair of games during the regular season, so the semi-final game had all the qualities of a rivalry.

I was calling the game from the scoring table, and, with about 3:30 to play and trailing by 5, I overheard Coach Burton's intense charge to the team during a time out: "I need you to dig deep in yourselves - right now." The team

had already lost two shooters to injuries, **Bailey Foster** and **Janna Renalds**, but the bench stepped up. **Brynn Katany** led the way with 18 points and rallied the team to an 8 point victory.

This sent the girls to the finals for the first time in school history, where they would play the #1 Miller School to whom they had lost in the regular season. Saturday's game would be close at the half, down by five. The Gryphons could not overcome the loss of their injured players, and would take second in the tournament - an impressive showing. They are still ranked in the state and will play the first round of the VISAA State Tournament this Wednesday at home in the WFH. The following players earned special recognition in the BRC:

Coach of the Year- **Sarah Burton**

First Team- **Bailey Foster**

Second Team- **Brynn Katany, Phoebe Prillaman, Janna Renalds**

## VARSITY SWIMMING COMPETES AT STATE

Our Varsity swim team sent several students who qualified for the state VISAA Meet in Richmond, VA.

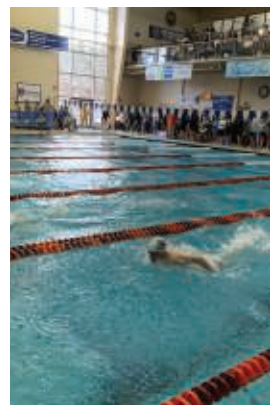
**Michael Marotta** placed 11th overall in 100 breast stroke.

**Caroline Marotta** placed 12th overall in 100 breast stroke.

Here are a few other notes from states on our swimmers improvement! **Madeline Duncan** decreased her 50 backstroke split time by 2 seconds during the girls medley relay.

**Natalie Rogers, Skylar McCurley, Madeline Duncan, & Caroline Marotta** decreased their 200 free relay time by 1 second.

Michael decreased his 100 breast time by 4 seconds from this season's record. Great job Gryphons!





# H O N O R A R I A

Hundreds of students across the grades were on hand with parents and friends for the annual Art & Science Fair. With scores of art pieces hanging in the hallways, and displays at art stations around the building, the students showed their talents. If you haven't strolled through to view their work, the art will remain on display for a few weeks.

The active part of the evening was the "hands-on" nature of our science projects. At New Covenant the science fair is not a gym full of static displays prepared before hand. Rather, the students are divided into teams (self-named!) and provided with materials and instructions with which they have to engineer a project that will meet the given challenge - all within the limits of time provided.

It always reminds me of the dramatic scene in the movie, *Apollo 13*, where the engineers at Mission Control had to design a carbon dioxide "scrubber" for astronauts aboard the crippled lunar module. The challenge was that they had to succeed only with materials that were already aboard the spacecraft - and they had to do it before the crew ran out of oxygen! (get the movie!)

That is exactly how our fair operates, testing the ingenuity and problem solving ability of our students. Among other things, they built rockets for the longest launch, towers that would withstand our earthquake simulator, bridges that would support enormous amounts of weight, and mousetrap-propelled cars that would travel across the gym floor on their own power. The sidebar offers a list of the winning teams and individuals.

We thank our faculty sponsors for making this event such a great success: Scott McCurley, Jimmy Kirshberger, & Michael Dunaway.

## ART & SCIENCE FAIR PACKS THE MOOMAW GYM

### ART SHOW WINNERS

4th, 5th, 6th

MIXED MEDIA

1st- Michael Seckman (5th), Looney Tunes

2nd- Sam Miller (6th), Gryphon

3rd- Shilo Binder (5th), Get the "Pointe"

PAINTING

1st- Joseph Lee (4th), Cut the Net

2nd- Charlie Kershaw (4th), General Panda

3rd- Ella Dudley (6th), Beauty and Brilliance

PHOTOGRAPHY

1st- Ignatius Knebel (5th), Extinction

2nd- Emma Haupricht (5th), Bamboo Forest Ohe'o Gulch, Maui

3rd- Elle Vollmer (4th), Bird Perch

SCULPTURE

1st- Sam Miller (6th), Nimbus 2000

2nd- Faith Richardson (4th), Flowers

3rd- Elle Vollmer (4th), Rose Vase

Film

1st- Christian Henson (4th), Camping

**BEST IN SHOW- JOSEPH LEE (4TH) CUT THE NET**

7th, 8th, 9th

MIXED MEDIA

1st- Shannon Sansone (9th), Sad Boy

2nd- Claire Copenhaver (8th), Dragon

3rd- Hannah LaGrone (9th), Richard Feyman

PAINTING

1st- Abigail Place (9th), Artist Study

2nd- Mae Jacobs (8th), Seascape

3rd- Mary Kate Place (7th) Sistene Chapel Study

PHOTOGRAPHY

1st- Mary Glenn Morse (8th) Versai

2nd- Sarah Robert (8th) Venice

3rd- Augustus Knebel (8th) Peru

SCULPTURE

1st- Mimi Black (7th), Fluffy Tutu

2nd- Mimi Black (7th), Butterfly Dress

Film

1st- Reese Murphy (7th), Tis Friday

**BEST IN SHOW- Mimi Black (7th), Fluffy Tutu**

10th, 11th, 12th

MIXED MEDIA

1st- Olivia Kalafian (12th), Firmament

2nd- Rylee Ames (10th), Landscape

3rd- Virginia Robert (11th), Have a Heart

PAINTING

1st- Olivia Kalafian (12th), Sunflower, Vol. 6

2nd- Charity Simon (12th), Girl

3rd- Charity Simon (12th), Berenstein

PHOTOGRAPHY

1st- Makenzy Bates (10th), Broom Sedge in the Morning

2nd- Elizabeth Olmsted (11th) Landscape

3rd- Roman Seay (12th) Cozumel

SCULPTURE

1st- Gioia Calabretta (10th), Decay

2nd- Brandon Hostetler (11th), The Catch

3rd- Izabel Zealand (11th), The Hedgehog

FILM N/A

**BEST IN SHOW- Gioia Calabretta (10th), Decay**

### SCIENCE CHALLENGE WINNERS

5TH – TALL TOWER

1st place – Socki

Shilo Binder, Kylie Garnett

Olivia Zealand, Charlotte Libbey

2nd place – Dem Golden Pandas

Michael Seckman, Rock Tryall

Christopher Moody, Henry Luley

3rd place – Visco Girls

Journey Lancaster, Katie Freerksen

Abigail Oppenheimer, Vivian Jiang

6TH – BRIDGE BUILDING

1st – The Fabulous Homo Sapiens

Alara Gezen, Maddie Rebsamen

Joy Basten, Ella Dudley

2nd – Chunky Monkeys

Judah Deyo, Andre Frenchik, Sam Miller

3rd – Golden Eagles

Graden Bolton, Judah Forshey

Jude Brunett, Landon Horne

7TH – PASTA TOWER

1st – Wormbooks

Brey Welch, Jenna Ng

Corey Hackenbracht, Declund Stevenson

2nd – Black Bandits

William Bettenhausen, Gigi Olson

Reese Murphy, Elizabeth Deneen, Lizzie Bryant

3rd – Team Name

John Brophy, James Deyo,

Jack Duncan, Noah McCormick

8TH – STRAW ROCKETS

1st – Green Sox

Daniel VanVoorhis, Augustus Knebel

Andrew Nye, Nash Watson

2nd – Just Sox

Olivia Kidd, Ally Horne

Virginia Morse, Austin Harkin

3rd – Ballerz

Cole Bowman, Piper Knapton

Brielle Walker, Luke Libbey

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1st Place: Jennifer Daniels, Will Kittrell, Jonathan Matney, Waylon Spiva

2nd Place: Jael Brenning, Sam Coleman, Ethan Edwards, Jackson Taylor

3rd Place: Tyler Dixon, Michael Minnick, Carter Newsome, Wagner Spiva

| Support New Covenant | Goal      | YTD       |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Annual Fund          | \$150,000 | \$74,610  |
| General Scholarship  | \$10,000  | \$14,669  |
| The New Covenant     | Pledged   | Rec'd     |
| Foundation           | \$231,200 | \$205,743 |
| Restricted Gifts     |           | \$204,011 |

Tenth grade student Gioia enjoys the art programming at New Covenant Schools. She recently won best in show for her sculpture, "Decay" in the art and science fair. Gioia is also involved in our drama productions. She said drama and art "enable me to be another person and bond with her group of peers. The arts are infused into the way I read and view life." Your support of New Covenant Schools helps us to continue providing for students like Gioia.



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#### *Drama, continued from p. 1*

has a new director for this show, **Miss Brooke Spencer**. Brooke has spent her academic and professional life in theater, earning a degree in theater from Liberty University, and directing or working in dozens of productions for the Aluvion Stage Company, Masterworx, and the Academy Center of the Arts in Lynchburg. We are thrilled that she joins us to bring her talents to our program.

This production will feature 29 New Covenant students, led by senior **Olivia Kalafian**, and three other faculty members. The supporting crew has included professional set designers, back-up vocalists from Liberty University who are helping our "singing nuns," and costume sharing from Thomas Road Baptist Church and the LU Theater Arts Department. Brooke's contacts are far reaching; thus, she has been able to recruit professional help for our backstage crew with sound systems, and our thespians with choreography.

With a renovated stage and imaginative seating in the round, this show is sure to offer the audience a new

experience with a familiar play.

The show will run on Friday and Saturday, February 28 & 29, and on March 6 & 7. If you are planning to go you need to reserve your tickets right away. There are only 137 seats for each of four performances, two of which are already sold out. The remaining shows have a few seats left.

If the production sells out completely, and you are unable to secure a ticket, *Panache* is considering an additional showing on **Thursday, March 5**. Watch your email and our FaceBook page for details about this showing. This showing is tentative at this point, and not guaranteed.

*The Sound of Music* appeals to families and children of all ages. It is lengthy - about 2 1/2 hours - and you won't be disappointed! I hope you will plan to join *Panache* for this spectacular production.

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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.