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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

The cast of *The Sound of Music* sings "Do Re Me" to a sold out show Friday night.

NEW COVENANT WELCOMES NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR *by John Heaton, Headmaster*

New Covenant is pleased to welcome a new Athletic Director, **John Maynard**, who will join our team on July 1, 2020.

Last fall, we were saddened to learn that **Kyle Alexander** would be scaling back his involvement in the program that he has spent the last five years building (see p 3). Although we begged him to stay, his decision was, for personal reasons, firm. We were heartened, however, to learn that he did not wish to leave New Covenant - hardly! He greatly desired to expand his teaching duties, spend more time with students,



and less time with the vast administrative duties to which AD's must daily attend.

Our search team received applications from three states. Mr. Maynard graduated from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) in 2009 with the BS in Exercise and Sport Science. He has taught students in kindergarten through high school, and coached multiple sports. For the last six years he has served as the Athletic Director of St. Anne's Catholic School in Rock Hill, South Carolina. In addition, he has served as the president of the athletic conference in which his

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WHAT'S NEW?

Thursday: A Special Showing of the *The Sound of Music*

All four showings of the Panache production, *The Sound of Music*, have sold out. We have added one more showing to our schedule, **Thursday, March 6**. This showing will be first come, first served, and there is no ticket reservation or assigned seating for this performance. By contract we are not permitted to charge for this showing, but we are allowed to solicit your donation. The performance is therefore "pay as you will." The doors will open at 5:30 pm for this show and the first 137 folks will be seated. The performance is at 6 pm. It is a school night, so note that the time has been moved up one hour so as to ensure that students get to bed at a reasonable hour. The show runs about 2 ½ hours.

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2020 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS



Tessa Hackenbracht

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is awarded annually to eligible juniors and seniors who exhibit leadership ability, records of achievement, and high ethical standards in their day-to-day lives. Nominees receive cash awards for writing and giving a speech on the promotion of what New Covenant would call “the good, the true, and the beautiful.” Additionally, nominees attend a Youth Leadership Conference with like-minded peers to develop their leadership skills. The Rotary Club, International, solicits nominees from the faculty of local schools and makes the gift awards. The nominees for this honor are **Phoebe Prillaman** and **Tessa Hackenbracht**. We congratulate them both.



Phoebe Prillaman

ART OF HEARING

The display of talent at our Art & Science Fair is truly inspiring, serving as a tangible reminder that New Covenant students continue to lean into truth, goodness, and beauty.

While some artistic talents are quite visible, others are apparent to the ear. Since the 8th grade, musician **Emily Brophy**, now a senior, has used her gifts to compose, sing, record music, and to grace listeners with her performances while extending her understanding of music production. She's consistently taken opportunity to perform both in our own Latte Poetry Recital and in local venues like Speaker Tree. Her most recent production, *Where Do You Go*, reaches a youthful audience familiar with the extremes of human emotion. In terms of generating her lyrics, Emily observes that, “people identify with extremes because these are what they feel most strongly, so that’s what I write about – the extremes.”

This most recent recording is her favorite because,

“for the first time, I was able to make it sound the way the lyrics felt.” This sort of success doesn’t happen in isolation. By her own admission, Emily credits her recent success to parental support and the collaborative efforts of artists, like her Nashville producer, who are “just ahead of her.”

So how do young aspiring artists continue to hone their craft? Emily’s encouragement is to “remember that not everyone’s going to be as critical as you are of yourself. Also, enjoy what you are creating. When you stop enjoying the art that you are creating, you stop growing in it.” Emily’s music can be heard on Spotify and YouTube.



Emily Brophy

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Five years ago **Kyle Alexander** left his position at Lynchburg College to become New Covenant School’s second Athletic Director. He wasn’t looking for a move, but when the school called, he answered. He and his wife, **Jill**, had enrolled their son, **Daniel**, in New Covenant’s grammar school many years before and had fond memories of their experience here.

The school was approaching its twenty fifth anniversary, and the athletic program was ready to move to the next level. Coach Alexander brought a combination of energy, experience,

and a long career with Lynchburg connections. With relatively small budgets he multiplied athletic teams and expanded our line-up in sports in which the Gryphons had never competed. Coach Alexander was heard saying over and over, “My goal is to provide opportunities for students, and to encourage them to do things they haven’t tried before.”

During the last five years he led the way to revising our athletic handbook, and got busy strengthening men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s lacrosse, and, of course,
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Kyle Alexander

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

LOST & FOUND will be purged at noon on Thursday, March 12. New Covenant uniform items will go to the school store and be sold for \$1.00. All other items will be donated to a local charity.

SPRING BREAK will begin at noon for students in Pre-K through 8th grades on **Friday, March 13** and go through **Friday, March 20**. Students in grades 9-12 will dismiss at 12:15pm due to exams. Students return on **Monday, March 23**.

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

ATHLETIC AWARDS The Winter Athletic Awards will be held tomorrow evening, **Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm**. This represents a date change published on the Master Calendar. The change is due to a conflict with the *Panache* production of *The Sound of Music*.

IT IS HANDS & HEARTS TIME

AGAIN! Reserve **Wednesday, April**

22 on your calendar as our annual day of community service. Parents and grandparents are welcome to volunteer alongside our students as we focus on projects at the Salvation Army, The Arc, and Rush Homes. Tasks this year include landscaping and cleaning, as well as renovating a game room and painting the gym at the Salvation Army, and projects at Watermarks Camp.

If you are in your first year of association with New Covenant, this event serves as an annual school-wide fundraiser. The Hands & Hearts project blesses others in our community, but it accomplishes so much more for our students. When we pause to imagine what our children will grow up to be, we see them as people who are generous and rich in good works. Hands & Hearts helps build character, and we'd like to share our service with others and provide the opportunity to join our



*For the love of Christ compels us...
II Corinthians 5:14*

effort by supporting the work of our children.

Sponsorship packets were sent home today with the youngest child in your family. We ask that as a family you address 20 letters to grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends, neighbors, and other acquaintances you may have been informing of our project. We appreciate the return of your letters to the office or homeroom teacher by **Friday, March 13**.

Your child may have told you of the incentive prizes that are available to win when you "write the letters". Each letter returned allows for one raffle ticket which may be placed in a bucket towards a specific prize. Twenty letters earn 20 tickets. A listing of the prizes can be found in your sponsorship packet. The grand prize will be given to five lucky families. Each winner will receive four park hopper passes to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. In order for us to receive these tickets for giveaway we need your help. Would you please visit <https://www.allforgood.org/projects/bj740ek9> and sign up as a volunteer for our Hands & Hearts project? The more that sign up, the more tickets we receive, and the more students we send to Disney!

Support New Covenant	2020 Goal	Year to Date
Annual Fund	\$150,000	\$74,610
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$14,669
The New Covenant Foundation	2020 Goal	Pledged
	\$200,000	\$236,300
Restricted Gifts		\$204,011

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school competes.

John and his wife, **Kelsey**, are a committed Christian couple. In addition to his athletic experience, he also brings a strong faith. Working in a faith-based school was important to John, who says, "I feel that I can better reach students and athletes when we can discuss our faith as one of the reasons we do what we do."

Our entire program will benefit with Coach Maynard leading the athletic staff. Coach Alexander has asked to take the position of Assistant Athletic Director to John, supervising team sports and having more presence with physical education in the middle school. He'll

likely continue to coach, but he will also "coach the coaches," offering support to our coaching staff. Most importantly, parents will continue to benefit from his work with their children, and the school will enjoy exceptionally strong leadership.

When we asked Mr. Maynard what success would look like for him ten years from now, he said, "I would like to win lots of games and championships, of course, but the real success is when a student leaves and you feel like you have prepared them for all that life will bring." We look forward to introducing the Maynards to our school family.

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keeping the soccer program on track. He heavily recruited players as young as fifth grade, and by last year, 92% of our students in grades 5-12 participated in a co-curricular sport at some time during the school year.

He expanded our athletic offerings by adding women's tennis (fall), men's tennis (spring), swimming, and track & field. His support for runners also notably increased participation in cross country in middle and high school.

With athletes participating in so many different sports, Kyle realigned the school's conference affiliation with the Virginia Independent Conference (VIC), with membership in the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association (VISAA). This enabled our students to be ranked in all sports and to participate in statewide tournaments.

Under his leadership our students have been competitive in all major sports, including soccer, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball. Our swimmers and runners have qualified for state meets and have benefited from their experiences with other athletes. During this time, two New

Covenant student-athletes have signed with D-II and D-III schools to play volleyball and basketball at the collegiate level.

Finally, with Kyle's vision the school embarked on the construction of the Workman-Hall Fitness Center and the Deith Training room, both of which were completed in 2018. The positive impact of this project on athletics at New Covenant cannot be overstated.

Kyle also has a notable gift for finding students who might not be noticed, and who might not believe they could participate or compete successfully in athletics. With his encouragement, many students at New Covenant have grown because they stepped out to try because Coach encouraged them to do it.

We thank Kyle for his leadership, vision, and commitment to our school. His tireless dedication to our students is evident to all. We are pleased that he will continue his work among us for the foreseeable future, while assuming duties in the physical education program and middle school sports.

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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.