



Middle School 7/8 girls basketball in win over Lynchburg Home School.

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THIRTY FOR THIRTY CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

by John Heaton, Headmaster

New Covenant is celebrating its thirtieth year, thirty years of God's blessing on our efforts to found and sustain our school community. Months ago, we invited everyone who had been part of New Covenant throughout the years to celebrate with us in the 30-for-30 campaign. We asked for a \$30 gift to the Annual Fund – one dollar for each year of our history. Our goal was to raise \$50,000 so that we could make improvements in the Moomaw Gym, a space we use not only for athletics, but for lunch, music, drama, parent events, and so much more.

Moomaw was built in the first phase of our school development with a generous gift from the Moomaw family. Earliest plans for the school contemplated a multi-purpose room much smaller than what you see today. But when Mrs. Moomaw saw the plans back in 2001, she murmured, "Where's the gym? They can't have a school without a gym!" She "fixed" that problem with a gift large enough to ensure that the children had a place to play. We have benefitted from her generosity for almost 20 years.

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WHAT'S NEW?



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	LAST WEEK		THIS WEEK
Annual Fund	\$30,000	\$35,497		\$61,652
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$14,440		\$14,958
Foundation	\$200,000	Pledged	\$385,000	\$469,000
		Received	\$190,454	\$418,497

Thank you to all who have generously given to New Covenant Schools. Donations are always accepted through cash, check, stock transfers, IRA distributions, or gifts-in-kind. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent that the law provides. Contact **Dayna Renalds** in the Development Office for more information.

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

H O N O R A R I A

MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

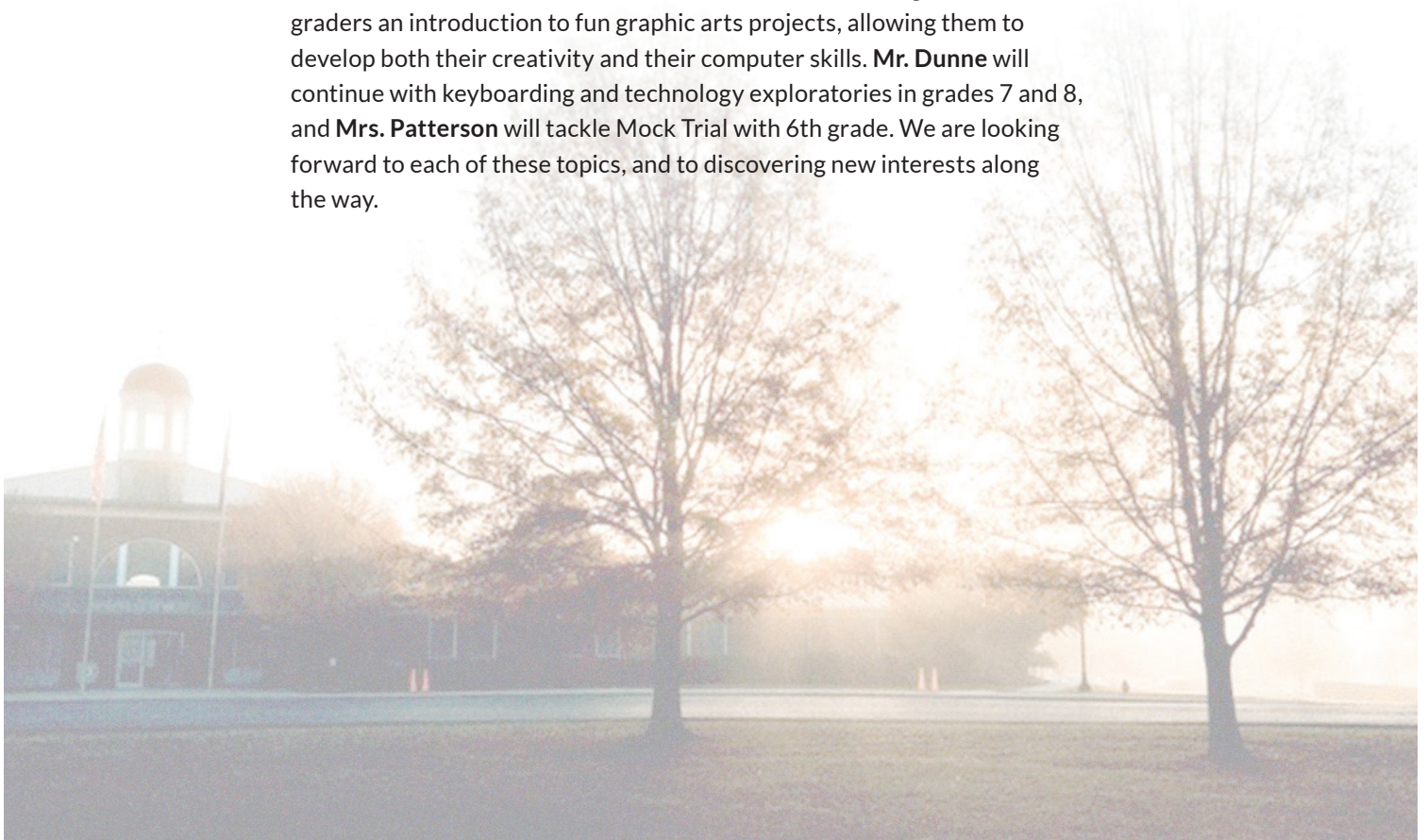
Exploratory classes are designed to lead students in learning about topics which fall outside the normal scope of curriculum, and to help them to discover new interests and talents in themselves. They are often taught by faculty members already on staff, but this year, we are adding a few new faces to the mix.

As third quarter opens, the Middle School welcomes three new part-time faculty members, all of whom will teach exploratory classes.

Hattie Eshleman, a New Covenant graduate with several starring roles in school productions to her credit, will teach drama exploratories in grades 5 and 8. She also has experience in assisting with our summer drama camps.

Matthew Fox joins us to teach drama in grades 6 and 7. He holds an undergraduate degree in Creative Writing and Theater and a Master's in English. He has college theater experience both as an actor and as a director. Drama teachers will be supported by veterans of our theater program, **Gail Mitchell** and **Beth Mayberry**.

Carrie Johnson, mom of two New Covenant Students, will give our 5th graders an introduction to fun graphic arts projects, allowing them to develop both their creativity and their computer skills. **Mr. Dunne** will continue with keyboarding and technology exploratories in grades 7 and 8, and **Mrs. Patterson** will tackle Mock Trial with 6th grade. We are looking forward to each of these topics, and to discovering new interests along the way.



E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

School will be closed next **Monday, January 18**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

CTP-5 TESTING

Students in Grades 2-9 will sit for CTP-5 Testing next **Tuesday-Friday, January 19-22**. Please help your children have the best experience by bringing them to school on time, avoiding unnecessary appointments, absences, and early dismissals.

REPORT CARDS

Parents will receive student report cards via email this **Friday, January 15**.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS

All information regarding schoolwide closings or delays related to weather will be communicated via email as well as reported to ABC News 13 and their online closings list. **A decision to close or delay school will be made by the Headmaster by 6:00 am.** If you are unable to get to school because of unplowed roads, your child's absence will be excused. Please note that our families and faculty are spread out over several counties; therefore, our decision to delay or cancel may be based on conditions very different from those you see outside your own home.

CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

We simplified the enrollment process last year. You signed a Continuous Enrollment Contract which was the last contract

that you will have to sign while your child is a student at New Covenant. YOU WILL NOT BE ASKED TO REENROLL FOR NEXT YEAR. Your student will be automatically enrolled each year until graduation or until you tell us otherwise. **The opt-out deadline for enrollment for 2021-22 school year is February 1, 2021.** The Continuous Enrollment Fee of \$150 will be charged to your account on that date if you do not opt out. Please contact **Linda Hackenbracht** in the business office if your plans for next school year have changed and you need a Withdrawal Form.

LUNCH ORDERING

Lunch ordering for February is now open and the deadline to place your order is **Friday, January 22**. Any lunch orders placed for **January 6-8**—before the decision to delay opening school until **January 11**—will be credited to each family's Prepay Lunch Account. The lunch staff is working to process these credits, as well as those due to classes being quarantined at home before Christmas Break and school cancellation due to inclement weather on **December 15**.

MOMS IN PRAYER

All moms are invited to this weekly meeting for a special time of prayer. The day and time are new: **Thursdays at 2:00 pm** in the Grammar School Commons.

FCA CANCELLED

The FCA meeting for this month has been cancelled for **Wednesday, January 13**.

THE COTILLION CANCELLED

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

The Cotillion scheduled for January 23 has been cancelled. Stay tuned for the announcement of an alternate event being planned by the House Council.

SOR CALENDAR CHANGES

An extended Christmas Break has altered the SoR's academic calendar in two ways: 1) **Midterm exams** have been moved from **March 12 to March 17**. **March 12** will be a full day of school and **March 17** will have a 12:15 pm dismissal. 2) **Senior Thesis Defenses** have been moved from **March 18 and 19 to March 25 and 26**.



YEARBOOK ADS

Do you own or manage a local business? Please consider placing a business ad in the New Covenant Schools yearbook to support our graphic design class and receive nonstop advertising for years to come. Ads are available in full, half and quarter page slots. Contact **Mark Hernandez** at **Mhernandez@newcovenantschools.org** for more information. Design services are complimentary.

PLEASE NOTE

The school nurse email address is:
schoolnurses2020@newcovenantschools.org

ART FAIR

PAINTING
MIXED MEDIA
SCULPTURE
PHOTOGRAPHY
FILM

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH**

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR ART FAIR SUBMISSIONS:

- Students in K-12th grade may submit **TWO PIECES** of art in each of the listed categories.
- Student work grades 4-12 will be in the **judged** art show.
- All submissions should be given directly to **Mr. Dunaway**.
- Flat (2D) submissions should **NOT** be folded or on lined paper.
- Submissions **MUST** be unframed.
- All photography should be printed on photo quality paper (preferably 8 ½ x 11 or larger).
- Sculpture (3D) submissions should stand upright **OR** student should provide a base on which to stand the piece.
- Lego submissions will kindly **NOT** be accepted.
- **ALL** pieces should be the **creation** of the student(s).
- Multiple students may collaborate on a single submission.

** Parents who would like to volunteer to matte/hang work please contact **Michael Dunaway**
mdunaway@newcovenantschools.org **

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The response to our appeal has been substantial. So far we have received 263 gifts from friends everywhere. Many gave \$30 dollars. Others gave amounts they routinely give to the school, adding \$30 just for the campaign! I had to smile when a friend sent \$1,000 and “rounded up” to \$1,030. Together we have now received \$61,652.

This amount is enough to complete the project. While the students were away, **Judson Clark (Stone-12, Nicole-9)** brought in his paint crew and expeditiously repainted the entire space, patching cracks that had appeared as the building has settled. Then, our friend **Jim Drumheller (Lauren-class of 2000)** who operates Point Source Audio in Lynchburg, provided us with 134 acoustical tiles that will be installed this week even as your children return. Once the tiles are delivered, they will work around lunch prep, music and other activities and finish the job in about two workdays. Finally, we have also purchased a new motorized screen with a rear-throw projector that will improve the use of the room for video presentations. No longer will we have to use the “pole” to pull down the screen, nor will we have to station the projector in the audience for viewing video. The best part is that no matter what is happening in the room, you will be able to hear what is going on.

We thank everyone who donated to the project, generously making this improvement possible. Every student and parent will benefit when all the upgrades are completed.

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Rev'd John Heaton

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 lifelong learner.

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