



Morning snowfall greets  
the NCS campus.

# QUID NOVI

JANUARY 25, 2021  
VOL. 23 NO. 22  
MAJORIS

THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS



## FUNDRAISING, FINANCIAL AID, FOUNDATION: HOW IT WORKS AND WHY IT MATTERS *by John Heaton, Headmaster*

I wish to thank everyone who joined with us in our thirtieth anniversary year by giving to the 30-for-30 Campaign or to the New Covenant Foundation. We have exceeded our goals in both areas by wide margins (see p. 2 for details). With your support we have been able to make significant upgrades to buildings that were first constructed in 2002. Meticulous stewardship has maintained these buildings “like new” and your gifts have made them even more useable on a daily basis for all of our students. We are overwhelmed by your engagement to support acoustical treatments and audiovisual equipment in the Moomaw Center.

In addition, contributions to the New Covenant Foundation have seen record levels of giving for three years in a row, furthering economic diversity in our student body, while providing significant tax credits to those who donate.

At the risk of talking too much about money, we know that there is a significant number of folks for whom fundraising, financial aid, and the New Covenant Foundation, are mysterious. It’s too complicated, so why bother? I get it.

Whether you’re a donor, a tuition payer, or a recipient of some form of financial aid at New Covenant, however, clarity and transparency may help you understand the values we are seeking to promote and protect. Regardless of where you find yourself in our community, there is something in this article for you, so read on.

### HOW FUNDRAISING WORKS

New Covenant seeks to underwrite 100% of its operating expenses through tuition charged. Budgets are usually set a year in advance without actual knowledge of how many students will be

*continued on p. 4*

## WHAT’S NEW?

The overwhelming response to our 30-for-30 Annual Fund campaign has not only provided for the new items in Moomaw Gym but has also allowed us to purchase the necessary audiovisual equipment to livestream our school events. Athletics, drama performances, concerts, and a variety of other events can be broadcast now through livestream on our social media outlets and can be viewed by anyone with internet access. Links will be generated for each event, emailed to you, and posted on our Facebook page. Please make sure your email address and those of any extended family members are updated in RenWeb in order to receive timely information. We are grateful for this added capability to reach those in our community who are not able to attend our events in person.

## LIVE STREAMING CAPABILITIES

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

# H O N O R A R I A

## ADVANCING IN ARTISTIC ABILITY

All students at New Covenant participate in art media classes from the youngest of grades. **Michael Dunaway**, our art instructor, runs the busiest room in the school, as nearly 100% of our students see him each week.

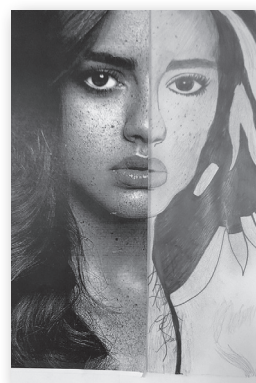
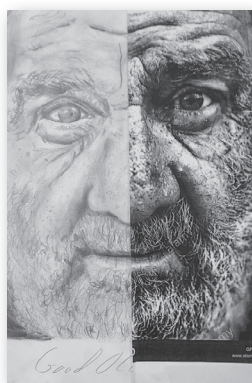
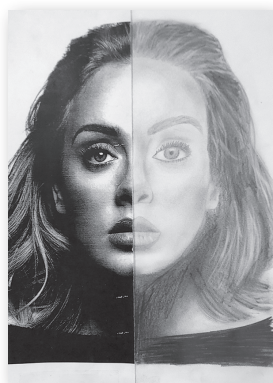
Much of artistic creation has less to do with the hand and more to do with the eye. Advancing in artistic ability is predicated upon learning to see, to observe. "If students learn how to observe, the hand will catch up," remarked Mr. Dunaway. By fifth grade many students become disillusioned with art because they begin to notice that their pictures don't look like the models in front of them. They tend to want to give up, so it's important to teach them how to overcome this developmental impediment.

Here's a recent project that illustrates the point. Students in middle school (5th-8th grade) were given one half of a picture of a human face. They were asked to replicate the face on the blank side of the paper, hardly an easy task. "We break it down into steps," said Mr. Dunaway, "and you'd be surprised what a young student can do." Students are first taught how to measure proportions, mapping out distinguishing points surrounding the features on the face. Next, students converted the 3-dimensional



contours or edges of the face and its features into 2-dimensional lines by connecting the points previously measured. Finally, they observed the light source and resulting shadows to create the correct values given the face form using various shading techniques.

The end result is that it is very difficult to distinguish between the pieces that were done by fifth graders and those rendered by older students.



### FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	LAST WEEK		THIS WEEK
Annual Fund	\$30,000	\$61,652		\$65,416
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$14,958		\$14,958
Foundation	\$200,000	Pledged	\$469,000	\$469,000
		Received	\$418,497	\$423,537

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.

---

# HONORS FOR 2ND QUARTER 2020-2021

## SCHOOLS OF RHETORIC AND DIALECTIC

### THE HEADMASTER'S LIST

#### *Summa cum laude*

Stone Clark, 12	Hannah Craven, 12	Ellen Anne Deneen, 12	Tessa Hackenbracht, 12
Elizabeth Kittrell, 12	Elizabeth Olmsted, 12	Phoebe Prillaman, 12	Ann Claire Terrell, 12
Gioia Calabretta, 11	Madeline Duncan, 11	Dalton Foster, 11	Saige Knapton, 11
Michael Marotta, 11	Brie Olson, 11	Ellie Walker, 11	Lydia Craven, 10
Jenna Hackenbracht, 10	Victoria Johnson, 10	Kaden Newsome, 10	Jude Vollmer, 10
Noah Caldwell, 9	Nicole Clark, 9	Adora Hampton, 9	Saria Hostetler, 9
Olivia Kidd, 9	Caleb McCormick, 9	Mary Glenn Morse, 9	Virginia Morse, 9
Sarah Robert, 9	Andrew Rogers, 9	Brielle Walker, 9	Ava Zealand, 9

### THE DEAN'S LIST

#### *Magna cum laude*

Titus Brenning, 12	Brandon Hostetler, 12	Konner Johnson, 12	Christopher Matney, 12
Janna Renalds, 12	Natalie Rogers, 12	Rylee Ames, 11	Makenzy Bates, 11
Anna Burton, 11	Jael Brenning, 10	Rebekah Bryant, 10	Will Kittrell, 10
Hannah LaGrone, 10	Abigail Place, 10	Waylon Spiva, 10	Jackson Taylor, 10
Alina Cai, 9	Ally Horne, 9	Luke Libbey, 9	Abby Rose, 9
Charlotte Seay, 9	Bella Trevey, 9		

#### *Cum laude*

Carmen Horne, 12	David Keenan, 12	Virginia Robert, 12	Sophia Rucker, 12
Izabel Zealand, 12	Caroline Marotta, 11	Skylar McCurley, 11	Sophie Redmond, 11
Dylan Abaidoo, 10	Van Curran, 10	Helene Kimlick, 10	Nate Kirshberger, 10
Elizabeth Matney, 10	Jonathan Matney, 10	Claire Copenhaver, 9	Micah Cortez, 9
Zach Dixon, 9	Diego Leal, 9		

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### *Summa cum laude*

John Brophy, 8	Corey Hackenbracht, 8	Cora Helm, 8	Jenna Ng, 8
Declund Stevenson, 8	David Tolle, 8	Jocelyn Walker, 8	Brey Welch, 8
Graden Bolton, 7	Judah Forshey, 7		

#### *Magna cum laude*

James Brophy, 8	Lizzie Bryant, 8	Grace Hendricksen, 8	Elle Jacobs, 8
Melia Leitner, 8	Noah McCormick, 8	Reese Murphy, 8	Mary Kate Place, 8
Luke Cordes, 7	Ella Dudley, 7	Andre Frenchik, 7	

#### *Cum laude*

Gigi Olson, 8	Jack Duncan, 8	Olivia Hostetler, 7	Alicia Kenny, 7
Ryleigh Taylor, 7	Wyatt Renalds, 7		

# 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 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 matt/hang work please contact **Michael Dunaway**  
mdunaway@newcovenantschools.org.*



# E T C E T E R A

## EVERYONE

### 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.

### CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

As part of our Continuous Enrollment Contract program your student (with the exception of Pre-K students) will be automatically enrolled each year until graduation or until you tell us otherwise. **The opt-out deadline is February 1, 2021—a week from today!** 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** (lhackenbracht@newcovenantschools.org) if your plans for next school year have changed and you need a Withdrawal Form.

### THE WIZARD OF OZ

Panache is presenting The Wizard of Oz on **February 19, 20 & 21**. These dates are

a change from the originally published dates. Stay tuned for details regarding showtimes, tickets, and viewing options.

### TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

As a reminder, the deadline to apply for our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the 2021-22 school year is **January 31, 2021—only six days away!** The link to access FACTS tuition assistance applications is <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. When applying, you will be asked to submit your 2019 tax returns. The fee to apply is \$35, and is charged by FACTS, not the school.

### CTP-5 TESTING

Students in Grades 2-9 will sit for CTP-5 Testing this **Tuesday through Friday, January 26-29**. Please help your children have the best experience by bringing them to school on time, and avoiding unnecessary appointments, absences, and early dismissals.

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Parents will receive an email with their student's progress report on **Wednesday, February 10**.

### WINTER BREAK

School will be closed for Winter Break from **February 11 – February 16**. Students will return on **Wednesday, February 17**.

### GRYPHON OUTFITTERS

As a service to our community, our school store is open **Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm**, a time chosen to overlap dismissal pickup time. If possible, please utilize open hours to shop for your student's uniform needs. If you are unable to visit during that time, you may contact Angela Winters (awinters@newcovenantschools.org) with your order for new items and she will fill your order as her schedule allows.

### WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS

TSS photography will be on campus **Monday, February 1st** to take 7th-12th grade winter sport photos after school. Team photos will be available to all athletes for online ordering but if parents would like an individual picture, please notify bmayberry@newcovenantschools.org.

## CHANGE TO QUARANTINE POLICY

**I**n accordance with the CDC and our local public health department, New Covenant has now adjusted its quarantine policy for **NON-RESIDENTIAL EXPOSURE**. Our existing practice has been to quarantine all exposures for 14 days, even if a negative test is produced. Current guidance from the CDC adjusts this to 10 days IF there are no symptoms. We will require that an individual obtains a negative PCR test after at least 7 days from exposure. A negative test in that situation has a very statistically low rate of transmission. The key, however, is isolated

exposure; in other words, it applies in situations where the exposure is not sharing the home. All family members who were exposed must also meet the negative symptom and test criteria before anyone can return early.

We ask that you contact the medical staff with any instances of exposure or symptoms, and they will help you determine the appropriate actions for your particular situation.

# NEW COVENANT schools

122 FLEETWOOD DRIVE | LYNCHBURG, VA 24501 | 434.847.8313 | FAX 434.455.0214  
www.newcovenantschools.org

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE

**PAID**  
PERMIT #405  
LYNCHBURG,  
VIRGINIA

*continued from p. 1*

enrolled. We usually get close, but in some years our numbers may vary between 96% to 105%. Budget shortfalls, when they occur, are usually covered easily by the Annual Fund. Our primary purpose for the Annual Fund, however, is to fund projects like the ones mentioned above. Our normal practice is not to rely upon fundraising for operating expenses.

## HOW FINANCIAL AID WORKS

The founders of our school desired that our student body resemble an average healthy church congregation: “red and yellow, black and white”; affluent, middle class or disadvantaged. We want as much diversity as can reasonably be achieved. Thus, from the beginning the school built a tuition assistance program (we call it TAP) into yearly budgets. Those funds are dispersed to qualified families who apply for them, and the current level of commitment is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

## WHY IT MATTERS

This naturally puts *upward* pressure on tuition rates. Hence, the New Covenant Foundation was established. This foundation makes it easier for money

to be donated for qualifying students outside the operating budget because donors to the foundation receive a 65% tax credit from the Commonwealth, and as much as 35% tax deduction on federal taxes, depending on other variables. When the foundation is strongly supported, as we have seen for the last several years, it shifts the TAP burden away from the operating budget, and thus creates *downward* pressure on tuition rates.

This is one reason (among many) that tuition rates have remained flat for two years running. Whether you are a donor, a tuition payer, or a recipient of financial assistance (some folks are all three!), everyone benefits from healthy support of the Annual Fund and the Foundation. Donors enjoy significant tax benefits from their gifts, tuition holds steady, and we meet our goal of economic diversity by adequately funding financial aid. When we celebrate broad financial support in our community, our purpose is to encourage you and to express our gratitude for our many friends who share our vision of classical, Christian education.

## QUID NOVI

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLASS OF 2021 • Mike Lovell • Kristin Durand • CLASS OF 2022 • Dr. Tim Brophy • Bob Price • Leslie Moeller • Dan Vollmer • Amy Bonebright • Class of 2023 • Kristin Hampton • Darryl Whitesell • Nancy Hall • Sam Mizener • Tom Rogers • Anne Scruggs

### EX OFFICIO

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.

NEW COVENANT schools