



Gryphon varsity lacrosse battling with North Cross School last week.

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THE TOOLS OF LEARNING *by John Heaton, Headmaster*

How many times have you heard someone say, perhaps even yourself, “I didn’t learn how to learn until I got to college!”? I distinctly remember my own experience as a college junior when “the lights came on,” and I realized that learning was a process that consisted of patterns and routines, disciplines and techniques, in addition to the actual content of what I was studying. I was naturally good with words, but I struggled in math, and Greek was mysterious to me for years. I realized how late I had arrived to my own studies, and how ill-prepared I was as a high school graduate.

In her essay, *The Lost Tools of Learning*, Dorothy L. Sayers remarked that, “schools often excel at

teaching children what to know, but fall woefully short in teaching them how to think.” The time to remedy this problem is now, while they are young. The years spent in kindergarten through senior high school are arguably far more important than those spent in higher education. During these critical years students must acquire the tools of learning, and they must be practiced in their application.

In addition, every generation must prepare its children for the world that awaits them. The world our children will inherit is changing rapidly. It is technically complex, its economy is global, and its peace is threatened by extreme factions in its

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WHAT’S NEW?

Our service day will be this Wednesday, April 21. You can do several things that will help your child get the most from the project. First, a supply list and team assignment will be sent to you by email today. Make sure you pay attention to the necessary supplies, and if you send a tool or piece of equipment, be sure to

write your name on it with a permanent marker. Second, be sure to pack a water bottle and nourishing lunch for your student. We will have time for breaks and for lunch. We want the students to be well hydrated. The school kitchen will be closed for the day, therefore all students will need a lunch brought from

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home. Third, if you have been assigned as a parent volunteer please also watch your email for specific instructions regarding your tasks for the day. We are looking forward to another profitable day of service to our community. Thank you for your help.

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

H O N O R A R I A

HANDS & HEARTS PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize today in our Hands & Hearts virtual assembly. A total of 1,345 letters were mailed to sponsors.

Bucket 1—Jersey Mike's in the school lunchroom (**Mia Miller**)

Bucket 2—Double Basketball Hoop (**Elizabeth Nagy**)

Bucket 3—Four tickets to George Washington's Mount Vernon and Colonial Williamsburg (**Wills Gauger**)

Bucket 4—Mr. Heaton's Scooter (**Kale Anderson**)

Bucket 5—Nerf gun and bullets (**Tye Boettger**)

Bucket 6—Mystery gift (**Evie Hayden**)

Bucket 7—Date Night (**Jael Brenning**)

Bucket 8—Play-Doh (**Eva Weber**)

Bucket 9—Apple air pods with charger (**Mason Sloan**)

Bucket 10—JBL Flip 4 Waterproof Portable Bluetooth Speaker (**David Tolle**)

Bucket 11—Art Naturals Diffuser Gift Set (**Alex Pemberton**)

Bucket 12—Wiggly Worm game (**Melia Leitner**)

Bucket 13—3-pound bucket of blue Slime (**Caleb Chernov**)

Bucket 14—Ice cream party for the class (**Emme Sue Foster**)

Bucket 15— Ozark Trail Hydration Backpack (**Michael Seckman**)

Bucket 16— Pizza party for the class (**Reese Murphy**)

Bucket 17— 3-pound bag of candy (**Connor Lancaster**)

Bucket 18—Wall charger and protector (**Alex Fuhr**)

Bucket 19—Gift certificate to the school store (**Charlotte Libbey**)

Bucket 20—32" Onn. Roku TV (**Lizzie Miller**)

Bucket 21—Annual Passports to SeaQuest (**Hayden Fulcher**)

Bucket 22—VIP passes to SeaQuest (**Christian Henson**)

Bucket 23—Tickets to the Creation Museum (**Olivia Steed**)

Bucket 24—Art case (**Lydia Williams and Berkley Coleman**)

Bucket 25—Whitewater Center passes (**Josiah Thornhill**)

Bucket 26—James River Reeling and Rafting tubing trip (**Elle Vollmer**)



2021 SUMMER CAMPS

DRAMA CAMP

Rising 6-12th graders are invited to our summer drama camp, Annie Jr., led by **Brooke Spencer** and **Kelli Johnson**. The camp will be held **July 12-16** from **5:30-8:30pm** as well as all day on **July 17** with the performance that evening. Auditions will be held at date to be announced prior to camp. The price is \$225.

The deadline to sign up is Monday, May 24. Camps will be billed to your FACTS account.

STAYFIT CAMP

Our annual Stayfit Camp will run from **June 21 – July 30**; Monday – Thursday each week (no weeks off) from **9-11am** for rising 1st-7th grade, and from **11:30am-1pm** for rising 8th-12th grade. The price is \$130 for an individual student or \$250 for a family.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CAMP

Rising 2nd-5th grade girls, join us **June 14-18** from **9-2pm** for our annual American Girl Doll Camp! Inspired by the Courtney Moore doll from the 1980s, we will take a look at the 80s through crafts, food and dance. The price for this camp is \$200. If you have any questions please contact **Kelli Johnson** at kjohnson@newcovenantschools.org.

To sign up for any of these summer camps visit our website at www.newcovenantschools.org and click My NCS.

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EVERYONE

HANDS & HEARTS

Our annual Hands & Hearts event will be held **Wednesday, April 21**. Please be on the lookout for announcements regarding this event.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Parents will receive an email with a link to view student progress reports on **Wednesday, April 28**.

GENERATIONS DAY

Although Generations Day has been *canceled*, we will still hold our planned schoolwide dismissal of **11:30am** on **Friday, April 30**.

MAY LUNCH ORDERING

The deadline to order lunch for May is **this Friday, April 23**. Please log in to your RenWeb account to place your orders before the deadline. In May, seniors and SoR students have early dismissal on several days due to exams. Remember not to order on those days or if your child's class is away for a field trip. Alternately, you may notify the school by 9:00am on a day your child will be absent and your Prepay Lunch Account will be credited for the cost of your lunch order. Please direct

any questions to **Debbie Williamson** at dwilliamson@newcovenantschools.org.

JOB OPENING

The **Administrative Assistant to the Academic Dean** is a support position for the SoR Academic Dean, Guidance Office, SoR Faculty and student body. This staff member, while being readily available to the Academic Dean, also reports to the Office Manager regarding hours and workflow with the rest of the Administrative Staff. Hours are 30-35 per week, requiring some flexibility during certain events. If you are interested in applying for this position, stop by the front desk for an application.

FOOD DRIVE FOR SALVATION ARMY

The last day to bring in your food items for Salvation Army is **tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20**. Please bring your canned or boxed goods to the collection site in the front lobby. We are collecting food donations such as peanut butter, canned meat, pasta, cereal, small bottles of hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, individual toothbrushes and toothpaste. Everything donated will be taken to the Salvation Army and processed by our students during Hands & Hearts. Thank you for your support!



Charlotte Morse moves the ball upfield during the Girls' 7/8 Soccer scrimmage last week.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	LAST WEEK		THIS WEEK
Annual Fund	\$30,000	\$73,931		\$73,931
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$15,994		\$15,994
Foundation	\$200,000	Pledged	\$469,000	\$469,000
		Received	\$423,537	\$423,537
Hands&Hearts	\$40,000			\$34,410

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.



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largest religions. Western civilization is imperiled culturally by factions within and movements without.

It is impossible to know exactly how the world will change by the time our children move into adulthood. While technical skill may be seen as an important component of education, the rapidly changing world they step into cannot be navigated without something more. We believe that students must possess an awareness of the unchanging moral, ethical, and basic human questions, girded by Christian convictions that will provide them with a moral and spiritual compass throughout their lives. A classical, Christian education, rooted in the liberal arts, is the bedrock of this preparation.

Classical education is not new. Its methods and its content have their roots in antiquity, but its aim is to form the heart and the mind. We believe that we live in a world created by God, who made us and our children in His own image. We honor Jesus Christ as the Lord of all. Although we teach classes in Bible from the earliest grades, matters of faith are not compartmentalized. Faith and reason are companions which are not in conflict. Moreover, there is a pervasive spirit of faith in our school culture that is natural and uncontrived.

Classical, Christian education also develops the mind. As Christians, we take academics seriously. We believe

that our faith places a burden upon us to be wholehearted in our studies. We teach our children that their studies are a stewardship from God, and that to do their best is the only acceptable path. The end of education—its “product,” to use a clumsy word—is not like the product of a factory, which can be checked for integrity by the quality control department. The result of our efforts is a human being, a child who has become a young adult.

Think of your own child, years from now, in terms of a portrait. What will he be like? If we are successful, we will cultivate truth, goodness and beauty. We will teach prudence in word and deed. We will develop spiritual strength manifested in faith, hope and love. We will foster eloquence in verbal and written expression. Finally, we will help your student learn to encounter success with humility, and failure with confidence.

How do we do this? We do it through a coherent curriculum, of course, but also through our greatest “textbooks,” the men and women of our faculty, who create an environment where these virtues are celebrated and encouraged. With strong personal relationships with teachers, and with support from parents at home, New Covenant provides a community that bring powerful influences to bear in the development of the hearts and minds of our children.

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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 lifelong learner.

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