

The chapel renovation is part of a larger plan for other campus improvements.



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## PERMANENT THINGS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

by Headmaster John Heaton

*“Abraham looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker was God.” - Hebrews 11:10*

**B**orn in 2000 BC, the Scriptures teach us that Abraham became the father of our faith. He left his home in Chaldea and wandered west, heeding the call of God, who had promised to make of him a great nation. He simply believed God when none of God’s promises were visible to him. Through the eyes of faith he looked past the transiency of the world, and saw the permanent things, a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker was God.

As children of faith we, too, seek the permanence of God’s kingdom, and labor to make it visible in our lives and in our work. New Covenant Schools is part of that vision, and we are seeking to advance and strengthen it. In this edition of QUID NOVI, we are announcing the

beginning of the “Permanent Things” capital campaign, and I am pleased to explain it to you.

Over the last 25 years we have carefully balanced the cost of operating the school – salaries, curriculum, utilities – with the cost of building a campus that would support our program. We have tried to structure tuition to cover the former; for the latter we have relied upon the gifts of hundreds of parents, grandparents, friends and benefactors, to build classrooms, labs, offices, ballfields and gyms. There has always been a trade-off between keeping our debt low and manageable, while striving to develop a facility that fully accommodates our children.

For example, nearly twenty years ago we built the small chapel. It was lovely, but at the time it was constructed it was already too small, seating only 75 students at a time. It was all we could afford, and the

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## WHAT’S NEW?

### *The Story of New Covenant Schools*

New Covenant Schools celebrated its 30th anniversary during last year’s school term. As part of the celebration, we asked **Adam Miller (Penny-3rd and Mia-1st)** and Hello Studios to create a video which would tell the story of our founding and highlights of the past three decades. We would love to show it to you over dinner during the month of October. **Headmaster Heaton** will be making his way to various venues to fellowship with you, share the story of our past, and the vision for the future. You are invited to sign up for a dinner through this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAFAB2CA3F58-permanent> or watch your mailbox for a personalized invitation. We understand your time is precious and valuable. It won’t be wasted.

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

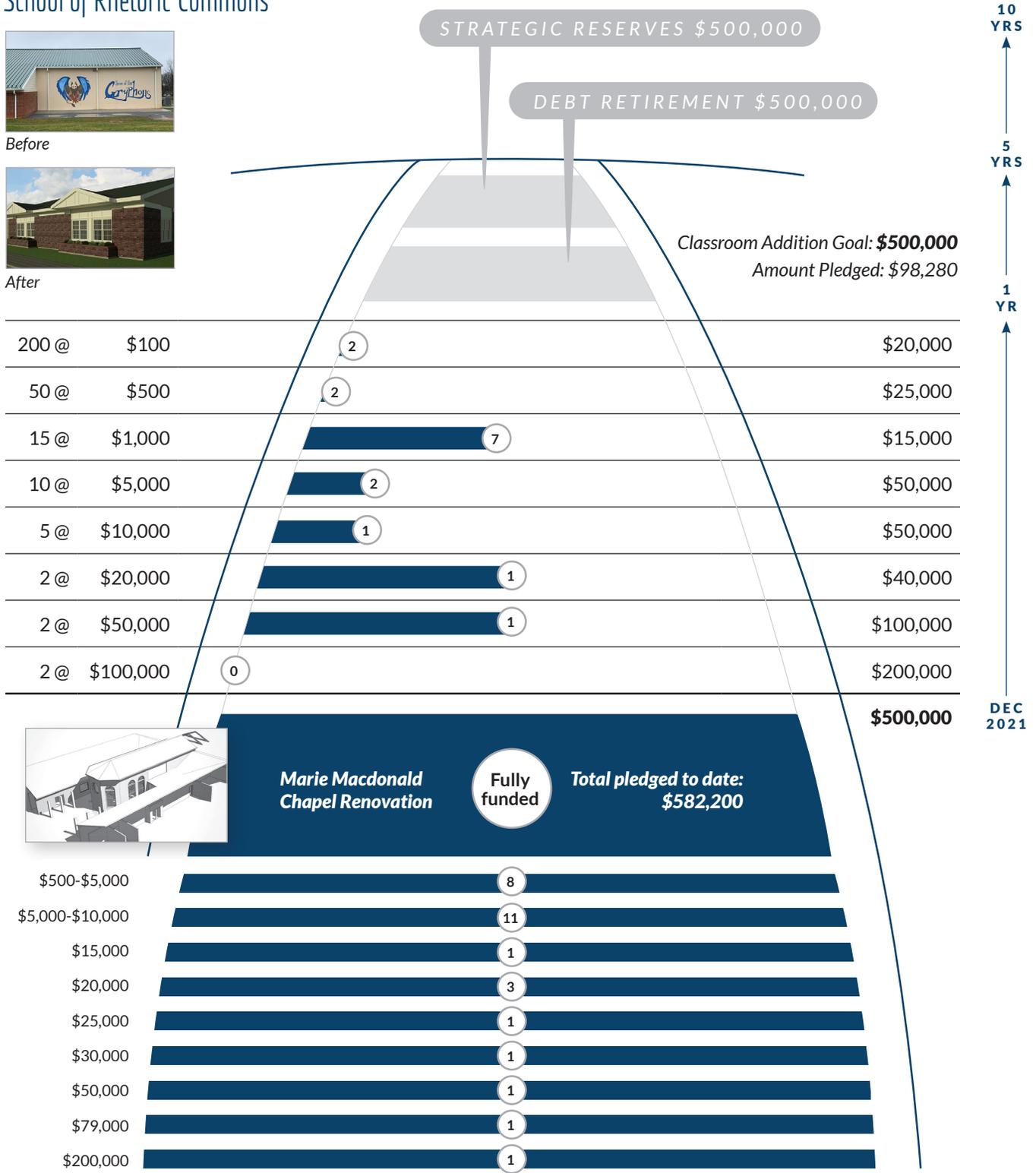
### School of Rhetoric Commons



Before



After



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trade-off was to keep the school financially stable even through campus development. This reality has repeated itself through three major campaigns and a few smaller projects that have built out our campus to what you now experience.

The Permanent Things Campaign is a ten-year plan designed to accomplish three things. First, it will expand our chapel to 175 seats that will accommodate each division of the school and larger parent events. It will add two new classrooms and a recreational area by the Greek Steps that will accommodate our student body as it continues to grow. Finally, it will retire all of the remaining debt on the campus and will provide strategic cash reserves to strengthen our fiscal stability. This campaign goal is to raise \$2,000,000.

That's a big number, so let me break it down for you in stages.

**Stage One: The Marie Macdonald Chapel.** The Permanent Things campaign has grown out of our commitment to Christian faith. Faith is the foundation of our school and all that we do flows from it. One of our highest values is to express our Christian vision visibly. The chapel was originally constructed as a dedicated sacred space that communicates to our students our commitment to Christ. It makes a statement about the permanent things that endure (faith, hope, and love), and the reality of the life of the world to come.

The chapel expansion was designed before the pandemic, but the project was put on hold for over a year as the country suffered shutdowns and supply chain problems. In June 2021, however, construction began and will be completed before the Christmas holiday. I am pleased to note that the cost of this stage of our plan has been fully funded, even with rising costs. A total of \$582,200 has been raised, enough to finish the project without incurring any indebtedness. The funds are not only sufficient for the expanded structure, but generous friends of the school, and the school's affiliate parish, All Saints Church, have provided a new organ, four new stained glass windows, and a new

altar, which was designed and built by New Covenant parent, **Toby Davies (Ainsley-1st)**. The general contractor is also a parent in our community, **Rodney Foster (Bailey-Class of '20; Dalton-12th; Emme Sue-7th)** who also built the Workman-Hall Fitness Center two years ago. We could not be more pleased with this beautiful expansion.

**Stage Two: The High School Commons.** As our School of Rhetoric continues to add students, our current programming requires that we build two more classrooms. These rooms were planned in 2013 when the Workman Field House was completed, and will be located on the south side of the fieldhouse at the lacrosse wall, currently used as recreational space for recess and



other physical activities. Once constructed, the classrooms will mirror the Fitness Center on the opposite side of the building. The large space below the service drive will be developed for a variety of uses associated with the Fitness Center, including a bounce wall and hard surfaces for use in inclement weather. The cost of this stage is projected at \$500,000 of which more than \$100,000 has already been pledged or given.

Construction on this stage of the project will begin next year, and our goal is to occupy these classrooms in the fall of 2022.

**Stage 3: Debt Reduction and Strategic Reserves.** The Permanent Things campaign

also looks beyond present needs, and intends to strengthen the school's financial position for years to come. The board's vision is that the school will be here to serve future generations – the children and grandchildren of our current students. To that end we have developed a ten-year strategic goal of a debt-free campus and strategic financial reserves that will protect the school from unforeseen economic downturns or other events. We are determined that in just ten short years (before this year's kindergarten students graduate!) we will have set the school on a path to permanence. This commitment entails \$500,000 to retire the debt and \$500,000 to increase our reserves beyond their current levels.

**Reaching our goal.** You can see from the diagram on page 2, that we have scaled our appeals for funds into a pyramid of giving. We have already been blessed with generous gifts which have enabled us to begin building. While we continue to solicit leadership gifts, we are also appealing for funds in different amounts such that everyone can participate at a level appropriate to their ability. Take a moment to examine the chart. We have itemized exactly how many gifts are required to reach the goal. Everyone who shares our vision of classical education, and affection for the school, can find a place on the giving chart. Gifts can be structured over a period of three years, making participation even easier.

This goal is a bold vision, but it need not be seen as overwhelming. The first stage of this plan has already been paid for, and over 25% of the second stage has been obtained. The Permanent Things campaign seeks to provide the needed additions to our campus, while planning for the future with prudence. Parents of our students should know that our children's educational path is protected for years to come.

I invite you to examine this edition of *QUID NOVI* carefully and to consider how you can help us achieve the permanent things that we pursue in our vision of classical, Christian education.

## WITH GRATITUDE

New Covenant Schools is grateful to the following individuals whose cheerful generosity has been expressed in significant financial support over the years. Their leadership in giving not only ensured the successful founding of this school, but inspired hundreds of others to give as they were able.

<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. John Locke</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Andy Flowers</i>	<i>Rev. and Mrs. John Mabray</i>
<i>Mrs. Carolyn Flowers</i>	<i>Dr. Brian McAvoy</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Warner Hall</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. B. Franklin Moomaw</i>
<i>Dr. and Mrs. James Hunter</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Shaughnessy</i>
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lane</i>	<i>Mrs. Phyllis Workman</i>

**Thank you**



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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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# E T C E T E R A

## EVERYONE

### WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

If your student in grades 5-12 will be playing a winter sport (basketball or swim), remember to sign them up as soon as possible and no later than **November 1**. You can sign up here: <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/athletic-sign-up-form/>

### SPORTS PICTURES

TSS Photography will be on campus on **Monday, October 11** to take team pictures of 7th - 12th grade fall sports immediately after school. You will receive an email with your student's proof with the opportunity to purchase. Please be sure your athletes have their game uniforms and equipment with them that day. Normal practice will follow. Here is the schedule for team pictures: **Tennis - 3:15pm; Cross Country - 3:45pm; Soccer - 4pm; Volleyball - 4:20pm.**

### END OF QUARTER

Mark your calendars for next Tuesday, **October 12**, the end of the 1st quarter. We will have our customary noon dismissal on this day. Report cards will soon follow and will be emailed to parents on **Friday, October 22**.

### LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bins are purged at the end of each quarter. Be sure to check for any lost items before next **Tuesday, October 12**. After this date, all items will be donated.

### FALL BREAK

There will be no school and the office will be closed for our fall break next **Friday, October 15 - Monday, October 18**. Students return on **Tuesday, October 19**.

### PICTURE RETAKES

TSS Photography will return on **Thursday, October 21** for picture retakes. If your student will need his/her picture retaken, please send an email to **Naomi Hostetler** at [nhostetler@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:nhostetler@newcovenantschools.org) to have your student placed on the retake list.

### AFTER-SCHOOL CARE CLARIFICATION

After-school care for 7th and 8th graders is provided on a fee basis for occasions when a parent is not able to pick up a student at 3pm. 7th and 8th graders must sign in at 3pm with After-School Care in the Grammar School Commons and charges apply. On some days each week, a staff member may be available to take 7th and 8th graders from the Commons to the library to provide a quieter environment for study. **7th and 8th graders remaining after school must be supervised in an organized after school activity such as a sports team or signed in with After-School Care.**

### SOR POETRY RECITAL

You are invited to come to the School of Rhetoric Poetry Recital which will be held on **Thursday, October 21 at 7pm.**

### SOR FALL FESTIVAL

The School of Rhetoric will be having a fall festival on **Saturday evening, October 23**. Be on the lookout for more information via email.

### SPECIAL DRESS LIST

There is a newly published list that specifies Grammar School events requiring costumes or special dress. Grammar School parents may find this list helpful. You can locate it through your Renweb account by clicking on School Resources>Grammar School

**Any time your child will be absent from school**, please send an email to [ncsoffice@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:ncsoffice@newcovenantschools.org) indicating the reason for their absence.



### FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR FUNDING EDUCATION

Would you like to know more about the VA 529 Savings Plan and the VA Educational Improvement Tax Credits Scholarship Program? These programs offer ways for you to pay school tuition with tax-free savings or make a bigger impact with your charitable gift. Join us for breakfast **any Wednesday during the month of October at 7:45am** to hear from our Director of Development on how these programs work. Reserve your spot through this link : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAFAB2CA3F58-newcovenant7>

Special Dress Occasions. Alternately, you can request a copy by emailing **Naomi Hostetler** at [nhostetler@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:nhostetler@newcovenantschools.org).

WANT TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW OTHER DADS AT NEW COVENANT? NOW YOU CAN.

# New Covenant Men's Advance

October 8-9, 2021

Bedford, VA / \$10 per person

Time: Friday, 5:00pm – Saturday, 12:00pm

Overnight Encouraged:

- Plenty of tent space
- Basement field shower available

Commuters welcome

## Agenda

### FRIDAY

- 4:00pm Early arrival welcome / Hang out
- 5:00 – 6:00pm Arrive / Tent Setup / Skeet Shooting / Target Shooting / Cornhole / Fishing
- 6:15pm Dinner
- 7:30pm Headmaster Remarks: Living Life in Four Directions
- 8:15pm Campfires & conversation

### SATURDAY

- 7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast
- 8:45am – 9:30am Headmaster Remarks II
- 9:30am – 12:00pm Activities / Football / Fishing / Shooting / Cornhole

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAFAB2CA3F58-mens>

Confirmation and directions will be emailed to you.