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PROGRESS IN A DAY

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Do you ever wonder—perhaps based on your children’s reports—what goes on in music classes at New Covenant? Observing in band, general music, chorus or strings is always a fun duty for me, as I see children of all school ages engaged in delight-driven exercises, designed to produce beauty over the long haul. This engagement happens in our English and math classes as well, but after all, Rome wasn’t built in a day.

In music classes, however, skills are built in a day! Progress is easily observable within one class period. In a band class I visited recently, middle school students began working on music for our Lessons and Carols program, attempting to reproduce melody and harmony in “Once in Royal David’s City.” First, the teacher had students sight-read the music. They looked at the page and tried to play together. The result was just what you might imagine, a cacophony of individuals doing their best, making individual sounds and individual errors on their own time. Positive feedback on the effort followed; then about

one minute of instruction. The second attempt, this time at only the first note, sounded beautiful and perfectly in tune. More feedback, more instruction, another attempt. A longer section was fixed. The teacher worked with each group of students who were playing the same instrument, and then put the whole thing back together again. Like magic, the tune was recognizable, and the student understood that they had learned something. This took only about twenty minutes.

Those of us who teach in the “regular” classrooms get glimpses of progress and see children delight in small successes. But a beginning reader doesn’t often master the skills we teach in one day. Older students read, write and study for longer periods, and the opportunity to observe their own success—aka, the TEST—comes later. In music classes, kids are regularly able to see and hear their own achievement. That’s encouraging to all of us and magic for our students.

WHAT’S NEW?

Lessons & Carols Set for December 13 at the Moomaw Center

New Covenant Schools will host its annual service of Lessons & Carols on campus this year, on **Monday, December 13 at 7:00pm**. In the past, area churches have offered to host our community for this service of worship, but COVID mitigations has made this increasingly difficult. This year we have decided to stay home. The Moomaw Center will be transformed into a beautiful venue, and we will ensure that each student is elevated so the audience may not only hear, but also see the musicians. Childcare will be provided for children infants to age 4. All are welcome to attend. Parents who arrive early for student warm-ups are invited to a reception from 6pm-7pm in the newly completed Marie Macdonald Chapel. The Headmaster will be on hand to greet you and offer a short walking tour of the space.



THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

KINDERGARTEN 2022-23

Now is the time to submit a student application if you intend for your child to begin Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. We offer early enrollment to parents of current Pre-K students and siblings of New Covenant students in other grades. Until **December 1, 2021**, your application will receive priority in our admissions process. Simply visit our website at www.newcovenantschools.org and select the "Apply Here" button at the top of the page. You can open an account for your student, and once it is saved you can come and go as you please. If you would like to learn more about our K-12 program or schedule a tour, contact **Linda Simon** at lsimon@newcovenantschools.org. Tours are held each **Thursday at 9:15am** and registration is required.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Your student's progress report will be sent via email this **Wednesday, November 17**.



A PERFECT TASK OVER BREAK

APPLY NOW FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The tuition assistance program (TAP) for 2022-23 school year is accepting applications and will remain open until **January 15, 2022**. There is high demand for assistance, and it is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis so do not delay in applying! For more detailed information refer to an email sent on **Monday, October 25**.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

School will break for Thanksgiving next week from **Monday, November 22 – Friday, November 26**. Students return on **Monday, November 29**.

LUNCH ORDERING

It's time to order student lunches for December. The due date to place your order is this **Friday, November 19** which is also the beginning of Thanksgiving break. Please do not delay in placing your order!

LESSONS & CAROLS

Mark your calendars now and reserve the date for our Annual Service of Lessons & Carols on **Monday, December 13 at 7pm** in the Moomaw Center at New Covenant.

MOMS IN PRAYER

All moms are invited to come pray for our children and our school. They meet **each Wednesday** school is in session from 2 -3pm. Check in at the front desk for specific meeting location.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

WHEN: This **Friday, November 19 at 1:30pm**. **WHAT TO WEAR:** Loose athletic pants/jeans, shirt of your team color (teams will be posted near MS classrooms), old tennis shoes. The event includes Capture the Flag in the woods, apple cider and cookies, a chalk art contest, and face painting.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY	THIS WEEK
Annual Fund	\$80,000	\$9,234	\$9,234
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$3,674	\$3,674
Foundation (65% state tax credit received with this gift)	\$200,000	Pledged \$203,000 Received \$29,882	\$273,000 \$32,882
Permanent Things Campaign— Stage I and II	\$1,000,000	Chapel \$582,200 Classrooms \$272,800 TOTAL \$855,000	Chapel \$582,200 Classrooms \$282,130 TOTAL \$864,330



Goals	Given	Total
200@ \$100	27	\$2,700
50@ \$500	5	\$2,500
15@ \$1,000	17	\$17,000
10@ \$5,000	4	\$20,000
5@ \$10,000	2	\$20,000
2@ \$20,000	1	\$20,000
2@ \$50,000	2	\$100,000
2@ \$100,000	1	\$100,000

GIVING IS EASY

You can find a way to give that fits your financial ability. Using the chart to the left, consider the level at which you could participate. A one-time gift is welcome, but you might consider leveraging a larger gift by structuring it over a three-year period. Gifts of appreciated stock can be easily transferred, and, for qualified individuals, required minimum distributions from IRA's can also be routed to the campaign. Contact **Dayna Renalds** at drenalds@newcovenantschools.org for assistance.