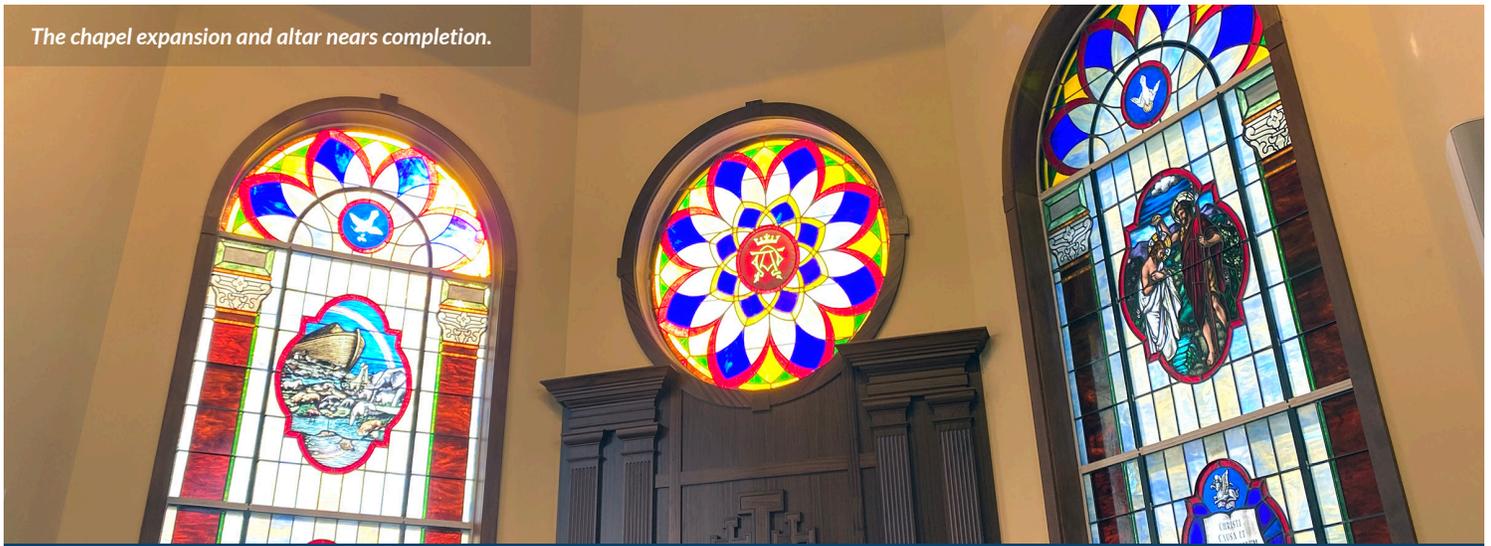


The chapel expansion and altar nears completion.



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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON

by John Heaton, Headmaster

This holiday season brings special joy to the campus. For the first time in our history, New Covenant will hold its traditional service of Nine Lessons & Carols on the campus. Customarily, we have sought out local churches to use for the event, but that has become increasingly difficult with pandemic restrictions in so many venues. This year the service will be held in the Moomaw Center on Monday evening, December 13 at 7 pm. Students from middle and high school choirs, bands, and orchestras will be performing under the direction of **Joe Nigro**, **Monte Musgrave** and **Melissa Bailey**. They have a wonderful lineup of music in store for you. If you have not attended this annual tradition in the past, you will be blessed in joining us. A nursery

will be provided and staffed for children ages infant to four years.

A team of volunteers led by **Michelle Richardson (Reese-9th; Faith-6th)** and **Rachel Vollmer (Jude-11th; Elle-6th; Macy-3rd)** have plans for decorating the space. They have already beautified the campus for the holidays by putting up Christmas trees, lights, and wreaths in their usual locations. In addition, we have placed a 12-foot Christmas tree in the courtyard. Lighting and decorating it was a challenge, and we appreciate **Dayna Renalds** and **Darren Johnson** for their help in securing and installing it, as well as our parent volunteers for decorating it.

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WHAT'S NEW?

**You Are Invited
to the Chapel
Dedication
Service on
December 12**

The Marie Macdonald Chapel will be dedicated on the third Sunday in Advent, December 12, at 9:00 a.m. All Saints Church, the affiliate congregation of the school, is an active parish that serves the school community and the Lynchburg area. It has contributed significantly to the renovation of the chapel. While our students participate in Morning Prayer at least once each week as part of their education, the parish offers a Eucharistic service each Sunday morning. You are warmly invited by the school Chaplain, the **Rev'd Davidson Morse**, to attend the dedication service and the catered lunch to follow. If you are currently unaffiliated with a worshipping community due to COVID or other circumstances, the parish would be pleased to help you re-experience Christ in the Anglican tradition. A nursery will be provided for children, ages infant to three years. Small children are always welcome in our services.

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

H O N O R A R I A

DUNCAN NOMINATED FOR BYRD LEADERSHIP AWARD



The Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award is a distinctive honor for students who best embody excellence of character, leadership, citizenship, and academic accomplishment. Honoring candidates since 1994, the scholarship committee reviews three candidates from each congressional district and awards a \$20,000 scholarship to deserving finalists. We are pleased to announce that this year’s faculty and staff nomination and scholarship participant is **Madeline Duncan**. We cheerfully congratulate Madeline and thank her for her example of fervent devotion and selfless leadership within our community.



VOLUNTEER TEAM DECKS THE CAMPUS



A team of amazing volunteers helped decorate the school yesterday for the Christmas season. The “Deck the Halls” team was led by **Michelle Richardson (Reese -9th, Faith -6th)**. Other volunteers included:

Brian & Lisa Haibach (Stone -8th)

Katie Lee (Joseph -6th, Daniel -1st)

Melissa Davidson (Sophie -PreK)
and grandparents, **Ben & Cyd Nickles**

Ashley Schaap (Graham -2nd, Emery -K)

Kathryn Hansen (Claire -6th, William -3rd)

Kristin Sharrett (Michael -K)

FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY	THIS WEEK
Annual Fund	\$80,000	\$9,234	\$9,334
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$3,674	\$3,704
Foundation <i>(65% state tax credit received with this gift)</i>	\$200,000	<i>Pledged</i> \$273,000 <i>Received</i> \$32,882	\$273,000 \$42,882
Permanent Things Campaign— Stage I and II	\$1,000,000	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>Chapel</i>
		\$582,200	\$582,200
		<i>Classrooms</i>	<i>Classrooms</i>
		\$282,130	\$305,000
		TOTAL	TOTAL
		\$864,330	\$887,200



Goals	Given	Total
200@ \$100	30	\$3,000
50@ \$500	6	\$3,000
15@ \$1,000	19	\$19,000
10@ \$5,000	4	\$20,000
5@ \$10,000	2	\$20,000
2@ \$20,000	2	\$40,000
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.

EVERYONE

KINDERGARTEN 2022-23

This Wednesday, December 1 is the early enrollment deadline for current families in all grades to submit a NEW student application. To receive priority in the admissions process, please take time now to complete the application by using this link: www.newcovenantschools.org.

PRESCHOOL

Due to increased interest in PreK for the 2022-23 school year, we will be opening a second section allowing for more students. Please let friends and family know that openings are still available in our earliest learning program. Our PreK program is the best start for your child's education at New Covenant. Use this link to apply: <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/admissions/apply-here/>

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The tuition assistance program (TAP) for the 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!

WINTER UNIFORM CLARIFICATION

For young women: leggings are allowed, but should meet the socks, fit like tights (not sweatpants) and match the uniform. No wild and crazy colors—stick with blue, black, white or light grey. Leg warmers are not allowed. On days when the forecast high temperature is 40° or below, ladies may wear Flynn & O'Hara uniform slacks, even on dress day, with their normal dress day tops. For young men and women: long-sleeved t-shirts may be worn under

long-sleeved shirts for extra warmth. If the t-shirt is white or navy or light grey, it may be worn under a short-sleeved shirt as well. You may not wear a hoodie under your polo nor a shirt with writing on the sleeves.

LESSONS & CAROLS

All are invited to join us for our Annual Service of Lessons & Carols on **Monday, December 13 at 7pm** in the Moomaw Center at New Covenant. Students in the combined School of Rhetoric band, orchestra and choir will be leading the service along with participation from 7th & 8th grade students. The service is participatory and **there is even a 9:00am start to school the next day for all grades**. All are welcome! Join us for this special service and begin your Christmas season with Lessons & Carols at New Covenant Schools.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The end of the 2nd quarter and the beginning of Christmas Break is on **Friday, December 17**. We will have an **11am dismissal on the 17th** and school will break for Christmas through **Tuesday, January 4** with students returning on **Wednesday, January 5**.

CUSTODIAL POSITION

We are in need of a custodian for the Workman Field House to clean and maintain the floors, storage and the Fitness Center. Training is offered and will involve 15 hours per week in the evenings. This position might be perfect for a local college student who wishes to be involved in the athletic world and needs only a part-time job. Interested persons should contact Facilities Manager **Darren Johnson** at djohnson@newcovenantschools.org.

LUNCH ORDERING

This **Friday, December 3** you can begin ordering your student's January lunches. Set a reminder to get that done so you can check one thing off your to-do list during this busy season! The ordering window will be open through **Friday, December 17**.



SoR students enjoy the annual Turkey Bowl competition before the Thanksgiving break.



Middle schoolers and Mrs. Angell create sidewalk chalk works of art during the MS Fall Festival.

2022 – 2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR – KEY DATES

New Covenant Schools sets its academic calendar as far in advance as is reasonably foreseeable.

This list may not include all half days and is subject to change for unforeseen events.

Convocation

Sunday, August 14

School of Rhetoric First Day of School, 8:00am start

Monday, August 15

Grammar & Middle School Meet Your Teacher

3:30-6:00pm
Monday, August 15

PreK – 8th Grade First Day of School, Wednesday, August 17 (12pm dismissal for PreK – 1st grade)

Labor Day, No School

Monday, September 5

Half Day, 12pm Dismissal

Thursday, October 13

Fall Break

Friday-Monday, October 14-17

K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences (Students Do Not Attend) Tuesday, November 1

Tuesday, November 1

Thanksgiving Break

November 21 - November 25

Christmas Break Begins

11am Dismissal
Friday, December 16

Christmas Break

December 19 – January 3

Martin Luther King Day

No School, Monday,
January 16

Winter Break

Thursday-Tuesday, February 9-14

Half Day, 12pm Dismissal

Friday, March 10

Spring Break

Monday – Friday, March 13 – 17

Maundy Thursday,

12pm Dismissal, Thursday,
April 6

Easter Break

Friday-Monday, April 7-10

May Breathe

Friday, May 5

School of Rhetoric Last Day

3pm Dismissal
Wednesday, May 24

Middle School Last Day

12pm Dismissal
Thursday, May 25

K – Graduation & Grammar School Last Day

12pm Dismissal
Friday, May 26

Graduation

Saturday, May 27

Senior Trip

Monday-Saturday, May 29-
June 3

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Open House in the Marie Macdonald Chapel

Parents and guests to the carol service are further invited to an open house in the newly renovated chapel, which will be completed in the next few days. Most parents must arrive early in order that student musicians can warm up, so we are opening the chapel for tours beginning at 6pm. Refreshments will also be served.

The chapel is a significant addition to our campus, and the craftsmanship that has gone into its construction is astonishing. I will try to describe them here, but I would like to give you a personal up-close look at its various features. The renovation was done by **Rodney Foster (Bailey, class of 20; Dalton-12th; Emme Sue-7th)**. His crew has perfectly extended the nave and chancel so that it is impossible to tell where the original structure ends and the new begins. Brick was added to the exterior which also matches the existing building. New lighting was installed, along with a sound system. The floor has been upgraded to a slate-like tile, enhancing the already beautiful acoustics, which

the students will experience when chapel services resume in the space. The focal point of the chancel is the altar which has been custom designed and constructed by **Toby Davies (Ainsley-1st)**. Toby is an exceedingly talented craftsman, and his artistry in wood must be seen to be appreciated. His design incorporates the rose window into a mahogany reredos, which is a paneled screen attached to the wall. He also designed and built a matching altar which is removable when student functions require more space in the chancel.

Four new stained-glass windows are in production, which will feature the Ascension of Elijah, Moses and the Burning Bush, the Conversion of St. Paul, and the Ascension of Christ. The windows have been designed and are being constructed locally by the artistic crew at Lynchburg Stained Glass, but will not be ready for installation until next year.

I hope you will have a chance to visit the campus this holiday season. Our parents, grandparents, and school friends are welcome in the building. There are many new things to enjoy as Christmas approaches.

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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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