

Sixth graders working on their Science Fair bridge-building challenge on Friday night.



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## COMPREHENSIVE TEST PROGRAM 5

By Marion Patterson

**T**his week, parents of 2nd through 9th graders will receive the results of the Comprehensive Test Program 5. Students began this test in mid-January and completed it after a brief interruption for snow. In grades 2-4, teachers gave the tests in small chunks during the school day, middle school students worked on them from 8 – 10am for each of four school days, and School of Rhetoric students worked for three days during varying class periods.

The tests are scored by the Educational Records Bureau in Princeton, New Jersey. The score report and explanations you will receive are created by that agency. If your student is in grade 2 or 3, you will receive a Primary Grade Parent Report and Parent Guide. Grades 4-9 will receive an Individual

Narrative report with the matching Parent Guide. There are a few things that New Covenant parents should know about the test and about how we use the results.

First, CTP5 is a test of achievement, a measure of what students have mastered, not a test of ability or “IQ”. The test questions are written by a committee of educators at the ERB. While the content is not a perfect match for what our classical and Christian curriculum emphasizes, it is a good one. For example, it includes subtests which measure verbal and mathematical reasoning, abilities we specifically target through logic, Latin and math classes. Rather than measuring a student’s knowledge of exactly what we teach as our regular testing in school does,

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## WHAT'S NEW?

### Update on Admissions 2022-23

New Covenant is experiencing strong interest in admissions for the 2022-2023 school year with only a handful of open seats remaining in rising first, fifth, ninth, and tenth grade. Perhaps you know of someone whose children would benefit from a New Covenant education. If so, please share this information and have them take a tour or start an application. Students specifically applying to rising first, or who are transferring from public school may be eligible for generous scholarship opportunities from the New Covenant Scholarship Foundation. In appreciation of your referral, if a student is placed New Covenant will credit \$250 to your 2022-2023 tuition account. Be sure to have the potential family list your name on their application.

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

# H O N O R A R I A

## ART FAIR WINNERS



### 4TH / 5TH / 6TH

#### MIXED MEDIA

- 1st- Luke Ancona, *Portrait of Moo*  
2nd- Elise Williams, *Itilly*  
3rd- Reese Mahle, *The Wolf*

#### PAINTING

- 1st- Charis Durand, *Captivated*  
2nd- Lindyn Cannon, *Gymnastics Cat*  
3rd- Alexander Quaranta, *Landscape*

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1st- Charis Durand, *Guess*  
2nd- Ada Dudley, *Sunset*  
3rd- Landis Hoskins, *Sunset*

#### SCULPTURE

- 1st- Lindyn Cannon, *Blobby*  
2nd- Lindyn Cannon, *Snake*  
3rd- Eleanor Bebeko Lane, *Untitled 2*

#### FILM

- 1st- Christian Henson, *Lego Movie*  
2nd- Ada Dudley, *Lego Movie 1*  
3rd- Ada Dudley, *Lego Movie 2*

#### BEST IN SHOW

- Christian Henson, *Lego Movie*

### 7TH / 8TH / 9TH

#### MIXED MEDIA

- 1st- Brielle Scott, *Uncle Frank*  
2nd- Jenna Ng, *Welcome to Wonderland*  
3rd- Ruby Helm, *Not Creepy, Just Anatomy*

#### PAINTING

- 1st- Abby Burton, *Drive*  
2nd- Michael Seckman, *Silver Brook*  
3rd- Mary Kate Place, *Boat 2*

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1st- Cora Helm & Mary Kate Place, *Sphere of Influence*  
2nd- Gia Barlow, *Fierce*  
3rd- Cora Helm, *Vespa de la Rochefoucauld*

#### SCULPTURE

- 1st- Michael Seckman, *Strider*  
2nd- Ruby Helm, *Family Candy*  
3rd- Mimi Black, *Polka Dot Dress*

#### FILM

- 1st- Hannah Edwards and Ruby Helm, *On the Rooftops*

#### BEST IN SHOW

- Abby Burton, *Drive*

### 10TH / 11TH / 12TH

#### MIXED MEDIA

- 1st- Makenzy Bates, *Hagia Sophia, Constantinople Turkey*  
2nd- Mae & Ellie Jacobs, *Dean Winchester*  
3rd- Waylon Spiva, *The Most Beautiful Landscape*

#### PAINTING

- 1st- Abby Place, *Artist Study*  
2nd- Makenzy Bates, *Call Me Sand*  
3rd- Makenzy Bates, *November Rain*

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1st- Gioia Calabretta, *Dawn*  
2nd- Makenzy Bates, *Pollen*  
3rd- Beau Brady, *Cedar Waxwing*

#### SCULPTURE

- 1st- Makenzy Bates, *Frog Kettle*  
2nd- Noah Caldwell, *Christopher*  
3rd- Will Kittrell, *Hand*

#### BEST IN SHOW

- Makenzy Bates, *Frog Kettle*

## SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS *Middle School*



**5th grade winners:**  
*The Bucket Squad*

Henry Duncan  
Camden Olson  
Woody Gorman  
Micah Harrison



**6th grade winners:**  
*The 4 Amigos*

Charlie Kershaw  
Colton Buckner  
Joseph Lee  
Peter Brophy



**7th grade winners:**  
*The Impastas*

Nicholas Richmond  
Joel Ng  
Journey Lancaster  
Hannah Edwards



**8th grade winners:**  
*The Melon Waters*

Micah Xayavong  
Andre Frenchik  
Graden Bolton  
Jude Brunett

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## EVERYONE

### APRIL LUNCH ORDERING

Lunch ordering for April is now open and will close **Monday, March 21** when school resumes after Spring Break. Order before break and you won't miss the deadline. Many field trips occur in April. Check your child's schedule to avoid ordering on those days. However, if you have ordered on a field trip day, your order will be canceled and credited to your account. For students who preordered milk for the year, the \$30 due for the 4th quarter will be billed to your lunch account after Spring Break.

### WINTER ATHLETIC AWARDS

Winter athletic awards will be awarded **this Wednesday, March 9 at 12:40pm**. This event will be livestreamed via our YouTube channel.

### JEANS AND GREENS DAY

Although St. Patrick's Day falls during Spring Break, students and faculty/staff are invited to celebrate **this Thursday, March 10** by wearing a green shirt with jeans or regular uniform bottoms. (As always, shoes must be closed-toe shoes and jeans must be free of rips and tears.)

### GENERATIONS DAY/EARLY DISMISSAL

Generations Day will be held **this Friday, March 11**. Grandparents and other special guests are invited to join students in class for the morning. This also marks the end of the 3rd Quarter. **There will be an 11am dismissal on this day.**

### SPRING BREAK

School will be closed for Spring Break next week **March 14-18**. Students return on **March 21**. Enjoy the break!

### HANDS & HEARTS

Hands & Hearts is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13**. Sponsorship packets were sent home with the youngest student in each family. Please return them to the office by **March 13**.

### MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Join us for a Mom's Night Out of pampering on **Friday, March 25 at 5:30pm**. Come relax, enjoy delicious food and get to know other moms at NCS. The cost for the evening is \$20 and will be charged to your FACTS account. Reserve your spot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084bafab2ca3f58-moms>

### DIRECTOR OF PARENT RELATIONS JOB OPENING

**Naomi Hostetler**, current Director of Parent Relations, will be stepping down next year to devote more time to her family and other responsibilities. We will miss her smiling face and helpful spirit when working with our families. We are looking for someone to fill her shoes. The Director of Parent Relations serves in the context of admissions and development. Qualifications include someone who has exceptional personal skills, and the ability to respond to routine questions and resolve routine problems. The DPR must also be comfortable speaking in small public settings on behalf of the school (orientation/placement meetings, etc.) where parents are present. If you are interested in finding out more information, contact **Linda Simon** [lsimon@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:lsimon@newcovenantschools.org).

## SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS *School of Rhetoric*



### 1st Place:

Sarah Robert  
Nicole Clark  
Abby Rose



### 2nd Place:

Emily Trautman  
Jocelyn Walker  
Cameron Edwards  
Lucas Gorman



### 3rd Place:

John Scruggs  
Jack Duncan  
Isaac Ham\*  
Carrington Thackston\*



### Drop Zone Winner:

Nicole Clark  
Sarah Robert  
Abby Rose



### Fan Car Winner:

Irelyn Uminn (left)  
Alina Cai (left)  
Kate McCurley (rt)

\* Not shown



## HANDS&HEARTS INCENTIVES

Don't miss out on your chance to win one of the fabulous prizes offered in this year's Hands & Hearts project. Your family can earn one ticket per letter returned. Packets are due in the office by **Wednesday, March 9**. Below is a listing of the prizes.

- Jersey Mike's on Thursdays in the school lunchroom for each student in the family during month of May 2021.
- Buy One Get One Free tickets to Snowflex
- 4 one-day passes to the water park at Massanutten (\$200 value)
- Mr. Heaton's Scooter for day - Grammar School only
- Lite Brite
- Mystery gift
- 2 one-day passes to the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, OH
- Energizer 200 lumens headlamp and Litezall LED lighted magnifier
- LED unicorn lamp
- 2 one-day passes to the U.S. Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC
- 3-lb. bucket of slime
- 10-count LED multi-colored ball string lights (2 sets)
- 2 one-day passes to the Creation Museum
- Ice Cream party for your class or homeroom
- Silver Stream Fly Fishing kit
- Pizza party for your class or homeroom
- Game onn. gaming headset
- 4 (500-piece) Disney-themed jigsaw puzzles
- Jumbo racket game
- Large stuffed teddy bear
- Acer 315 15.6" Celeron Chromebook with case

### FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY	THIS WEEK
Hands & Hearts	\$40,000	\$495	\$2,020



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CTP gives us the opportunity to compare the performance of our students to the performance of other students on the same items. The Parent Guide you receive will explain more about the groups of students against whom we measure ourselves. One group which might not be clear to you is the Association. New Covenant Schools belongs to the ACCS (Association of Classical Christian Schools). Using this norm allows us to see how our students are performing relative to those in classical, Christian schools across the nation who also use this test.

Every year, we share each student's scores with parents; with faculty we share group scores. These are used by the faculty as we reflect on our own curriculum. We check for skills on which whole groups of children seem to score

high or low, review our materials and methods in those areas, and consider ways to strengthen our program. This process clarifies for us what we are doing well and gives us ways to continue to grow and improve.

As you review your child's score report, you may have questions. Please contact your child's teacher or **Marion Patterson** (mpatterson@newcovenantschools.org or 847-8313) to make an appointment to talk further. Talking through these scores can give us important information which can help us to better serve our students as individuals and support our educational community as a whole. We welcome your questions.

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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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