



Brie Olson takes the baton from Mae Jacobs in a winning race for the Girls' 4x400M relay on Saturday at VES.

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ON SERVING OTHERS

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If we were to imagine what our children will be ten or fifteen years from now, our list might include such things as, graduating from college, getting married, starting a family, or finding and succeeding at a job. When your children are grammar or middle school age, such thoughts are difficult to bring into sharp focus. Even parents of high school students may put off thinking about much beyond the immediate steps of life after New Covenant.

Our faculty, however, thinks about it a lot. We have formulated a "portrait," a visionary picture of your child, not so much related to what he or she will do after graduation, but more of what he or she will be at age 40. Every faculty member is tasked with contributing to the

formation of virtue in the lives of our students. This can only happen in a context of supportive relationships, trust and genuine love for one another.

Our Hands & Hearts project is designed to strengthen the connection between students and teachers, to develop trust, and to promote healthy, caring relationships. As we get ready to spread out across Lynchburg next week, I'm emphasizing to our students and teachers that we're not just taking a day off from school, we're actually still "doing school," but we're following a very different lesson plan.

Our goal is to put students into a position in which they gain greater awareness of the lives and conditions of people around them. Rolling up our sleeves and

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WHAT'S NEW?

Help With New Enrollments

We need your help. New Covenant has high demand for enrollment next year, however, there remain a few open seats in rising fifth and ninth grades. At the same time, we have received funds from the New Covenant Schools Scholarship Foundation which must be distributed next

year. The foundation exists to raise money for student scholarships, subject to certain criteria established by the Commonwealth of Virginia. We find ourselves in the peculiar situation in which we must use these funds next year towards scholarships for **new transfer students coming from public school**

per state guidelines. We would be pleased if you would help us find those students by sharing our recent posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages. You may have friends on your social media pages who would be interested in joining our school community. Thank you for your help.

H O N O R A R I A

HANDS & HEARTS T-SHIRT WINNER

The annual T-shirt Contest is a highlight of the Hands & Hearts project. It allows students another opportunity to discover their creativity and hone their artistic skills. Here's how it works. All students are invited to submit a piece of art for consideration on the yearly t-shirt. Art teacher **Michael Dunaway** devotes class time to give students space for focusing and encourages students to incorporate the Hands & Hearts logo into each entry. He receives many beautiful entries which are narrowed down to semifinalists.



Our School of Rhetoric house heads selected five finalists from which the final winner was chosen. Congratulations to all of those who were chosen and to 7th grade student **Michael Seckman** for his winning entry. All of the final entries may be seen hanging in the hallway outside the science classrooms. All students will receive their t-shirt next week and will be asked to wear them during our service event.

VES TRACK MEET 4/2 RESULTS

GIRLS 100M, 200M, Shot Put, Long Jump and 4x100M Relay - **Brie Olson** 1st in all five events. Joining her on the 1st place relay team were **Ellie** and **Mae Jacobs** and **Savannah Santini**

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Makenzy Bates 1st 65' 08";
Ethan Edwards Set school record 82' 08"

BOYS 300M HURDLES

Jude Brunett 2nd 53.33

GIRLS HIGH JUMP

Madeline Duncan and **Charlotte Morse** - tied for 3rd at 4' 02"

GIRLS 400 M DASH

Alicia Kenny 2nd 1:07; **Melia Leitner**
3rd 1:09

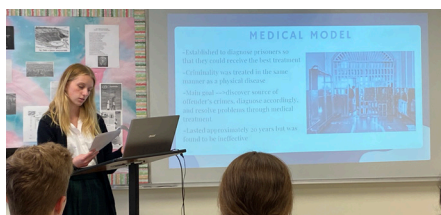
HANDS & HEARTS FOOD DRIVE

New Covenant will be collecting food and toiletry items for use at the Salvation Army during our Hands & Hearts event. Please consider donating the following items for our use.

- Peanut butter • Ravioli – canned
- Canned meat – tuna, chicken, salmon
- Canned Corn • Canned Green Beans
- Canned Peas • Cereal – Kix, Chex, Cheerios, Fruit Loops, etc. • Small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion • Small bars of soap
- Individual toothbrushes • Toothpaste

Please bring your items to the collection site in the front lobby now through **Tuesday, April 12**. Everything donated will be taken to the Salvation Army and processed by our students during Hands & Hearts. It will be well used by those in our community.

SENIOR THESIS PRESENTATIONS



Left: Jack Marotta discussing intelligent design. Top: Brie Olson on supporting police. Bottom: Elise Uminn on prison reform.

From Senior Makenzy Bates' presentation on eugenics: "This is a mature subject, so buckle up."

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

LUNCH ORDERING

You may now order lunches for your students for the month of May. This is the final lunch order of this school year! Be sure to place your orders before the deadline which is **Friday, April 15**.

EASTER BREAK

School will be **dismissed at noon on Thursday, April 14**. This begins our Easter Break from **April 15-18**. Students return and school resumes on **Tuesday, April 19**.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN PORTRAITS

TSS Photography will be on campus **this Thursday, April 7** to take pictures of our Kindergarten graduates.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	PREVIOUSLY	THIS WEEK
Hands & Hearts	\$40,000	\$17,900	\$19,920

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN THE MARIE MACDONALD CHAPEL

Now that Lent is almost over, we are approaching the most holy time in the year, which has been called Holy Week since early times. As soon as Jesus was raised from the tomb, Christians began celebrating the last moments of his earthly life, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension. All of these became their own services as the centuries passed. The school's affiliate parish, All Saints Church, will be celebrating these beginning with the service of the **Blessing of the Palms this Sunday at 9am. Maundy Thursday, April 14th**, will be a half day for the School and **services that day will be held at 7pm**. At this service we celebrate Jesus' giving the sacrament of the Holy Communion to his disciples along with the command that they should love each other as he had loved them. **The next day is Good Friday, and the service will begin at noon**. This service commemorates the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus for the sins of the whole world. **Finally, the Easter Service will be held at 9am**, with a champagne reception to follow! You are all cordially invited.

NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS SUMMER CAMPS

STRINGS CAMP

Joe Nigro and **Teresa Angell** will lead two weeks of Strings Camp for rising 4th through 12th grade students. The camps will run June 13 - June 17 and June 20 - June 24, Monday through Friday, 9am-12pm. Students may attend one or two weeks. The cost is \$125 per week and payment should be made by check to "James Chamber Players." Please contact Joe Nigro at jnigro@newcovenantschools.org if you have any questions regarding the camp.

Please use this link to sign up for Strings Camp <https://forms.gle/CNLrbYDRxZErpEU9>

STAYFIT CAMP

Our annual StayFit Camp will run from June 20 - July 28, Monday through Thursday each week from 9am - 11am for rising 1st through 7th grade students. Each week the participants will play various sports and do exercise for fun. The price for this six week camp is \$200 for first child and \$50 for each additional child in the family. If you have any questions, please contact **Julie Neiderer** at jneiderer@newcovenantschools.org.

Summer weight training will be available Monday - Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30pm from June 20 - July 28, for rising 8th-12th grade students. There is no fee associated with these sessions.

AMERICAN GIRL CAMP

Rising 2nd - 5th grade girls, we would love to have you join us Monday, June 27- Friday, July 1 from 9am - 2pm for our annual American Girl Camp! This year's doll is Nanea Mitchell. We will be on island time as we explore the Hawaiian culture during WWII through dancing, cooking, and crafts. The price for this camp is \$200. If you have any questions, please contact **Ameé Newsome** at anewsome@newcovenantschools.org.

Please use this link to sign up for the StayFit and American Girl Camps <https://forms.gle/VdTN6Z1Pf6XzYR516>

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working side-by-side with parents and teachers can make a powerful impression upon children who naturally attend to their own needs and desires. Serving others, particularly at a very young age, immediately begins to change the trajectory of how they look at the world around them. In ten or fifteen years, our hope is that we have helped them not only do something, but become something. We imagine that our students would become generous, and rich in good works.

Reaching out into the community requires us to step into a servant's role, in which we view the recipients of our efforts as important as ourselves. Offering our service for the good of others is not stepping in to solve all their problems, but to dignify them and to affirm the wonderful people who labor every day in organizations that address the basic needs of those who live in our communities.

This edition of *QUID NOVI* provides a list of the organizations and projects we'll be undertaking next week. Parents are welcome and encouraged to arrange their schedules in order to join us. Not only will you make a difference, but you'll have a really great time with your children's classmates and other parents you'll get to know. I invite you to volunteer your day as a driver, or as a project helper by contacting **Dayna Renalds** directly (drenalds@newcovenantschools.org).

H&H VENUE	PROJECTS	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY	TOOLS AND MATERIALS
Salvation Army (School of Rhetoric, 5th grade, PK, K, 1st grade)	Install gutters	A handy dad who can lead a small group.	Materials provided
	Install 20ft of French drain	A handy dad who can lead a small group	Materials provided
	Pressure washing		
	Clearing wooded area of brush debris	Three chainsaw operators	Chainsaws provided
	Painting outside walls, railings, doors and laundry	Any parent	
	Prepare items for evening meals	Any parent	
	Window cleaning	Any parent	
The Arc (6th & 7th grade)	Pressure washing		Pressure washer needed
	Mulching beds		
	Installing new landscaping around sign		
	Tree & shrubbery trimming		
Rush Homes (School of Rhetoric)	Paint and landscape around signs	Parent volunteers needed with shovels and rakes	Paint provided
	Bulletin boards in hallways		
	Plant grass and flowers around premises		
	Plant vegetable garden		
	Pressure wash		
	Trim hedges and other shrubbery		
Patrick Henry Family Services-Hat Creek Camp (8th grade)	Clean and prepare camp dining room for painting	Any parent	
	Clear debris from trails		
	Stain and install large sign for dining room	Any parent	
	Clear gaga pit and archery range		
	Build fire pit	Any parent	Gravel provided
Patrick Henry Family Services Homes of Hope (School of Rhetoric)	Clean cabinets and kitchen area		
	Landscaping	Parents with shovels, rakes	
Local Creek Clean-up (School of Rhetoric)	Clear area streams of trash and debris	Any parent	
Camp Kum-Ba-Yah (2nd & 6th grade)	Mulch in preparation for upcoming event		
	Clear trails of sticks and fallen branches		
Lynchburg Grows (3rd grade)	Weed and plant in vegetable beds		
Compassion Church (4th grade)	Organize and distribute canned goods and other food items to individuals		

So take a minute to scan the projects we're undertaking, and together let us lead our students to become generous and rich in good works.

- ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME
- PLEASE NO YOUNGER SIBLINGS - ARRANGE CHILDCARE
- DRIVERS NEEDED