



Fourth graders strengthen minds and bodies in the Workman Fieldhouse fitness center.

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SPORTSMANSHIP: ENCOUNTERING SUCCESS WITH HUMILITY AND FAILURE WITH CONFIDENCE

As we have moved through these early weeks of the athletic calendar, it has been encouraging to see the students turn out in droves to support and cheer one another on. Indeed, it seemed as if more than three-quarters of the high school was in attendance at the first set of away games at Timberlake two Fridays ago. That sort of school spirit can be a great benefit to the athletic program and school culture in general. School spirit, unchecked, however, can also go off the rails.

In our Portrait of the Graduate we claim that a New Covenant graduate encounters success with humility and failure with confidence. This is certainly applicable to student academics but is very much in the fore in athletics. The Portrait also reads, a New Covenant graduate is prudent in speech and action. Does taunting an opposing player/fan reflect these qualities? Is it prudent to dress down a referee for missing a call? These are simple questions to answer—no.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Technology and Other Equipment Upgrades

New Covenant has been able to purchase 40 new laptops and 4 desktop computers due to funding provided from a large grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia. This allowed us to upgrade several classroom projectors and audio equipment as well. Our fine arts program benefitted too: the cellos housed in the Grammar School Commons may now be hung on the wall when not in use, and the art room received a new pottery wheel. Additionally, the athletic program received several new pieces of equipment for the field house and fitness center. We are thankful to have these items.



H O N O R A R I A

HEADMASTER BECOMES A FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY FOR CLASSICAL LEARNING

This month our Headmaster **John Heaton** was invited to become a fellow of the Society for Classical Learning. Founded in 1997, the SCL is a professional organization that publishes a journal, provides resources for teachers in classical, Christian schools, and holds an annual conference that draws more than 1,500 attendees, live and virtually, from the US, Europe and Africa. It also offers a variety of services for Head of School development, leadership mentoring, and workshops that are designed to develop school boards and faculties.

As a fellow of the society, Rev'd Heaton will join in vision casting and will be a participant in the services provided by the organization. Next month he will be leading an eight-session workshop for school administrators, detailing the management systems and strategic planning instruments that have been in use at New Covenant for more than fifteen years.



HOSTETLER AND MATHER EARN DOUBLE HONORS

Each year the Classic Learning Test board recognizes top performers on the CLT10, a college preparatory exam and alternative to the PSAT. Distinguished Scholars are those who earned the top score at their respective school and Regional Scholars landed in the top 5% of their respective region. Current Juniors, **Saria Hostetler** and **Colin Mather**, have been named Distinguished Scholars at NCS and Southeast Regional Scholars for their outstanding performance on the CLT10 last April. Congratulations, Saria and Colin!



Saria Hostetler



Colin Mather

SPORTS SCORES



Tuesday, September 6

MS VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	2
Temple	0

JV VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	2
Chatham Hall	0

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	3
Chatham Hall	0

TENNIS

New Covenant	3
Covenant School	6

VARSITY SOCCER

New Covenant	7
Hargrave	3

Thursday, September 8

MS SOCCER

New Covenant	9
SMLCA	0

VARSITY SOCCER

New Covenant	12
SMLCA	0

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	3
SMLCA	0

Friday, September 9

MS VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	2
SWVA	1

JV VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	2
SWVA	0

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant	3
SWVA	0

MS SOCCER

New Covenant	3
Faith Christian	0

Saturday, September 10

CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Gia Barlow – 3rd Place Finish Overall

Gia Barlow and Hannah Edwards – Awarded as Top 15 Runners

FROM
FRIDAY'S
BACK-TO-
SCHOOL
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E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

MOMS IN PRAYER

Please join us this Wednesday from 2:00-3:00pm in the chapel for a time of prayer for our students, teachers, staff and community.

AFTERCARE

This quarter's aftercare program is full and will not be accepting daily add-ins.

NCS GRYPHON GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Grammar School students often come to the garden to help weed, plant and harvest different vegetables during the school year, and we'd love to have more ready parent hands to help when these classes visit. If you are interested in helping, please email **Jessica Simpkins** jsimpkins@newcovenantschools.org to be added to the Garden Volunteers List. You will receive announcements of future workdays and needs of the garden.

KINDERGARTEN 2023-24

Now is the time to submit a student application if you intend for your child to begin Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. We offer early enrollment to parents of current Pre-K students and new siblings of New Covenant students in other grades. Until **October 12, 2022** your application for a new sibling or Kindergarten student will receive priority in our admissions process. Applying is easy. Simply visit our website www.newcovenantschools.org and select the "Apply Here" button at the top of the page. From there, you can open an account for your student, and once the account is saved you can log in and out without losing your information. If you would like to learn

more, please contact **Linda Simon** at lsimon@newcovenantschools.org about scheduling a tour. Tours are held each Thursday at 9:15am and registration is required.

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 **Wednesday, September 21 at 7:45am** to hear from our Director of Development on how these programs work. Reserve your spot through this link: https://bit.ly/ncs_funding

GRYPHONS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

A basketball camp will be held on **Saturday, September 24** from **8:00am to 12:00pm** for students grades 2nd - 5th. Participants will learn basketball fundamentals in a variety of different formats from our varsity basketball players and coaches. The cost is \$20 per person. Registration can be completed here https://bit.ly/gryphon_camp

HELP WANTED

The concessions stand needs someone to grill hamburgers and hot dogs during athletic events. The stand is open a couple of times a week with time schedules varying. This is a fun job for a parent or grandparent and a good way to get involved in our community. Compensation is available. For more information, please contact **Linda Hackenbracht** at lhackenbracht@newcovenantschools.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The Middle School retreat will be held this year on **September 15 and 16**. Students in grades 7/8 will spend the day at Watermarks Camp on Thursday with grades 5/6 attending on Friday. Students will need to arrive at school no later than 7:50am. The groups will return by 6:00pm and can be picked up in the chapel side lot.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL POETRY

Grammar School classes will begin holding poetry recitals next week with the Grammar School Poetry finals to be held on **Friday, September 23** at 8:00am. Please refer to your FACTS account for individual classroom details.



Grammar School poetry recitals bring out creativity of every sort.



We absolutely want to encourage students and parents to come out for our games and cheer on our teams. We want to earn a certain type of reputation among our conference schools—that we would be known as a place where the fans come out in number, and they are loud and engaged! What we wish to avoid is a reputation for degrading or mocking behavior.

Although as parents we have all fallen back at some point on the well-worn adage, “Do as I say and not as I do,” we know that this simply isn’t how life works—our children learn by watching us. Unfortunately, it is fair to say that at some of our sporting events members of our parent community model behavior contradictory to the spirit we seek to teach our students. We ask that, as a community, we all pull together—students and parents—and hold ourselves to the highest standard of good sportsmanship. To aid in this we would ask all to abide by some simple rules:

- NCS fans should never address a member of the opposing team (player, coach or fan).
- NCS fans should never address a referee or comment on their calls. That’s the coach’s job.
- NCS fans should never enter the court or field of play during the game.

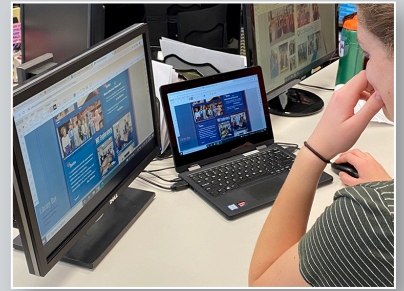


A copy of the Code of Conduct for players and fans provided to us by Virginia Independent School Athletic Association (VISAA) detailing expectations at athletic competitions of participating schools can be found under the athletic section of our website soon (site is currently under construction). Please read that when you have a moment. Here is the last paragraph of that short document:

“The Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association is committed to establishing and developing healthy environments for competition. We ask all spectators to remember to treat the officials and participating teams with respect. Cheer the strengths and victories of your team and do not denigrate the performance of your opponents, their fans or the officials. We expect that all fans will act in an appropriate manner, and respect the opposition and the officials. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from

the premises. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.”

We embrace the enthusiasm of the parent and student communities with respect to our athletic program. We are thankful for all of you and your contributions. We look forward to many more exciting athletic events this school year. Go Gryphons!



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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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