



The campus was beautified with mulching and trimming over the break. Thanks to Darren Johnson and his team!

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## CONTINUOUS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT NEW COVENANT

by John Heaton, Headmaster

As we move into warmer weather, we continue to beautify the campus and create new spaces for the benefit of our students. You'll notice here and there around the campus that our grounds and maintenance crews were busy during Spring Break. We thank our Facilities Manager **Darren Johnson** for his efforts in coordinating the projects. Your students returned today to freshly mulched beds, a new fence and new tree plantings in the bell tower courtyard (the space between the School of Rhetoric and the field house). New paint was applied in the 200 hallway (although, truth be told, work continues

as we adjust the color).

Improvements continued in the library with the installation of a listening center built into the large bay window that fronts the courtyard. The center has been funded by The McCurdy Family Foundation and will shortly be finished, with the expertise of **Toby Davies (Ainsely-02; Ember-K)**, who, you may remember, also designed and constructed the new altar in the chapel. When the center is complete, it will feature small laptops with which young students will be able to read and listen to stories and poetry, some of which has been recorded by our own

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*Phases of construction and the finished new listening center in the library.*

# H O N O R A R I A

## WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

### ALL-CONFERENCE



**Douglas Powell**  
2nd Team  
Basketball



**Brielle Walker**  
2nd Team  
Basketball



**Luke Hottle**  
(8th Grade)  
1st Team  
Swim



**Declund Stevenson**  
2nd Team  
Swim



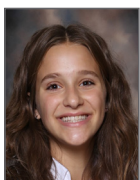
**Andrew Rogers**  
2nd Team  
Swim

### VARSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL



*Most Improved* – **Luke Libbey**  
*Gryphon* – **Jude Vollmer**  
*MVP* – **Douglas Powell**

### VARSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



*Most Improved* – **Olivia Kidd**  
*Gryphon* – **Jocelyn Walker**  
*MVP* – **Brielle Walker**

### JV BOYS' BASKETBALL



*Most Improved* – **Micah Cortez**  
*Gryphon* – **Ian Walker**  
*MVP* – **Wyatt Renalds**

### JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL



*Most Improved* – **Olivia Hostetler**  
*Gryphon* – **Ryleigh Taylor**  
*MVP* – **Melia Leitner**

### SWIM



*Most Improved* – **Declund Stevenson**  
*Gryphon* – **Emily Trautman**  
*MVP* – **Luke Hottle (8th Grade)**





# ETCETERA

## EVERYONE

### ONLINE ENROLLMENT PACKET REVIEW

**Today students' Online Enrollment Information Review Packet is due.** It can be found on FACTS under Apply/Enroll or on the app under Online Enrollment Information Review. This review packet is required to be completed for all students. Please see email from **Linda Simon** on **March 6** with instructions. Contact Linda at [Lsimon@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:Lsimon@newcovenantschools.org) with any questions.

### END OF QUARTER

The 3rd quarter will end this **Wednesday, March 22**. Report cards will be emailed to parents on **Friday, March 31**.

### LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found bins are purged at the end of each quarter. Be sure to check for any lost items before **Wednesday, March 22**.

### APRIL LUNCH ORDERING

**TODAY** is the last day to order school lunches for April. Place your orders without delay if you haven't done so already. Note that 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 those who subscribe to the school milk plan, a charge of \$35 for the 4th and final quarter of the year will be posted to lunch accounts soon.

### GENERATIONS DAY

Grandparents and other special guests are invited to join students in class for the morning this **Friday, March 24**. There will be chapel services throughout the morning and an assembly at 10:40am. Grandparents are welcome to adjust their schedule as they wish throughout the morning. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided in the library. **There will be an 11am dismissal on this day.**

## SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

### GRYPHON'S QUILL

Students in grades 9-12, do you have short stories, poetry, or artwork that you would like to share? Submit them to [gryphonsquill2023@gmail.com](mailto:gryphonsquill2023@gmail.com) to get them published in the *Gryphon's Quill*,

the school's literary arts magazine! The deadline is **Tuesday, April 11**. Ten house points will be awarded for each submission, maximum 30 points per person. Word limit for written works is 1,000 words, and please note that all art will be printed in black and white.



*Even first-graders get into the spirit of March Madness at recess.*

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED
Permanent Things Campaign/Annual Fund	\$100,000	\$351,050
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$25,995
Foundation	\$300,000	<i>Pledged</i> \$497,570 <i>Received</i> \$481,093
Hands & Hearts	\$50,000	\$6,855

### GIVING IS EASY

Thank you to all who have given so generously to New Covenant Schools. Your gifts are appreciated and will be used to further the mission of our school. Donations may be given throughout the year through cash, check, stock transfers or IRA distributions. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent that the law provides. Contact **Dayna Renalds** in the Development Office for more information.

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**Phaedra Callaway.** More about this in a future QUID NOVI.

At the same time, we continue to make significant progress on projects funded by the Permanent Things Campaign. Launched about eighteen months ago, the campaign was an expansive vision that contemplated a chapel expansion, new classrooms and the construction of an outdoor recreation area down in the “bottom” on the back campus. The campaign has enjoyed broad support, raising enough funds to complete all of these projects without incurring any debt. In fact, the campaign’s ultimate purpose is to eliminate all remaining debt on the campus in ten years. It is likely that we will achieve this goal sooner than our plan. To date, the campaign has raised \$636,009 for the chapel, \$541,600 for the classrooms and recreation area and

\$20,000 for debt reduction. In addition, this year’s Annual Fund Drive was rolled into the campaign, raising \$351,000. The total for the campaign to date is \$1,548,609.

The completion of the recreation area has been made possible in part by a significant gift from **Warner and Nancy Hall**, who have been long associated with the school as parents and grandparents, while also offering their service to the board of directors. Construction on this final piece of the project will begin immediately after the school term ends in May, and since there are no new buildings, will only take about six weeks to finish. The plan (see below) includes the erection of a long retaining wall on what is now the slope. This will create about 30% more space, making room for a paved court that can be used for a variety of student

activities from four-square to basketball, in addition to a tennis wall. The cross-country trail which traverses this area will also be marked out with new crush and run fill. Further down, an outdoor gym will be installed, furnished with exercise equipment that will accommodate twenty-two students at a time. This equipment was gifted by a generous donation from **Phyllis Workman**.

New Covenant is blessed by the care of so many, a community that includes parents, grandparents, and numerous friends who share our vision and appreciate the work that we do. We are grateful for your expressions of support, and we will continue to work diligently to steward those things so generously entrusted to us.



*New campus improvements will begin this summer behind the Workman Fieldhouse, making room for a paved court that can be used for a variety of student activities from four-square to basketball, in addition to a tennis wall.*

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John Heaton–Headmaster  
Eric Parker–School Warden

### 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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