

Gryphons participated in the Terrier Team Challenge track meet in Roanoke on Saturday. (L-R) Jude Brunett, Joy Basten, Breezy Knight and Ellie Jacobs

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GENEROUS AND RICH IN GOOD WORKS

by John Heaton, Headmaster

If you were to imagine what your children will be doing ten or fifteen years from now, your 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 strengthens the connection between students and teachers, develops trust, and promotes healthy, caring relationships. As we get ready to spread out across Lynchburg this Wednesday, 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

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WHAT'S NEW?

Hands & Hearts This Week



Our Hands & Hearts service day will be this **Wednesday, April 19**. You can do several things that will help your child get the most from the project. First, a supply list and team assignment will be sent to you by email today. Make sure you pay attention to the necessary supplies, and if you send a tool or piece of equipment, be sure to write your name on it with a permanent marker. Second, be sure to pack a water bottle and a nourishing lunch for your student. We will have time for breaks and it is expected to be near 80 degrees as we work. We want the students to be well-hydrated. The school kitchen will be closed for the day; therefore, all students will need a lunch brought from home. Finally, food and toiletry donation items are still being accepted (please see list on pg. 3). You may bring those to the front lobby through Wednesday morning. We are looking forward to another profitable day of service to our community. Thank you for your help.

THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

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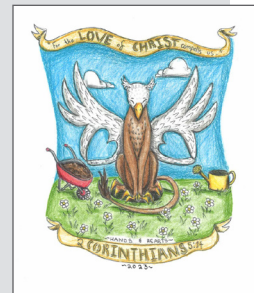
SENIOR THESIS HONORS

The Senior Thesis project is a unique and distinctive part of New Covenant's curriculum. It is a major accomplishment, worth taking a moment to consider: students expanded their knowledge about a topic of their interest, wrote a substantial argumentative research paper, and stood in front of a room full of people to both advance and defend their idea. This is an achievement of which few high school students can boast. We are enormously proud of their efforts. Every student who accomplishes this challenging task deserves high accolades. The faculty does wish to recognize, however, those students whose work was superior throughout the entire senior thesis project, including in the presentation and defense, with the "Pass with Honors" distinction. The following seniors received this distinction: **Van Curran, Jenna Hackenbracht, Will Kittrell, Kaden Newsome, Waylon Spiva.**

H&H T-SHIRT DESIGN 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 10th grade student **Lizzie Bryant** for her 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 this week and will be asked to wear them during our service event.



HANDS & HEARTS PRIZE WINNERS

Bucket 1—\$100 added to your family's lunch account – **Eleanor Bebeko Lane**

Bucket 2—Large white stuffed unicorn – **Naomi Rigg**

Bucket 3—\$25 Oriental Trading Company gift certificate – **Leila Kenny**

Bucket 4—Mr. Heaton's Scooter for a day – **Alex Luper**

Bucket 5—Nerf Rival Helix XXI-2000 Curve Shot – **AJ Iovenetti**

Bucket 6—Mystery gift – **Alaina Hilton**

Bucket 7—Pandora Necklace – **Adalynn Lee**

Bucket 8—Ice Cream party for your class – **Israel Tili**

Bucket 9—10" LED Selfie Ring Light – **Morgan Eggleston**

Bucket 10—Stuffed Yeti monster – **Chloe Briggs**

Bucket 11—Bucket of fun – **Clara Misiano**

Bucket 12—Raising Cane's gift basket – **Henry Duncan**

Bucket 13—Sheets \$100 Z-card – **Colton Buckner**

Bucket 14—55" arcade basketball game – **Emma Christian**

Bucket 15—Luna's keeper for recess – **Bracken Nichols**

Bucket 16—Apple Air tag and holder – **Sarah McCurley**

Bucket 17—Day passes to the U.S. National Whitewater Center – **Jackie Fitzgerald**

Bucket 18—Wash & Wax car detailing kit – **Wyatt Cole**

Bucket 19—"What do you Meme?" Family Edition game – **Mia Mickley**

Bucket 20—Kendra Scott necklace and earrings – **Harper McClure**

Bucket 21—Igloo Playmate Classic KoolTunes 14 qt. Hardsided Cooler – **Emilia Andrade**

ETCETERA

EVERYONE

FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day will be held on **Friday, May 26**. This event is for our Grammar School students in grades K-4. Parent volunteers are needed to make this fun day possible! If you would like to participate as a parent volunteer, please sign up via Signup Genius at this link: bit.ly/NCS_FieldDay. If your student in grades K-4 will NOT be attending, please email **Eliza Olson** at eolson@newcovenantschools.org. Knowing who will or will not be here helps us when forming teams.

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Join us for Moms' Night Out on **Friday, April 21 at 7:00pm**. The event will be held at the offices of Dan and Rachel Vollmer, 221 Wiggington Road. There will be fun games, prizes, and breakout sessions all centered around the theme of beauty.

Come relax, enjoy delicious food, and get to know other moms at NCS. Reserve your spot here: bit.ly/NCS_MomsNight

MAY LUNCH ORDERING

Lunch ordering for May is now open and ends this **Friday, April 21**. Seniors, School of Rhetoric, Middle School, and Kindergarten students end the school year earlier than Grammar School, and there are many fieldtrips in the upcoming weeks, so check your child's calendar to avoid ordering on days he or she will not be in school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

The Middle School is proud to present The Fairytales of Oscar Wilde on **April 28 & 29 at 7pm** in the Moomaw Center. Please call (434) 847-8313 to reserve your seats. Adult tickets are \$10 and student ticket are \$7.

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 • Canned ravioli (with pop-top lid) • Canned meat and fish (with pop-top lid)—chicken, tuna, 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 school's front lobby now through the morning of **Wednesday, April 19**. 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.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED
Hands & Hearts	\$50,000	\$46,885

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.



First graders make bricks by hand at recent field trip to Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.

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VENUE	PROJECTS
Salvation Army (School of Rhetoric, 5th grade, PK, K, 1st grade)	Removing large furniture items from storage areas to prepare facility for additional programming
	Repairing handicap ramp
	Pressure-washing
	General cleaning
	Painting outside fence, railings and doors
	Preparing items for evening meals
	Window cleaning
The Arc (7th grade)	Pressure-washing
	Mulching beds
	Washing facility vehicles
	Refreshing landscaping around sign
	Tree & shrubbery trimming
Rush Homes (School of Rhetoric)	Cleaning gutters
	Painting and landscaping around signs
	Bulletin boards in hallways
	Planting flowers around premises
	Planting vegetable garden
	Pressure-washing
	Trimming hedges and other shrubbery
Monacan Indian Nation (8th grade)	Assembling furniture
	Painting hallway
	Clear-coating and sealing a deck
	General landscaping
	Washing vehicles
Miller Home for Girls (6th grade)	Raking leaves
	Painting awnings, fence and railings
	Pressure-washing
	Removing fallen tree
Camp Kum-Ba-Yah (2nd grade)	Working in the garden
	Clearing trails of sticks and fallen branches
Lynchburg Grows (3rd grade)	Weeding and planting in vegetable beds
Compassion Church (4th grade)	Organizing and distributing canned goods and other food items to individuals

which they gain greater awareness of the lives and conditions of people around them. Rolling up our sleeves and 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. Our hope is that we have helped them not only do something, but become something as adults. 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 this week. Thank you to the parents who have arranged 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.

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.



HONORS FOR 3RD QUARTER 2022-2023

SCHOOLS OF RHETORIC AND DIALECTIC

THE HEADMASTER'S LIST

Summa cum laude

Will Kittrell, 12	Kaden Newsome, 12	Jenna Hackenbracht, 12	Waylon Spiva, 12
Jael Brenning, 12	Lydia Craven, 12	Beau Brady, 11	Caleb McCormick, 11
Brielle Walker, 11	Noah Caldwell, 11	Nicole Clark, 11	Virginia Morse, 11
Ally Horne, 11	Saria Hostetler, 11	Olivia Kidd, 11	Diego Leal, 11
Mary Glenn Morse, 11	Adora Hampton, 11	Andrew Rogers, 11	Charlotte Seay, 11
James Brophy, 10	John Brophy, 10	Corey Hackenbracht, 10	Cora Helm, 10
Ellie Jacobs, 10	Melia Leitner, 10	Jenna Ng, 10	Brey Welch, 10
Graden Bolton, 9	Enoch Tan, 9	Grace Brady, 9	Joy Basten, 9
Ashe Smith, 9			

THE DEAN'S LIST

Magna cum laude

Van Curran, 12	Nate Kirshberger, 12	Abigail Place, 12	Rebekah Bryant, 12
Jackson Taylor, 12	Jude Vollmer, 12	Dylan Abaidoo, 12	Elizabeth Matney, 12
Abby Rose, 11	Sarah Robert, 11	Claire Copenhaver, 11	Irelyn Uminn, 11
Kate McCurley, 11	Reese Murphy, 10	Declund Stevenson, 10	Mary Kate Place, 10
Noah McCormick, 10	Lizzie Bryant, 10	Elizabeth Deneen, 10	John Scruggs, 10
Serah Jones, 10	Alicia Kenny, 9	Charlotte Morse, 9	Eva Andrade, 9
Olivia Hostetler, 9	Ryleigh Taylor, 9	Andre Frenchik, 9	Breezy Knight, 9
Walt Gill, 9	Skye Heap, 9	Micah Xayavong, 9	

Cum laude

Johnathan Matney, 12	Colin Mather, 11	Mae Jacobs, 11	Micah Cortez, 11
Luke Libbey, 11	Emma Fritz, 10	Jack Duncan, 10	Jocelyn Walker, 10
Carrington Thackston, 10	Abby Burton, 10	Graham Kowalski, 10	Emma Kate Lovell, 9
Alara Gezen, 9	Luke Cordes, 9	Wyatt Renalds, 9	Gia Barlow, 9
Rosa East, 9			

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summa cum laude

Emma Haupricht, 8	Joel Ng, 8	Shilo Binder, 8	Charlotte McCarty, 8
Luke Hottle, 8	Joseph Robert, 8	Elora Williams, 8	John Sorenson, 7
Peter Brophy, 7	Naomi Rigg, 7	Christian Henson, 7	Charis Durand, 7
Kendall Morrell, 7			

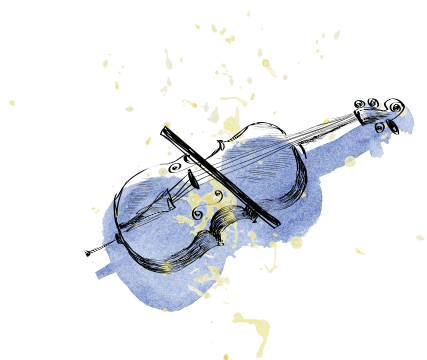
Magna cum laude

Michael Seckman, 8	Charlotte Libbey, 8	Olivia Fries, 8	Ian Gill, 8
Jojo Deyo, 7	Elena Andrade, 7	Joseph Lee, 7	

Cum laude

Alex Fuhr, 8	Jonah Chernov, 8	Ruby Helm, 8	Ignatius Knebel, 8
Avery Harrison, 8	Judah Weber, 8	Lucy Kirshberger, 7	Alaina Hilton, 7
Emma Christian, 7	Ava Boettger, 7	Reese Mahle, 7	Wyatt Cole, 7
Charlie Kershaw, 7	Britton Basten, 7	Elle Vollmer, 7	Josiah Thornhill, 7

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 Monday through Friday, **June 12 - 16** and **June 19 - 23**, 9am – 12pm. Students may attend one or both weeks. The cost is \$125 per week and payment should be made by check to “James Chambers Players.” Please contact Joe Nigro at jnigro@newcovenantschools.org if you have any questions regarding the camp.

bit.ly/NCS_StringsCamp



STAYFIT CAMP

Our annual StayFit Camp will be offered in two sessions this year for rising 1st-7th-grade New Covenant students. The first session will be held **June 19 - 29**. The second session will be held **July 10 - July 20**. The camp runs Monday through Thursday each week with no camp on Fridays. The cost is \$125 for one session for the first child and \$25 for each additional sibling. If you sign your students up for both sessions, the cost is \$200 for the first child and \$50 for each additional sibling. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account that must be paid by **June 15, 2023**. The deadline to sign up is **Friday, May 26**.

bit.ly/NCS_StayFit_Camp



AMERICAN GIRL CAMP

Rising 2nd – 5th-grade New Covenant girls, we would love to have you join us **Monday - Friday, June 12 - 16** from 9am - 1pm for our annual American Girl Camp! This year's doll is Maryellen Larkin. We will go back to the times of poodle skirts and saddle shoes as we explore post-WWII American culture through dancing, cooking and crafts. The cost is \$200 per student. You will be invoiced through your FACTS account and the fee must be paid by **June 15, 2023**. Camp registration ends on **May 26**, and the camp is limited to 15 girls. You will receive an email confirmation of a spot after registering. If you have any questions, please contact **Eliza Olson** at eolson@newcovenantschools.org.

bit.ly/NCS_AGD_Camp