



Varsity women Gryphons in action against Timberlake Christian on Friday.

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DEDICATION IN THE DELL – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

by John Heaton, Headmaster

During the summer months the Permanent Things Campaign provided funds for the development of the “dell,” that area of the back campus behind the Workman Field House below the service drive. (Many of you may not have seen or know the area very well, but there are large “Greek” steps which were installed about ten years ago.) This area has been scheduled for development as the Epic Hallway in the School of Rhetoric came on line last October. Those classrooms displaced students who used it for recess and outdoor games. All of that is being relocated to the dell and the project is

scheduled to be finished in September.

A steady rain pattern this summer slowed construction, which under normal circumstances would have taken only about six weeks to complete. Nevertheless, we will proceed with dedication ceremonies on **Friday, September 8** during the Back-to-School Picnic, which is also scheduled for that afternoon. We want to take the opportunity to thank all who contributed to the campaign to provide enough funding for both the classrooms and the dell, which have been completed with no incursion of debt. We are especially grateful to

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WHAT'S NEW?

New Video on Classical Education



New Covenant, in conjunction with **Adam Miller** (Penny – 5, Mia – 3) and Hello Studios, has released its latest short video. The piece helps us to understand classical education: its origin, its modes of education and its modes of disciplines. **Headmaster Heaton** clearly explains the *trivium* and *quadrivium* and dissects the value of grammar, dialect, and rhetoric in our students’ educational process. You may view the video on the homepage of our website www.newcovenantschools.org under “Understanding the Tradition” or on our Facebook page. It is about 10 minutes in length and is a perfect view with a cup of coffee or an afternoon snack. This is the second in a series of videos meant to affirm the classical tradition and its value. Thank you to Adam and his crew at Hello Studios for another quality production.

H O N O R A R I A

CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY



*Mae Jacobs
next to Virginia
Governor Glenn
Youngkin.*

This summer senior **Mae Jacobs** was selected to attend the 76th June session of Virginia Girls State. Virginia Girls State is a program of The American Legion Auxiliary, a nearly 100-year old community service organization. The goal is to teach rising high school seniors the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. Over the Fathers' Day weekend and following week, Mae was able to attend the event at Longwood University. Each morning, Mae tackled the difficult business of "governing" a city through city management, developing her leadership abilities and her interest in government.

Whether discussing housing projects or charities, the girls at this session worked together in their respective "cities" to accomplish real-world goals. In the afternoon, participants heard from various Virginia officials including state troopers, ROTC representatives, charity organizers, district delegates, and even the Virginia Governor himself, **Glenn Youngkin**.

ANNUAL PICNIC BACK-TO- SCHOOL

Friday September 8, 2023

4:30pm MS Girls' Volleyball vs. Lynchburg Homeschool

4:30pm MS Boys' Soccer vs. SW Virginia Homeschool

5:30pm JV Girls' Volleyball vs. Lynchburg Homeschool

FOOD SERVICE BEGINS | BOUNCE HOUSES OPEN

6:00pm Varsity Men's Soccer vs. SW Virginia Homeschool

6:45pm Varsity Women's Volleyball vs. Lynchburg Homeschool



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED	
Scholarship Foundation	\$300,000	<i>Pledged</i>	\$60,100
		<i>Received</i>	\$34,051

The New Covenant Schools Scholarship Foundation exists to provide scholarships for students who would not be able to attend our school without significant help. Individuals who donate to this fund receive a 65% tax credit to be used against state tax liabilities and may use the remaining 35% as a deduction on federal taxes if itemization occurs. This is a way to steward your tax money and use it for a child's education. Contact **Dayna Renalds** in the Development Office for more information.

EVERYONE

HAPPY
LABOR DAY

There will be no school
Monday, September 4.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Allison Creasy Photography will be on campus **Thursday, September 7** to take individual and class photos. Please make every effort to have your student on time and do not plan any appointments on this day, if possible. All photo ordering will be done online, and nothing is needed from you in advance. Senior class, individual formal and casual portraits will also be taken on this day, so please make sure to have a casual outfit in accordance with dress code guidelines, Thursday's school uniform, and your cap and gown.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

If you are available during the school day and wish to be on call as a substitute teacher, you may apply for the position and be added to our list of subs. If interested, go to the "Join Our Team" page on the school website and submit a faculty application online, omitting the essays.

LUNCH ORDERING

October lunch ordering will open **Friday, September 1 through Friday, September 15**. Please log in to the FACTS app or desktop account to place your orders. Pizza does not have to be preordered unless you require a gluten-free or dairy-free pizza, but please make sure your pre-pay account has funds. Loaded

baked potatoes are the featured item each Tuesday. Questions? Contact **Debbie Williamson** at dwilliamson@newcovenantschools.org.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Please join us **Wednesdays 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.

STUDENT ABSENCES/PICK-UP

If your child will be absent, please send an email by 9am to ncsoffice@newcovenantschools.org indicating the reason for their absence. If you need to pick up a student early for an appointment, email the time you need your student in the lobby. A parent or guardian must sign out all non-driving students, and if the student is returning to school, they must be signed back in. Parents who wish for their child to drive themselves to a medical or dental appointment during instructional time (a scheduled class period), regardless of grade, must provide written permission for each occasion. Driving students are required to sign in and out at the lobby desk.

GRYPHON OUTFITTERS

The school store is open each Thursday school is in session from 2:30-3:30pm. For any questions, please contact **Lara Haupricht** at Gryphonstore@newcovenantschools.org

RIDE SHARING

Be sure to update Facts Family Portal regarding who can pick up your child.

If someone comes to pick up your child and you have not given them permission in Facts Family Portal, we will be calling you to confirm the dismissal. To indicate who can pick up your child, log into Facts Family Portal, and go to: School > Web Forms > Family Demographic Form Transportation > Transportation Form. Enter those individuals who are allowed to transport your child. Click save when finished.

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

SAT TESTING

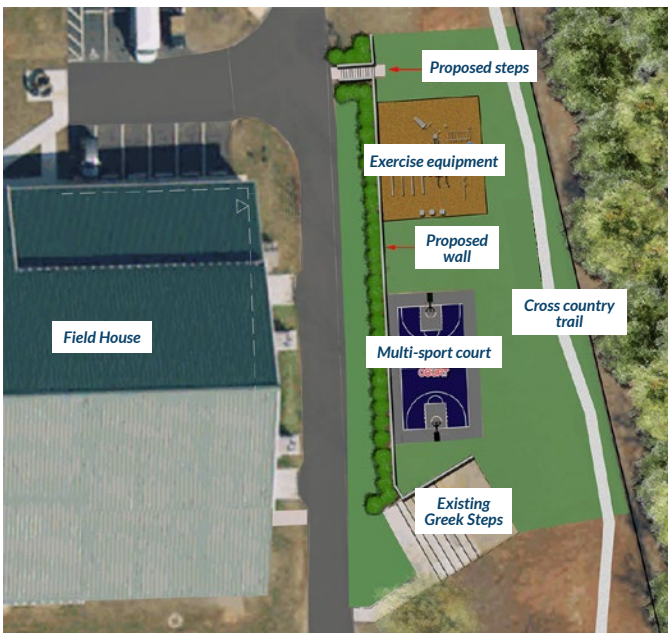
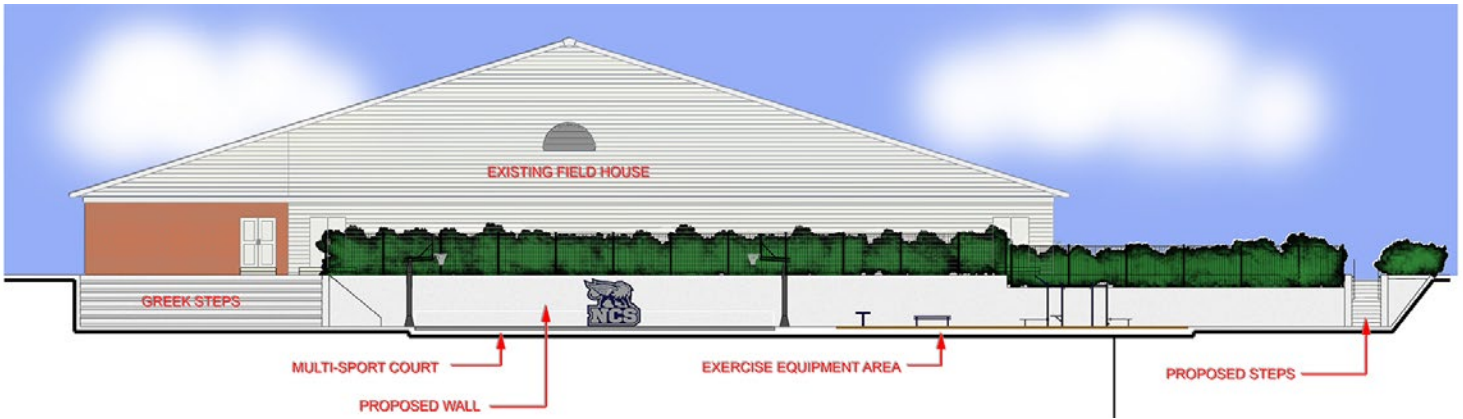
New Covenant will be proctoring the SAT for all interested seniors on **Thursday, October 26** during the school day. Seniors do not need to register online to take this test. Information regarding payment and other details will be sent at a later date.



Students supporting Lady Gryphons on Friday with a Neon Night cheering section.



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adjunct workout space to the Workman-Hall Fitness Center. There are steps near the fitness center exits which lead down to the bottom where the equipment will be located. In addition, we have paved an area which will serve as a space for all the recess fun and games. A basketball goal and a tennis wall are included.

Moreover, the cross-country team will enjoy an upgrade to this portion of their

trail, which traverses the dell. Crushed gravel will make for a smoother surface for the entire distance of the dell, and spectators will be able to utilize benches and a viewing area above the wall to see all the action as runners pass during home meets. The Greek steps will be made more useable with the installation of sail shades. Finally, the campaign has provided funding for the installation of two throwing areas by the existing garage for discus and shotput.

The Back-to-School Picnic is a fun event for the school community. Several home games in volleyball and soccer are

on the schedule, and there will be plenty of food to enjoy with your family. Games begin at 4:30pm and food service begins at 5:30pm (see schedule on page 2). We look forward to a great time of fun and fellowship with you.



Nancy and Warner Hall, whose generous lead gift made the project possible. We also thank **Phyllis Workman**, whose long support and generosity provided funds specifically for new exercise equipment, the installation of which will begin later this week, weather permitting.

The dell was expanded with a massive retention wall that added hundreds of useable square feet. It will include an outdoor gym, an apparatus that is designed for athletic training in fair weather. The equipment is large enough to provide workout space for thirty athletes simultaneously, and will serve as

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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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