



Varsity Men's Soccer (8-2-1) is ranked #5 in the initial VISAA Division III State Rankings. See them at home Friday at 5:00pm against Eastern Mennonite.

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DISCIPLINE AS DISCIPLESHIP

by John Heaton, Headmaster

During tours or admissions interviews I am often asked how our teachers handle discipline in the classroom. I always welcome the question. Parents are usually looking for clarity on our methods and approach when children need correction, but this is a very small part of discipline.

The word "discipline" is related to the word "disciple," and as such, we should understand correction in the larger context of making a disciple of Jesus. The first thing, therefore, is that the New Covenant classroom and the broader campus community is governed by a shared set of values

and moral commitments, chief among which are honesty, integrity, honoring parents and elders, and treating one's classmates as one would like to be treated. The Ten Commandments are clearly taught in classrooms and chapel. Classrooms are structured with particular rules that reflect these values, and clear expectations and boundaries are set forth from the first days of school.

We are not concerned, however, with merely obeying rules. Christian discipleship is not reducible to behavior modification. We are more concerned with a child's heart, teaching a child what to love

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WHAT'S NEW?

Two Ways to Save on Your Education Spending

Have you set up your VA 529 yet? What are you waiting for? It's free and very easy to do. Changes to the IRS tax code in recent years have expanded the use of the 529 to Kindergarten through high school education, for tuition purposes. You could be saving thousands of dollars simply by paying your educational bills through your 529. Not only that, you could also be using your state tax dollars to support the **New Covenant Scholarship Foundation**, instead of sending it to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Find out answers to all your questions about either of these two programs this Wednesday at 7:45am in the Library. **Dayna Renalds**, our Director of Development, can show you how.



H O N O R A R I A



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY —NO INFLATION HERE!!!



It's time to order yearbooks for 2023-24.

Your groceries may be more expensive, but our yearbook price will remain the same as last year! The first yearbook will be \$45 and additional yearbooks will be only \$30! **Our experience proves that the majority of parents appreciate when we automatically order one yearbook per family.**

However, you may opt out of ordering a yearbook. Please email **April Andrade** at aandrade@newcovenantschools.org if you **DO NOT** want to receive a yearbook this year.

If we do not hear from you before **October 19th**, your FACTS account will be charged \$45 for your family yearbook.

If you want additional yearbooks, we will do the ordering for you through the end of October. Please check your email for a Signup Genius where you can request to purchase additional yearbooks. After **October 31st**, additional books will be \$50 and must be ordered directly from Herff Jones.

SPORTS SCORES

Monday, September 18

MS VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	1
JRDS.....	2

MS VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	1
JRDS.....	2

Tuesday, September 19

VARSITY MEN'S SOCCER

New Covenant.....	7
Hargrave.....	0

MS VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	2
Temple.....	0

JV VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	2
Temple.....	0

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	3
Temple.....	0

Wednesday, September 20

VARSITY WOMEN'S TENNIS

Chatham Hall.....	3
New Covenant.....	6

Thursday, September 21

JR GRYPHONS VOLLEYBALL

Timberlake.....	2
New Covenant.....	1

MS VOLLEYBALL

Timberlake.....	0
New Covenant.....	2

JV VOLLEYBALL

Timberlake.....	2
New Covenant.....	1

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Timberlake.....	3
New Covenant.....	1

MS BOYS SOCCER

New Covenant.....	9
Faith Christian.....	2

VARSITY MEN'S SOCCER

New Covenant.....	5
Faith Christian.....	0

Friday, September 22

JV VOLLEYBALL

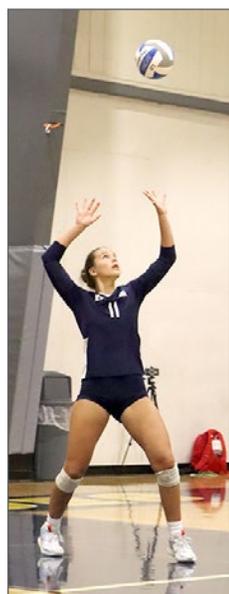
New Covenant.....	2
VES.....	0

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	3
VES.....	0

VARSITY MEN'S SOCCER

VES.....	0
New Covenant.....	0



WALKER EXCEEDS MILESTONE

Brielle Walker has eclipsed the 300 Kill benchmark for Varsity Volleyball this season, earning her a spot on the Volleyball Banner of Honor.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS AT NORTH CROSS 9/20

MS CROSS COUNTRY

Tinley Tucker – 1st Place
Eli Rose – 1st Place
Colton Buckner – 5th Place

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Gia Barlow – 2nd Place
Melia Leitner – 4th Place
Michael Seckman – 3rd Place

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Parents of students in K-8th grade are invited to bring household pets for a blessing from **Rev. Davidson Morse** on the afternoon of **Friday, October 6**. Please watch for specific details in next week's newsletter.

THANK YOU!

134 families have linked their **KROGER** card to New Covenant Schools. As a result, those families have earned \$973.77 for New Covenant from June to August 2023 just by shopping! We would encourage all our families and their relatives to join this program. To do so, simply visit www.kroger.com to create an account or sign in, select my account, then community rewards. Our organization number is **IX901**.

TEXT NOTIFICATION

New Covenant is implementing a new texting service that will be used to communicate with parents in the event of an emergency. This service will allow New Covenant to get messages out instantly to families directly via their cell phones, which has the highest visibility rate. In the next two weeks you will receive a text and/or email directly from Remind.com

(our texting service) letting you know you have been enrolled in our group. Please do not opt out. Opting out results in you missing potential emergency messages from our school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your student's school photos are now available! To order simply click on the links in the email from Hello@good.photova.com to view and order school photos. If you have not received your email, please check your junk/spam folder first and then email eolson@newcovenantschools.org. If your student was absent on picture day, retakes will be **Thursday, October 19**, and they will automatically be scheduled.

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN 2024-25

Now is the time to submit a student application if you intend for your child to begin Pre-K or Kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year. We offer early enrollment to our current families including our current Pre-K students. New sibling applications for all other grades are also being accepted. Your application for a new sibling will receive priority in our admissions process until **October 12, 2023**. Application is easy. Simply use this link to our website to begin: <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/admissions/apply-here/>.

[org/admissions/apply-here/](https://www.newcovenantschools.org/admissions/apply-here/). School tours are also open. If you would like to learn more about our Pre-K-12 program or know another family who is interested in our school, please use this link to schedule a tour <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/admissions/schedule-a-tour/> or contact **Linda Simon** in the admissions office by emailing lsimon@newcovenantschools.org.

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 27** or any **Wednesday in October at 7:45am** to hear from our Director of Development on how these programs work. You may reserve your spot here <https://bit.ly/FundingEducation2023>.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED
Scholarship Foundation	\$300,000	<i>Pledged</i> \$82,100 <i>Received</i> \$44,051

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.

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and what to value. It is important that we always articulate the moral reason “why” so that children connect their actions to the larger moral picture. Scripture equates correction with sustained teaching: “A fool despises his father’s instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.” (Proverbs 15:5 NKJV)

It is vital that the environment of the classroom and the daily routines of school are predictable. The rule/reward system should be clear to a student, and it should be perceived not only as fair, but fairly enforced. Predictable routines repeated over and over yield the benefit of habits, habits that become ingrained in a student, and in many cases begin to show up in places outside of school. (I have been told many times that, because of their good behavior, New Covenant students are identifiable in other contexts where they gather with friends, from birthday parties to youth groups.) Discipline is therefore a largely positive endeavor. It is concerned with habits of the heart which, over time, inform character and lead to self-discipline. With sustained practice a student begins to develop sensibilities, such as the ability to discern what is appropriate in a given situation even when a moral choice is not immediately in view.

So, back to the question that parents really want to know. What happens when a child needs correction, as they inevitably will? In cases where students trespass a boundary, teachers are first mindful that in addressing a child, no matter what the offense, a student’s dignity should remain intact. Gentle correction in which a young

student turns his “light” from green to yellow, often serves as tactile warning, letting a child know that he needs to practice self-governance. A “red light” will prompt a conversation with the teacher, and may issue in a visit to the Principal, and sometimes, though rarely, the Headmaster. In all serious cases, addressing a student privately is to be preferred.

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Discipline often entails sanctions, a response that is decidedly negative for a student in the moment. When such consequences are imposed, they must be offered in a supremely supportive manner. Teachers must make it clear to children and young people that they are loved and that their actions have consequences for themselves and others. In the moment, as Scriptures teaches, “no chastening seems to be joyful, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the

peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” (Heb 12:11 NKJV) This can be painful for parents, too, who are sometimes embarrassed or appalled at the actions their beautiful children managed to commit. It’s alright to feel this way, but be sure to support your child’s teacher and avoid making excuses for bad behavior.

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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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