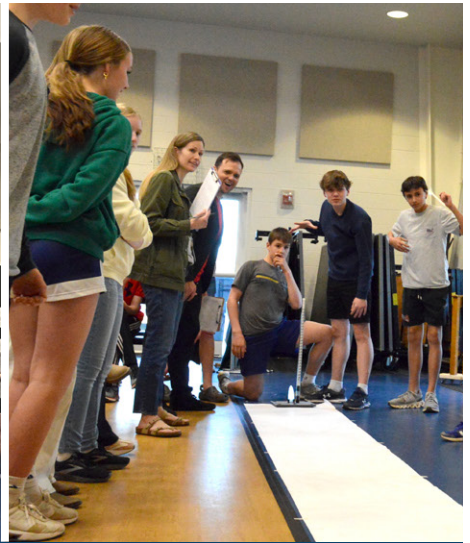




New Covenant students competed in science challenges during the Art & Science Fair last week.



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## HOLY WEEK

by Davidson Morse, Chaplain

If I were to ask you when New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas were, I bet you would all get a pretty good score on the quiz. The answers might get a little less confident if I asked when Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day fell in the calendar. I think that there would only be a very few who would know when dove, deer and turkey seasons opened or when the NASCAR race season begins. But there would be a few! When I was little, the only day I really looked forward to was my birthday, and I could tell you how long it would be

until my next one. Now, I don't really even care about that and am happy if I get tacos to celebrate.

But this points to the reality that human beings tell time in different ways, and we do so because we think that in marking the time we fill our lives with meaning. The Jews count the years from the beginning of the world, or *anno mundi*. The French Revolution restarted the French calendar to count years from the Revolution, even rejecting the seven-day week and replacing it briefly with a ten-day week. Since the 9th century, Western Civilization has counted years according to Christ's coming, popularly

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## WHAT'S NEW?

### Holy Week Services in the Marie Macdonald Chapel



Now that Lent is almost over, we are approaching Holy Week which is concurrent with our Spring Break. The school's affiliate parish, All Saints Church, will be celebrating this most holy time in the year with special services throughout the week. These begin with the service of the **Blessing of**

**the Palms this Sunday at 9am. Maundy Thursday, March 28,** services will be held at **7pm**. At this service we celebrate Jesus' giving the sacrament of the Holy Communion to his disciples along with the command that they should love each other as he had loved them. The next day is **Good Friday,** and


the service will begin at **noon**. This service commemorates the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus for the sins of the whole world. Finally, the **Easter Service, March 31,** will be held at **9am**. You are cordially invited to attend all our services.

# H O N O R A R I A

## ART FAIR WINNERS

### BEGINNER (4TH-6TH):

#### Mixed Media

1st: Penny Miller, 5th,  *Hogwarts Banner*

2nd: Ollie Brunett, 6th, ANYA

3rd: Lindyn Cannon, 6th, *Mirror Shot*

#### Painting

1st: Isaac Kolegue, 5th, *Log Cabin*

2nd: Elise Williams, 6th, *Orbital Sunrise*

3rd: William Marotta, 5th, *Rainbow Forest*

#### Photography

1st: Bertie Seckman, 4th, *Grand Teton National Park*

2nd: Bertie Seckman, 4th, *Yellowstone National Park*

#### Sculpture

1st: Elizabeth Nagy, 4th, *Tea Pot*

2nd: Elliot Watkins, 4th, *Untitled*

3rd: Abram Van Wynsberg, 4th, *Poke Ball*

#### Film

1st: William Marotta, *Rust-Eze 500* (Best in Show)

2nd: Chambers Robinson, 5th, *Lego Paint Ball*

3rd: Emilia and Elisabeth Andrade, 4th & 6th, *The Mushroom*

### INTERMEDIATE (7TH-9TH)

#### Mixed Media

1st: Charis Durand, 8th,  *HOPE*

2nd: Ruby Helm, 9th, *African Girl*

3rd: Michael Seckman, 9th, *John Wayne*

#### Painting

1st: Ruby Helm, 9th, *Zur* (Best in Show)

2nd: Ruby Helm, 9th, *Hills*

3rd: Morgan Eggleston, 7th, *Forest of Red*

#### Photography

1st: Ruby Helm, 9th, *Time Stops*

2nd: Michael Seckman, 9th, *Moab, Utah*

3rd: Emma Haupricht, 9th, *Mirror, Mirror*

#### Sculpture

1st: Bella Nickel, 7th, *Hunny Pot & Babees*

2nd: Bella Nickel, 7th, *Blue Bee*

#### Film


1st: Emma Christian, 8th, *School*

2nd: Eli Bonebright, 7th, *3 Shorts*

3rd: Morgan Eggleston & Gwen Kesler, 7th, *Stop Motion Candles*

### ADVANCED (10TH-12TH)

#### Mixed Media

1st: Claire Copenhagen, 12th,  *David* (Best in Show)

2nd: Breezy Knight, 10th, *CHOMP GULP*

3rd: Skye Heap, 10th, *Block Print*

#### Painting

1st: Gia Barlow, 10th, *Sunrise to Sunset*

#### Photography

1st: Beau Brady, 12th, *Sunset off Perrowville Rd*

2nd: Eva Andrade, 10th, *Castle in London*

3rd: Melia Leitner, 11th, *Airplane View*

#### Sculpture

1st: Lucas Gorman, 11th, *Sweet Honey Bear*

2nd: Kate McCurley, 12th, *Whale Shark*

3rd: Enoch Tan, 10th, *Corvid Quills*



Students view Art Fair film submissions.

## SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

### SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

1st place—Cameron Edwards, Lucas Gorman, Carrington Thackston

2nd place—Ellie Jacobs, Cora Helm, Caleb McCormick, Zach Dixon, Jack Duncan

3rd place—Kate McCurley, Mary Glenn Morse, Piper Knapton

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### 5th Grade Tall Towers

1st place team: "M.E.A.M.S"

Team members: Molly Lovell, Macy Vollmer, Avril Brunett, Sterling Moody, Eve Hilton

#### 6th Grade Bridge Building

1st place team: "I Don't Care"

Team members: Geno Kolegue, Rocco Higey, Alex Quaranta, Eli Leitner

#### 7th Grade Tower of Pasta

1st place team: "The Pirates"

Team members: Luke Ancona, Eli Bonebright, Judah Durand, Aydin Gezen

#### 8th Grade Straw Rockets

1st place team: "The Coriolis Effect"

Team members: Colton Buckner, Britton Basten, Joseph Lee

# E T C E T E R A

## EVERYONE

### ONLINE ENROLLMENT PACKET REVIEW

If you have not done so, please take a moment and complete the Online Enrollment Information Review Packet, which can be found on FACTS under Apply/Enroll or on the App under Online Enrollment Information Review. Completion of this review packet is mandatory for all returning students and **must be finalized by the end of the day today, Monday, March 18**. For details and instructions, refer to the email sent by **Linda Simon** on **Monday, March 4**. Please reach out to Linda at [Lsimon@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:Lsimon@newcovenantschools.org) with any questions.

### MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Our annual Moms' Night Out will be held on **Friday, April 5** from **5:30-10:00pm** at the comfortable offices of Dan and Rachel Vollmer, 221 Wiggington Road. The event is free and open to all moms. Come and enjoy the evening with us! To register click the following link: [https://bit.ly/moms\\_night2024](https://bit.ly/moms_night2024). See today's insert for more details.

### FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day will be on **Thursday, May 23**. This event is for our Grammar School students in grades K-4. If your student in grades K-4 will NOT be attending, please email **Amanda Gunn** at [amandaLgunn@gmail.com](mailto:amandaLgunn@gmail.com). Knowing who will or will not be here helps when dividing teams. 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: [https://bit.ly/Field\\_Day2024](https://bit.ly/Field_Day2024).

### REPORT CARDS

Parents will receive an email with a link to view student report cards this **Friday, March 22**.

### SPRING/EASTER BREAK

Spring/Easter Break will begin on **Monday, March 25** and continue through **Monday, April 1**. Students will return to school on **Tuesday, April 2**.

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Current and alumni women are invited to join the Ladies' Book Study on "*The Four Loves*" by C.S. Lewis. The study is facilitated by Davidson Morse and is held biweekly on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the New Covenant library. Meetings are scheduled for **April 4 & 18** and **May 2 & 16**. Before the first meeting on April 4, please read the following chapters: Introduction, Likings and Loves for the Sub-Human, and Affection. We look forward to seeing you there.

### HANDS & HEARTS

Thank you to those who have returned sponsorship packets to the office. Tickets will come home with the youngest student in each family on **April 8** and tickets will be collected at lunch from **April 9-11** with prize drawings to be held on **April 12**. If you have not returned your packet and would like to participate, please bring it to the office completed as soon as possible.

### EVENSONG

All Saints is hosting its final Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) this Wednesday beginning at 6.30pm in the Marie Macdonald Chapel. Each service is followed by a soup and salad supper in the Grammar School Commons. **Lukas Stock** will give a Lenten meditation after the supper. All are invited!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

The MS Council has planned a "kickoff" to spring break—a kickball tournament on **Wednesday, March 20**. The dress for the day is athletic or sweatpants or NCS gym shorts, team-colored shirts, and tennis

shoes. The tournament will be held 1:30-3:00pm with 5th playing 6th graders and 7th playing 8th graders.

## SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

### THESIS CELEBRATION

Seniors and their parents are invited to a celebratory reception with the SoR faculty on **Saturday, April 6** from 5:30 -7:00pm to celebrate their accomplishments. See email sent from **Starlet Baker** on **Tuesday, February 13** for more details. Contact **Tiffany Fulcher** at [tfulcher@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:tfulcher@newcovenantschools.org) with questions.

### EARLY DISMISSAL

All School of Rhetoric students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on **Friday, March 22** after the final thesis presentation.

### SHAKESPEARE PLAY

On **Thursday, March 21**, all 9th and 10th grade students will attend the American Shakespeare Center's production of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in Staunton, VA. They will leave at 8:00am and return at about 3:15pm. An email was sent out to all families of these students with details about the trip. Please contact **Gail Mitchell** at [gmitchell@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:gmitchell@newcovenantschools.org) if you have any questions.

### YEARBOOK—CALL FOR PHOTOS



Parents and students: The yearbook is looking for **photos of the kinds of things students do away from school**. We're looking for hobbies, part-time jobs, athletics, snow days, etc. Please email JPGs for consideration by **March 22** to **Mark Hernandez** at [mhernandez@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:mhernandez@newcovenantschools.org).

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presented as 'BC' and 'AD.' Each of these places the most important event in the story at the beginning, and count forward and backward from there. The point being that all subsequent time and the events occurring in that time must be understood in light of the inaugural impetus.

Christians, like the Jews, did one better than counting years from the beginning. They counted the seasons according to an annual celebration of God's revolutionary act within time and space. Passover was the spring feast in which the Jews remembered their release from 400 years of bondage, but it was also the reference point from which other feasts like Booths and Weeks would be calculated. Likewise, Christians from the very beginning of our story began counting the whole year according to Easter. Christians declared that Easter was the greater Passover and replaced the former as a shadow. So Paul could write to the Corinthians, "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Easter was the center of the year and the center of the Christian life.

But by the 4th century, Christians began keeping the week before Easter as 'Holy Week,' seven days set aside from the rest of the year to meditate solely upon the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus for the life of the world. And within that holiest week, three days that make up the *triduum sacrum* of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, the intent of this calendar was to invite the Christian community to participate in the last, great moments of the life of Christ. The passion accounts from each of the four gospels



were read in their entirety during the week. Maundy Thursday was named after the *mandare*, Jesus' new commandment given to his disciples that they should love one another in the same way that he would love them. As late as the 16th century, the kings and queens of England would wash the feet of their poorest subjects gathered in Westminster Abbey, and even into the 19th century they gave alms to the poor. The Lord's Supper was celebrated with the greatest solemnity, commemorating his last meal at Passover with his closest friends. The mood of the service on Good Friday changed from the warm intimacy of the upper room to the stark suffering of the Lord upon the cross. The altars in the churches were bare and the people offered prayers for the conversion of the nations, the ending of wars and peace among all men. And finally, the quiet stillness of the tomb hung over the devotions of Holy Saturday.

Those newly converted Christians or others who had been excluded from the company of the church for grievous sin made their last preparations to be admitted into the people of God. At

sundown they were dressed in white linen robes, and were greeted by choirs singing hymns of praise in the candlelit churches, where they would be baptized or restored to the community of faith. All of this led up to the delight of the Easter Communion service proclaiming, "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!"

The great American industrialist Lee Iacocca wrote, "If you want to make good use of your time, you've got to know what's most important and then give it all you've got." For 2,000 years Christians have been saying that the death and resurrection of

Jesus is the center of history, the most important thing. Take time to celebrate Holy Week this year with all you've got.

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS

# 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

## AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CAMP/ RISING 2ND - 5TH GRADE GIRLS / JUNE 3 - JUNE 7

The American Girl Doll Camp will run for one week, **Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 7** from 9am-12:30 pm. The week will be themed around the American Girl Doll, Kirsten Larson. Kirsten was a brave, steadfast pioneer girl growing up on the Minnesota prairie in 1854. The cost is \$225 and the deadline to sign up is May 19. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account that **must be paid by May 31, 2024**. This camp is limited to 15 girls and you will receive an email confirming a spot after registering. <https://forms.office.com/r/zn0iCbjKZ5>

## STRINGS CAMP/ RISING 4TH- 12TH GRADERS/ JUNE 3 - JUNE 7

**Joe Nigro** will lead one week of Strings Camp for rising 4th through 12th grade students. The camp will run **Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 7**, 9am-12pm. The cost is \$150 and payment should be made on the first day of camp. Checks should be made payable to "James Chambers Players". Please contact Joe Nigro at [jnigro@newcovenantschools.org](mailto:jnigro@newcovenantschools.org) if you have any questions regarding the camp. <https://forms.office.com/r/Nr1cAb3nTe>

## DRAMA CAMP 1 / SHAKESPEARE'S TAMING OF THE SHREW / RISING 7TH - 12TH GRADERS / JUNE 10 - JUNE 14

Come experience one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies, *The Taming of the Shrew*. This action filled camp will teach students basic stage combat, understanding of Shakespeare's language, and confidence as they bring these classic characters to life. Drama director Ethan Roberts will hold this camp for one week, **Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14** from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$250 and the **deadline to sign up is May 24**. After completing the

registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account that **must be paid by June 7, 2024**. A performance will be held on the evening of **June 14**. <https://forms.office.com/r/Ff6uTYG0jM>

## DRAMA CAMP 2 / DOROTHY AND THE WIZARD OF OZ / RISING 3RD - 6TH GRADERS / JUNE 17 - JUNE 21

Will Dorothy and Toto ever find their way back to Kansas? Will her friends, the Scarecrow, The Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion ever find a brain, a heart and the nerve? This short play is a joy to perform for all ages. Students will learn to work collaboratively as we bring Oz to the stage **Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21** from 9am-1pm. The cost is \$200 and the **deadline to sign up is May 24**. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account that **must be paid by June 7, 2024**. A performance will be held on the evening of **June 21**. <https://forms.office.com/r/YwD51kcHRU>

## STAYFIT CAMP / RISING 1ST - 7TH GRADERS / TWO SESSIONS

Our annual StayFit Camp will be offered in two sessions this year. The first session will be held **June 17-27**, Monday through Thursday each week with no camp on Fridays. The second session will be held **July 8-18**, Monday through Thursday each week with no camp on Fridays. The cost is \$150 for a two week session for the first child in a family and \$50 for each additional sibling. The cost is \$250 for a four week session for the first child in a family and \$75 for each additional sibling. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, May 24**. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account that **must be paid by June 14, 2024**. <https://forms.office.com/r/gh8f7HnS4W>

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# MOMS' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5  
5:30-10:00PM

Our annual Moms' Night  
Out will be held on Friday,  
April 5 from 5:30-10:00pm  
in the comfortable offices  
of Dan and Rachel Vollmer

Dwell Realty  
221 Wiggington Road



## **Keith McCurdy with Total Life**

Counseling will be kicking off the evening by helping us think about how to build sturdy children in practical ways. Keith visited our school in the fall and left us with valuable advice as parents. He will be able to take questions and give answers moms can use in daily interactions with children.

Afterwards, there will be plenty of time to eat and relax while playing trivia and board games. The event is free and open to all moms. Come and enjoy the evening with us!

To register click the following link: [https://bit.ly/moms\\_night2024](https://bit.ly/moms_night2024)