



Grammar School students get a glimpse of a rare solar eclipse last Monday.

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HANDS & HEARTS BLESSES OUR COMMUNITY, SHAPES OUR STUDENTS

by John Heaton, Headmaster

This Wednesday marks the 11th annual Hands & Hearts project. If you're new to our community you might not realize what a massive effort it is, involving over 400 students and a small army of parent volunteers. Each year **Dayna Renalds**, our Development Director, and a small committee of parents seek out nonprofit organizations for targeted work projects that can be accomplished by our students, and this year's projects are significant.

In the early years, some of these organizations

were skeptical of our ability to mobilize and manage our children productively. Who wants 150 grammar school students on their property for four hours? Yikes! We made believers out of them, however, with unbelievable logistical planning, support, transportation, and small groups led by volunteer parents. We have been able to set hundreds of hands and hearts to tasks that were overwhelming to the recipients. Our students have astounded the leadership of organizations such as the Salvation

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WHAT'S NEW?

Hands & Hearts This Week

Our Hands & Hearts service day will be this **Wednesday, April 17**. 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 usually becomes warm 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.

H O N O R A R I A

HANDS & HEARTS T-SHIRT 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 teachers **Michael Dunaway** and **Hattie Eshleman** devote class time to give students space for focusing and encourage students to incorporate the Hands & Hearts logo into each entry. They receive many beautiful entries which are narrowed down to semifinalists. Our School of Rhetoric house heads selected five finalists from which the final

winner is chosen. Congratulations to all of those who were chosen and to 6th grade student **Eliza Manley** 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.

Eliza Manley



HANDS & HEARTS PRIZE WINNERS

- BUCKET 1 - \$100 added to your family's lunch account - **Evie Hayden**
- BUCKET 2 - Crafting package - **Prescott Nivens**
- BUCKET 3 - \$45 gift certificate to Bark Box.com - **Avery Hinson**
- BUCKET 4 - Mr. Heaton's Scooter for day - **Abby Pieleck**
- BUCKET 5 - Sherpa Saucer Chair - **Atticus Dyer**
- BUCKET 6 - Mystery gift - **Arden Shesko**
- BUCKET 7 - \$100 Sheets Z-Card - **Melia Leitner**
- BUCKET 8 - Ice Cream party for your class or homeroom - **Charlotte McCarty**
- BUCKET 9 - Sports package - **Harper Daly**
- BUCKET 10 - Portable cabana - **Kale Anderson**
- BUCKET 11 - Pack of Play-doh with assorted shapes and tools - **Amelia Andrade**
- BUCKET 12 - Zeebo 33 micro fishing pole with a small tackle box and extra fishing line - **Buxton Novack**
- BUCKET 13 - Groove.on wireless party speaker with LED lights - **Fiora Grey**
- BUCKET 14 - Stingray Squishmallow - **Berkley Coleman**
- BUCKET 15 - Luna's keeper for a half day of school - **Elizabeth Waugh**
- BUCKET 16 - Sterling Silver pendant necklace - **Zoe Hart**
- BUCKET 17 - \$50 Chick-fil-A gift card - **Casey Sharrett**
- BUCKET 18 - NASCAR package - **Matthew Renalds**
- BUCKET 19 - Lego Technic John Deere Forage Harvester - **Patrick Marchant**
- BUCKET 20 - Stanley 30 oz. water tumbler - **Alex Pemberton**
- BUCKET 21 - Meanwhile Back on the Farm gold leather sling bag - **Scott Fitts**
- BUCKET 22 - Two one-day museum admission passes to the Creation Museum/The Ark - **Ellie Wittcop**
- BUCKET 23 - Large outdoor trampoline with net enclosure - **Audrey White**



Students with their Hands & Hearts prizes awarded on Friday.

EVERYONE

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

The Middle School is proud to present *Peter Pan* on **May 10 at 7pm & May 11 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm** in the Moomaw Center. To order tickets visit www.newcovenantschools.org/ncs-tickets/.

General admission tickets are \$12, New Covenant students, staff & alumni are \$7 and senior citizens are \$10.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Parents will receive an email with a link to view student progress reports on **Wednesday, April 24**.

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 17**. Everything donated will



APRIL BREATHER

There will be no school on **Monday, April 22**. Enjoy the break!

be taken to the Salvation Army and processed by our students during Hands & Hearts. It will be well used by those in our community.

LUNCH ORDERING

It's time to order lunch for May. It's the last time this school year, so don't delay! **The deadline to order lunch is this Friday, April 19**. Featured items include the Gryphon Griddler, Hot Dogs, and Chicken Nuggets. May has a few field trips, so don't order for those days. Kindergarteners and Seniors end the year a little earlier than the rest, so you may need to adjust your orders accordingly.

HANDS & HEARTS

Thank you to all the families who have returned sponsorship packets and to all the volunteers who have made the planning of Hands & Hearts a success. Student assignments and parent driver information will be sent out today, **Monday, April 15**, by email.

THANK YOU

Over 100 families participated in the Kroger Community Rewards Program last quarter. New Covenant Schools was the recipient of \$942! Thank you to all who participated. To link your Kroger Plus Card with New Covenant Schools, visit www.kroger.com to create an account or sign in and choose community rewards. Our organization code is IX901.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day will be on **Thursday, May 23**. Parent volunteers are needed to make this fun day possible! If you would like to participate as a volunteer, please signup via Signup Genius at this link: https://bit.ly/Field_Day2024. Please make sure to select a t-shirt size when signing up. This event is for our students in grades K-4. If your student will NOT be attending, please email Amanda Gunn at amandaLgunn@gmail.com. Knowing who will or will not be here helps when dividing teams.

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

CLASSIC LEARNING TEST 10 (CLT10)

New Covenant will be proctoring the spring CLT10 for sophomores on **Tuesday, April 16** during the school day. Sophomores do not need to register online to take this test.

SAT TESTING

New Covenant will be proctoring the spring SAT for juniors on **Tuesday, April 23** during the school day. Juniors do not need to register online to take this test. Information regarding payment and other details have been emailed.



Students painting at the Monacan Indian Nation in 2023.



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Army, The Arc, and Rush Homes, who now call us back hoping that we will return each year for the next project.

The Hands & Hearts project blesses others in our community, but it accomplishes so much more for our students. When we pause to imagine what our children will grow up to be, our vision includes a person who is generous and rich in good works. We spell this out in our “Portrait of the Graduate” which captures our deliberate attempt to model and motivate our students into habits of serving others (view the whole portrait here: www.newcovenantschools.org/about/portrait-of-a-graduate/).

It’s easy to be a consumer. Learning to be “other-oriented,” empathetic, and willing to serve is a much harder quality

and must be cultivated. Our projects this year include the organizations listed below.

- Pre-K, K, 1st grade – New Covenant Schools – completing tasks for the Salvation Army
- 2nd grade – Old City Cemetery
- 3rd grade – Lynchburg Grows
- 4th grade– Compassion Church
- 5th grade – Salvation Army
- 6th grade – World Help
- 7th grade – The Arc
- 8th grade – Monacan Indian Nation
- School of Rhetoric Houses – Salvation Army, Rush Homes, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, Simpkins family, Mission Thrift, New Covenant Schools

We wish to thank all of you who engaged family and friends to sponsor our students. Your donations enable us to go to these sites with supplies and equipment so that our presence requires limited expenses from the organizations we serve. The project also raises money for New Covenant. This is one of the largest community projects we accomplish, and we appreciate your participation in it. Let us go forth, generous and rich in good works.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	TOTAL RAISED
<i>Hands & Hearts</i>	\$50,000	\$43,984

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.

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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



Peter Pan

May 10 – 7pm

May 11 – 2 & 7pm

Moomaw Center

Scan here for ticket info
or go to newcovenantschools.org



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2024 SUMMER CAMPS

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CAMP

RIISING 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 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

RIISING 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 if you have any questions regarding the camp. <https://forms.office.com/r/Nr1cAb3nTe>

DRAMA CAMP 1

SHAKESPEARE'S *TAMING OF THE SHREW*

RIISING 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

JUNE 10 - JUNE 14

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

RIISING 3RD - 6TH GRADERS

JUNE 17 - JUNE 21

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

RIISING 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>