



IN FAVOR OF POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

by John Heaton, Headmaster

The familiar tune, *Pomp and Circumstance*, was composed by Edward Elgar in 1901 and was the first piece in the recessional music for the coronations of both George VI and Elizabeth II. Written in steady 4/4 time, it is perfect for marching in procession, and its stately quality adds solemnity to any formal gathering. It has since been commonly used at virtually all high school and most college graduation ceremonies, the first on June 28, 1905, at Yale.

In the course of a life, there are great transitions when the choice of words and music ought to be chosen with care. We could name many, but here are the four most important ones: birth, coming of age, marriage, and death. Each occasion needs its own kind of speech and ceremony—birth, in which we name children and bless them, either through dedication or baptism. We say important things that create a future where none existed. Then there is the transition to vocation as one comes of age. This

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WHAT'S NEW?

Hands & Hearts Drawing Winners

Bucket 1—FloatTunes inflatable pool float with waterproof speaker plus beach towel: **Bracken Nichols**

Bucket 2—Ice Cream party for your class or homeroom: **Myra McCarty**

Bucket 3—Lilly Pulitzer belt bag and an Ulta Gift Card: **AJ Iovenetti**

Bucket 4—Whistle football and LED Light Blaze Rocket Launcher: **William Marotta**

Bucket 5—Set of various books – Seek and Find, jokebook about dogs, word search: **Jackie Fitzgerald**

Bucket 6—Mystery gift: **Sophie Davidson**

Bucket 7—Sharper Image Rampage Renegade remote control car: **Breydin Hite**

Bucket 8—Bellzi Stuffed Gryphon: **Sophia Nardi**

Bucket 9—Shark lantern and a Chick-Fil-A gift card: **Morgan Eggleston**

Bucket 10—Maverick Mini Lacrosse Set: **Benji Howell**

Bucket 11—Nerf Pro gun: **Rebecca Chernova**

Bucket 12—\$50 Starbucks gift card: **Tinley Tucker**

Bucket 13—Stay-Fit Camp Registration (up to 3 students): **Eleanor Barry**

Bucket 14—Portable Ice Bath Therapy and Everlast barrel roller: **Matthew Renalds**

Bucket 15—Lego Great Pyramid of Giza: **Jacob Neely**

Bucket 16—4 general admission tickets to Kings Dominion: **Josiah Thornhill**

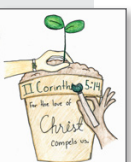
Bucket 17—Bunch-o balloons Water Slide Wipeout: **Burkett Neel**

Bucket 18—Large brown stuffed bear: **Jude Smith**

Bucket 19—Nutribullet Pro: **Zack Winters**

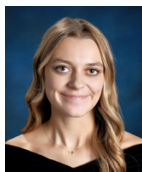
Bucket 20—Yeti cooler: **Laken Harbour**

T-Shirt design winner—7th Grader **Kalisteth Burrows**



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NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS—CLASS OF 2025



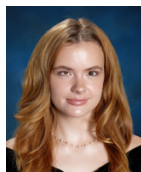
ELLIE BONEBRIGHT

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Basketball 2 | Soccer 4

Recognition: Magna cum laude Honors 1

Thesis Title: "The Differences Between Private and Foster Care Adoption: How Private Adoption Impacts Foster Care"



ABIGAIL BURTON

Entered New Covenant: 2nd Grade

Co-Curricular: Track and Field 1 | Tennis 1

Recognition: Art Fair 1st place - Painting 2, Best in Show | Gryphon Award - Tennis | Cum laude Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Toxic Dependence: The Undeniable Consequences of the War on Drugs on Black Americans"



JAMES BROPHY

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Track and Field 1 | Boys Soccer 4 | Lacrosse 4 | Panache Cast 1 | House Council

Recognition: All-Conference 2nd Team Soccer 2 | All-State 1st Team Soccer 2 | MIP, MVP Soccer | National Latin Exam cum laude 1, maxima 1, summa 1 | Magna cum laude Honors 1 | Summa cum laude Honors 2

Thesis Title: "The Solitude Solution: The Benefits of Spending Time Alone"



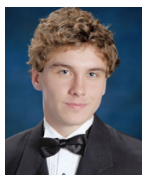
ELIZABETH DENEEN

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Volleyball 4 | Soccer 4 | Panache Cast 4 | House Council

Recognition: MIP, MVP Volleyball | Magna cum laude Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Wired for Worry: How the Effects of Social Media and Parental Coddling Have Caused Gen Z to Become Known as the Anxious Generation"



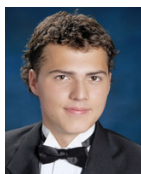
JOHN BROPHY

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Soccer 4 | Lacrosse 2 | Panache Cast 1

Recognition: All-State 2nd Team Soccer | Gryphon Award Soccer | National Latin Exam cum laude 1, maxima 1, summa 1 | Poetry Recital Finalist 1 | Summa cum laude Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Redefining Humanity: The Case for Full Human Status of all Members of the Genus Homo"



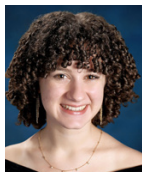
JACKSON DUNCAN

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Soccer 4 | Lacrosse 4

Recognition: MIP Soccer | Magna cum laude Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Recreational Hunting: An Ethical and Effective Strategy for Balancing Conservation and Wildlife Population Management"



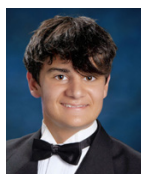
ELIZABETH BRYANT

Entered New Covenant: 6th Grade

Co-Curricular: Cross Country 2 | Panache Cast 4

Recognition: Best Actress Award | District Chorus 2 | National Latin Exam cum laude 1, maxima 1 | Poetry Recital Finalist 3 | Magna cum laude Honors 2 | Summa cum laude Honors 1

Thesis Title: "One Myth to Rule Them All: How Christ is the Fulfillment of All Myths and Stories"



CAMERON EDWARDS

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Soccer 4

Recognition: All-Conference 2nd Team Soccer

Thesis Title: "Self-Driving Cars: Would You Be Willing to Let Go of the Wheel?"

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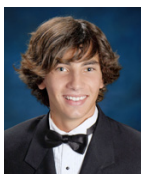
**EMMALYN FRITZ**

Entered New Covenant: 6th Grade

Co-Curricular: Basketball 3 | Soccer 4 | Panache Tech 3

Recognition: All-Conference 2nd Team Soccer | All-State 1st Team Soccer | Art Fair 3rd place - Painting | Panache Drama Award | *Cum laude* Honors 1 | *Magna cum laude* Honors 2

Thesis Title: "The Athlete's Journey: Navigating the Struggle to Build and Maintain a Healthy Athletic Identity Within Sports and Beyond, Through Effective Mentorship, Personal Reflection, and Player Development Programs"

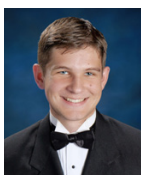
**LUCAS GORMAN**

Entered New Covenant: 8th Grade

Co-Curricular: Golf 3 | Basketball 4 | Soccer 4 Lacrosse 1

Recognition: All-Conference 1st team Soccer | All-Conference 2nd Team Soccer | All-State 1st Team Soccer | Art Fair 1st place - Sculpture | MIP Golf | *Cum laude* Honors 1

Thesis Title: "What Is NIL? The Transformation of Collegiate Sports"

**COREY HACKENBRACHT**

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 2 | Soccer 4 | Lacrosse 4 | Panache Cast 3

Recognition: Best Actor Award | MIP Lacrosse | MVP Soccer | National Latin Exam *maxima cum laude* 1 | Panache Drama Award | Poetry Recital Finalist 4, Class Winner 2 | *Summa cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Saladin: A Christian's Vindication of a Muslim Conqueror"

**CORA HELM**

Entered New Covenant: 6th Grade

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 3 | Tennis 3 | Literary Magazine Staff 1 | Mexico Missions Trip | Soccer 3 | Panache Cast 4 | House Council 2, President 1

Recognition: Art Fair 1st place - Photography | Art Fair 2nd place - Mixed Media, Sculpture | Best Actress Award | ESU Shakespeare Competition 1st place | Gryphon Award - Tennis | National Latin Exam *cum laude* 1 | Optimist Club Theatre Award | Poetry Recital Finalist 2 | William & Mary Leadership Award | *Summa cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Beyond Mimesis: How Stories Are Writing You"

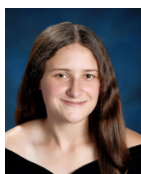
**GRACE HENDRICKSEN**

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Track and Field 3 | Volleyball Manager 1

Recognition: *Cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "The Reevaluation of Custody Laws and their Dangers: The Case for Federal Mandates to Protect Children and Families from Inconsistent Legal Practices"

**ELISE JACOBS**

Entered New Covenant: 8th Grade

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 3 | Engineering Mentoring Program | Track and Field 4 | Tennis 1 | Basketball 4 | Soccer 4 | Panache Tech 4 | House Council VP

Recognition: All-Conference 1st team Soccer 2 | All-Conference Track & Field | All-State 1st Team Soccer 2 | Art Fair 1st Place - Mixed Media | Art Fair 2nd place - Mixed Media | MIP Tennis | MVP Soccer 2 | National Latin Exam *magna cum laude* 2 | DAR Good Citizen Award | *Summa cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Shaping Reality: The Disinformation Problem in American Elections and How to Cure It"

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GRAHAM KOWALSKI

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Tennis 4 | Engineering Mentoring Program

Recognition: All-Conference 2nd Team - Tennis | MVP Tennis | *Cum laude* Honors 1 | *Magna cum laude* Honors 1

Thesis Title: "The Origin of Matter: A Review of Baryogenesis Models"



MARY PLACE

Entered New Covenant: 7th Grade

Co-Curricular: Track and Field 2 | Panache Cast 2 | Literary Magazine Staff 1

Recognition: Art Fair 1st place - Photography | Art Fair 2nd place - Painting 2 | Art Fair 3rd place - Painting | *Magna cum laude* Honors 2

Thesis Title: "A New and Improved Journalism: How Joan Didion Helped to Transform a Genre"



MELIA LEITNER

Entered New Covenant: 8th grade

Co-Curricular: Track and Field 4 | Cross Country 3 | Basketball 4 | Work-Study Aide 2 | Yearbook 2, Copy Editor 1

Recognition: All-Conference Track & Field | Art Fair 3rd place - Photography | Gryphon Award Cross Country | MVP Track & Field | MVP JV Basketball 2 | National Latin Exam *magna cum laude* 2, *maxima* 1 | *Summa cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Super-Size Sons: The Causes and Solutions of Childhood Obesity in the United States"

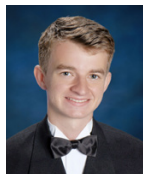


REESE RICHARDSON

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: Track and Field 3 | Volleyball 2

Thesis Title: "The Unrealized Effects of Social Media on the Brain"



NOAH MCCORMICK

Entered New Covenant: Kindergarten

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 3 | Basketball 4 | Mexico Missions Trip | Cross Country 4 | Lacrosse 4 | House Council

Recognition: Gryphon Award Basketball 2 | MIP Cross Country 2 | National Latin Exam *magna cum laude* 1 | *Magna cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "The Hidden Struggles of Professional Athletes: Navigating Role Model Pressure, Mental and Physical Challenges, and Performance Stress"



JOHN SCRUGGS

Entered New Covenant: 9th Grade

Co-Curricular: Engineering Mentoring Program | AMC Math Competition 1 | Cross Country 1 | Lacrosse 3 | Swim 2

Recognition: *Magna cum laude* Honors 2 | *Summa cum laude* Honors 1

Thesis Title: "The Cosmic Question: An Analysis of the Possibility of Extraterrestrial Life"



JENNA NG

Entered New Covenant: 2nd Grade

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 3 | Tennis 3 | Work Study Aide 3 | Panache 2 | Yearbook 2, Editor 1 | Literary Magazine Editor-in-Chief 3

Recognition: National Merit Scholar | Art Fair 2nd place - Mixed Media 2 | Classic Learning Test 10 Distinguished Scholar | National Latin Exam *maxima cum laude* 2, *summa cum laude* 1 | Panache Drama Award | Poetry Recital Finalist, Class Winner 1 | *Summa Cum Laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Seeing Beyond Black and White: The Necessity for Affirmative Action and Diversity Policies in the United States Today"



DECLUND STEVENSON

Entered New Covenant: 4th Grade

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 3 | Panache Cast 1 | Engineering Mentoring Program Swim 4

Recognition: All-Conference Swim 4 | Best Actor Award | MVP Swim 2 | National Hispanic Recognition Program | National Latin Exam *summa cum laude* 1 | Poetry Recital Finalist 2 | *Magna cum laude* Honors 1 | *Summa cum laude* Honors 2

Thesis Topic: "Justice Has Been Done: Providing a Just War Theory for Targeted Killing"



CARRINGTON THACKSTON

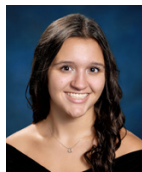
Entered New Covenant: 8th Grade

Co-Curricular: Soccer 3 | Lacrosse 1

Recognition: District Chorus 1 | MIP Soccer | *Cum laude* Honors 2

Thesis Topic: "Music on the Brain: Neuroscience, Human Behavior, and Ethics"

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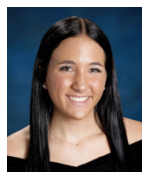
EMILY TRAUTMAN

Entered New Covenant: 6th Grade

Co-Curricular: Volleyball 4 | Swim 4

Recognition: Art Fair 2nd place - Photography | Gryphon Award Swim 2 | MIP JV Volleyball | National Latin Exam *cum laude* 1 | *Cum laude* Honors 1

Thesis Topic: "Shifting Minds: The Impact of the Pandemic on Adolescent Mental Health"



JOCELYN WALKER

Entered New Covenant: 1st Grade

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 1 | Basketball 4 | Volleyball 4 | Soccer 4

Recognition: All Conference 1st Team Volleyball 3 | All-Conference 2nd Team Basketball 1 | All-State 2nd Team Basketball 1 | All-State 2nd Team Volleyball 3 | All-Area 2nd Volleyball Team (News & Advance) | Gryphon Award Basketball | MVP Basketball | MVP Volleyball | National Latin Exam *cum laude* 1 | *Magna cum laude* Honors 2 | *Summa cum laude* Honors 1

Thesis Title: "Infant Baptism Versus Believer's Baptism: A Comparative Analysis of the Theological Debate and Practical Implications—An Argument for Paedobaptism and How It Is Not Necessary for Salvation"



AUBREY WELCH

Entered New Covenant: 2nd Grade

Co-Curricular: AMC Math Competition 1 | Volleyball 4 | Soccer 1 | Work-Study Aide 1 | Panache Cast 4 | House Council

Recognition: Best Actress Award | National Latin Exam *maxima cum laude* 2 | Optimist Club Theatre Award | Poetry Recital Finalist 2, Jefferson Cup Winner 1 | *Summa cum laude* Honors 3

Thesis Title: "Divine Design: An Exploration of Scripture's Vision of the Role of Women According to Traditional Biblical Womanhood and Its Enduring Influence on Gender in Society"

CLASS OF 2025 | COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Members of the Class of 2025 have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Aberystwyth University (Wales)
American University
Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Bridgewater College
Butler University
Carson-Newman University
Cedarville University
Central Virginia Community College
Christopher Newport University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Flagler College
Fordham University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University
High Point University
Indiana University- Bloomington
James Madison University
Lehigh University
Liberty University
Longwood University
North Carolina State University
Old Dominion University
Purdue University
Radford University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Southern Methodist University
The Citadel
University of North Carolina - Greensboro
University of Alabama
University of Lynchburg
University of Maryland - College Park
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of Virginia
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
West Virginia University
Whitworth University
William & Mary

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2026 MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Total Merit Scholarships offered: **\$3,600,750**
Total 1st year Merit Scholarships accepted: **\$391,100**

NAMED MERIT SCHOLARS

ELIZABETH BRYANT | *Liberty University*, Academic Scholarship, VA High Achievers Scholarship

ABIGAIL BURTON | *Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*, Presidential Scholarship, Women of Excellence Award | *Montana State University*, Achievement Award | *Butler University*, Academic Scholar | *Flagler College*, Presidential Merit Award, Make History Scholarship | *Indiana University - Bloomington*, Dean's Scholarship | *Liberty University*, Academic Scholarship, VA High Achievers Scholarship

ELIZABETH DENEEN | *Randolph-Macon College*, Presidential Scholarship

JACKSON DUNCAN | *Bridgewater College*, Trustee Scholarship | *Liberty University*, Academic Scholarship, VA High Achievers Scholarship | *Coastal Carolina University*, Presidential Scholarship, University Scholar Award

EMMALYN FRITZ | *Cedarville University*, President's Scholar Award, Bold Leader Scholarship | *Carson-Newman University*, Academic Scholar

COREY HACKENBRACHT | *Liberty University*, Liberty Academic Scholarship, VA High Achievers Scholarship

CORA HELM | *Clemson University*, Honors College Scholarship | *NC State*, Academic Grant/Honors College | *Appalachian State*, Academic Scholarship/Honors College

ELISE JACOBS | *United State Naval Academy* | *University of Michigan*, NROTC scholarship | *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*, RPI Leadership Scholarship

GRAHAM KOWALSKI | *University of Maryland - College Park*, Academic Scholarship

MELIA LEITNER | *Coastal Carolina University*, Presidential Scholarship and HTC Honors

NOAH MCCORMICK | *Gardner-Webb University*, Achievement Scholarship | *Bridgewater College*, Trustee Scholarship | *Liberty University*, Liberty Academic Scholarship, VA High Achievers Scholarship

JENNA NG | *Vanderbilt University*, Curb Leaders Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship

MARY PLACE | *American University*, Dean's Scholarship | *Elon University*, Presidential Scholarship | *Emerson College*, Trailblazer Scholarship, Beantown Scholarship | *Fordham University*, Jogues Scholarship |

Christopher Newport University, Presidential Leadership Program | *Randolph-Macon College*, Presidential Scholarship | *University of Pittsburgh*, Panther Pride Award | *George Washington University*, Presidential Scholarship, University & Alumni Award

JOHN SCRUGGS | *University of South Carolina-Columbia*, Merit Award | *Southern Methodist University*, Second Century Scholarship | *University Tennessee-Knoxville*, Volunteer Scholarship

DECLUND STEVENSON | *United States Naval Academy* | *Auburn University*, Academic Presidential Scholarship | *Virginia Military Institute*, NROTC (Marine option) scholarship

CARRINGTON THAXTON | *West Virginia University*, Climb Higher Scholarship

EMILY TRAUTMAN | *High Point University*, High Point Scholarship | *University of Alabama*, UA Competitive Achievement Scholarship

AUBREY WELCH | *Longwood University*, Presidential merit scholarship, Cormier Honors College scholarship | *UNC-Greensboro*, Blue and Gold scholarship | *Radford University*, Highlander Distinction Scholarship

FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED
Annual Fund	\$120,000	\$155,399
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$130,008
Scholarship Foundation	\$300,000	Pledged \$486,675 Received \$465,164
Hands and Hearts	\$50,000	\$53,834

Thank you for your gifts to New Covenant Schools. Donations continue to be accepted throughout the year and may be given 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.

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is usually followed by marriage. When a man and woman are married, there is a pronouncement, “I now pronounce you husband and wife.” It doesn’t just describe something; it makes something new happen. Finally, at death we pronounce commendations, farewells and committals.

These acts are not casual. They command reality and change relationships. This is why ceremony and ritualized speech are absolutely necessary: they mark and transform life’s critical transitions. The liturgies we use in special moments is a way of managing and ordering time, giving form to the turning points in human and community life. Without liturgical forms—blessings, prayers, vows, and declarations, we, as humans, get lost in time. If all days and occasions are the same, and we fail to recognize the priority of certain moments, we flatten time and diminish its meaning. At each of

these points, formal speech and public rituals are not just optional—they are essential to being truly human. They allow individuals to be received, sent, united, or released by the community. Conversely, a life without ceremony is a life that cannot properly recognize beginning, initiation, transformation, or conclusion.

We have lost much of this in modern life, which has emptied ceremonies of their real power. I notice that weddings and funerals are notably “democratized.” It’s not that they lack expressions of sentiment; rather, they often fail to include the very things which need to be said. Holy thoughts need holy words, words that are somehow removed from the business of the world, composed



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2025 SUMMER CAMPS

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CAMP

Rising 2nd–5th Grade Girls | June 9–June 13

The American Girl Doll Camp will run for one week, Monday, June 9 – Friday, June 13 from 9am–12:30 pm. The cost is \$250 and the deadline to sign up is May 16. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account by May 30. This camp is limited to 12 girls and you will receive an email confirming a spot after registering.

FULL

DRAMA CAMP 1: SHAKESPEARE'S MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

*Rising 7th–12th Graders | June 2–June 6
(Play performance will be held on the afternoon of June 6.)*

This action-filled camp will teach students characterization, understanding of Shakespeare's language, and confidence as they bring classic characters to life. It runs Monday, June 2 – Friday, June 6 from 9am–3pm. The cost is \$275 and the deadline to sign up is May 16. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account by May 30. The camp is limited to 20 students.

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DRAMA CAMP 2: TREASURE ISLAND

*Rising 3rd–6th Graders | June 23–June 27
(Play performance will be held the afternoon of June 27.)*

Students will join Jim, Long John Silver, and the rest of his scurvy crew for this classic pirate adventure. It runs Monday, June 23 – Friday, June 27 from 9am–1pm. The cost is \$250 and the deadline to sign up is May 16. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account by May 30. The camp is limited to 20 students.

bit.ly/DramaCamp2_2025

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 16 –26, Monday through Thursday each week with no camp on Fridays. The second session will be held July 7–17, Monday through Thursday each week with no camp on Fridays. The cost is \$175 for a two-week session for the first child in a family and \$50 for each additional sibling. The cost is \$300 for a four-week session for the first child in a family and \$75 for each additional sibling. The deadline to sign up is May 16. After completing the registration, you will receive an invoice through your FACTS account by May 30.

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and uttered with careful reflection. Without meaningful rites of passage and ceremonial words, people become disoriented and fragmented—unable to grow properly through the stages of life.

Which brings me to commencement ceremonies at New Covenant. Graduation is a moving from one stage to another. It marks the end of childhood and the beginning of adulthood. It is therefore an initiation to another way of being oneself, a better, wiser, and more mature self. It is the door through which a young person passes to independence, full responsibility, and the embrace of work. How we dress, what we say, what we sing, and what we do, are all calculated to manage this moment, to capture the essence of what is happening to the students who have come to this time in life. A New Covenant graduation is a joyous event, but you won't see beach balls bouncing around the crowd, nor will

you hear cow bells jangling, and the like. Rather, we script the ceremony in such a way to make a statement to the student, and the more prominent we make the ceremonial form—the more importance we attach to it—the more we impress upon the students the gravity of what is happening. We respect our students by dignifying the moment they have come to.

And something heavy is happening. Those who were once children are changing the relationship they have had with parents, with family, with their teachers, and with the school community. So we change their names. We no longer call them students; we call them alumni. We are by no means imagining that they are complete. In truth they are beginning again, which is what the word “commencement” means. The faculty at New Covenant, together with parents, have only laid a foundation, upon which these young men and women will go forth

to build. I commend them all and I hope you'll take a few minutes to meet them in the pages of this edition of *QUID NOVI*.

QUID NOVI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLASS OF 2025 — Neil Bohnert, Leslie Moeller, Bob Price, Leland Seckman, Dan Vollmer
CLASS OF 2026 — John Gauger, Nancy Hall, Chris Misiano, Sam Mizener, Tom Rogers, Anne Umbarger | CLASS OF 2027 — Dusty Miller, Court Shipman, Davidson Morse, Warden

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John Heaton—Headmaster

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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EVERYONE

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

The Middle School is proud to present *Around the World in 80 Days* on ~~May 9~~ **at 7:00pm** (SOLD OUT) & **May 10 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm** in the Moomaw Center. To order tickets visit <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/ncs-tickets/>.

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

CINCO DE MAYO

Even though May 5 falls on May Breather, there will be a schoolwide Cinco dress day on **Tuesday, May 6** in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. All students, faculty and staff are invited to wear jeans or uniform bottoms with a red, green and/or white top and close-toed shoes.

TEXTING SERVICE UPDATE

New Covenant will be updating its texting service to better integrate with our current FACTS Family Portal system. This service will allow us to communicate important announcements, reminders, and podcast updates with parents through text messages. You can opt in by clicking the following link: <https://newcovenantschools.factsmgmtadmin.com/text>.

SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS & CAMPS

Allegro Music School will be offering summer lessons and camps this year. To learn more and reserve your spots Text 434-841-7374 or <https://www.allegromusic.school/summer>.



MAY BREATHER

There will be no school on **Monday, May 5**.
Enjoy the breather!

ALUMNI LAX GAME

Join us on **Friday, May 9** for an evening of lacrosse. It all starts at 5:00pm with a Middle School blue/white game. Alums are invited to play against our varsity team at 6:30pm. Concessions will be available.

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

DRAMA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Roberts will hold a drama informational meeting for next year's production of Cinderella on **Wednesday, April 30 from 3:15-4:15pm** in the Band Room.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVE-UP MEETING

Fourth grade parents **with an oldest or only child rising to Middle School next year** are invited to a "moving up" meeting with the Middle School principal Kathryn Martin on either **May 9 OR May 12** in the chapel from 2:30-3:15pm where we will discuss what to expect in the coming year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP DETAILS

The Middle School will be taking field trips this **Friday, May 2**. Please see below departure/return times and locations.

- **5th Pamplin Park Civil War Trip:** Parents drop students at front of school at **6:45am**. Depart from front of school at 7:00am. **Return at 2:30pm** via the back service road. **Students will proceed to regular dismissal.**
- **6th:** Parents drop students at front of school at **6:45am**. Depart from front of school at 7:00pm. **Return at 3:30pm. Students will be picked up at the front of the school.**
- **7/8 Girls' Farm Day:** Parents drop students on chapel side by **7:45am**. Depart from chapel side at 8:00am. **Return at 4:00pm on chapel side for parent pickup.**
- **7/8 Boys' Edgar Allen Poe/Holocaust Museum:** Parents drop students on chapel side by **6:45am**. Depart from chapel side at 7:00am. **Return at 6:00pm to chapel side for parent pickup.**

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

Kindergarten graduation will be held on **Thursday, May 22 from 10:00-11:00am** in the Moomaw Center. Kindergarten students are dismissed after the program and do not attend school on Friday.

PRE-K PARENT PROGRAM

The Pre-K class will present an end-of-year program for parents on **Thursday, May 22 at 9:15am** in the Marie Macdonald Chapel. Pre-K students are dismissed after the program and do not attend school on Friday.



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