

EVERYONE

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PJ DAY

Students in Pre-K – 4th grades may wear pajamas and tennis shoes to school on **Wednesday, December 17**. No leggings, sweatpants, or slippers. Girls may wear a long gown with shorts underneath. Christmas pajamas are preferred but not required. Students not participating should wear the regular school uniform.

HEAVENLY HATS

This **Friday, December 12**, the Middle School student council has planned an event to support Heavenly Hats. Your students are invited to come to school with \$1 and their favorite hat – especially Christmas themed if you have them! They can wear them all day on Friday. The proceeds will go to the Heavenly Hats organization. This organization provides hats to cancer patients all over the U.S. If you would like more information about the organization, go to www.heavenlyhats.org.

LUNCH ORDERING

Third-quarter lunch ordering is open and will cover lunch dates from **January 5 to March 12**. The deadline to order for this quarter is **Friday, December 12**. SOR students off campus all day during J-Term may still order quarterly options; their account will be credited for the days they are gone. Questions? Refer to the *Lunch Times* article [here](#), or contact **Debbie Williamson** at dwilliamson@newcovenantschools.org.

TEACHERS' FAVORITES

Each year faculty and staff fill out a favorites sheet listing interests, hobbies, favorite foods, etc. If you would like a copy of a teacher's favorites list, please

check the resource documents section of the app, or stop by the lobby desk and ask to see the Favorites Book.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help setting up at Waymaker Church for Lessons & Carols on **Monday, December 15** at **11:00am** and help taking down after the event. Set up and tear down should last about an hour. Please Contact **Tiffany Fulcher** at tfulcher@newcovenantschools.org to help.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Join us for our annual service of Lessons & Carols on **Monday, December 15** at **7:00pm** at Waymaker Church (1650 Hooper Road, Forest, VA). This special program will feature the combined orchestras, bands, and choirs of students in grades 7-12. Childcare is available for children birth to four years old. Cookies and coffee will be provided before the service. All are welcome!

DELAYED START TIME

New Covenant Schools will open on **Tuesday, December 16** at **9:00am**. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:30am.

CHRISTMAS DRESS DAY

On **Thursday, December 18**, all students may wear a Christmas-themed shirt or a red and/or green shirt and jeans or uniform bottoms with closed-toe and closed-heel shoes. Grammar School girls may choose to wear a Christmas dress.

LOST AND FOUND

All items left unclaimed in the Lost and Found will be purged and donated on **December 18**. When visiting our campus during any of our events, please take the time to check for any of your family's personal items.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The beginning of Christmas Break is on **Thursday, December 18**. We will have an 11:00am dismissal and school will break for Christmas through **Friday, January 2** with students returning on **Monday, January 5**.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for 2026-27 school year is accepting applications through **January 15, 2026**. For more details, refer to the email sent **Monday, October 27** from **Tiffany Fulcher**.

GIVENS BOOKS & LITTLE DICKENS

This holiday season, as you plan your gift list, consider supporting our school library through purchases made at Givens. Here's how the program works: when your family (grandparents, too!) buy goods of any kind from Givens and mention NCS, we receive three percent of your pre-tax purchase total, which is given annually as a credit to our library. Please make sure that you mention New Covenant Schools to the cashier as you check out, and your purchase will be recorded.

GRYPHON FAN STORE

Show your school spirit by getting something from the new Gryphon Fan Store. All purchases made are shipped directly to your home. Click here > [New Covenant Schools Gryphons Store](#).

GRYPHON BASKETBALL FAN STORE

Show your school spirit by getting something from the new Gryphon Basketball Fan Store. All purchases made are shipped directly to your home. Click here > [NCS Basketball Store](#).





INCLEMENT WEATHER / SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY



Winter weather is quickly approaching, please review the following:

If school is closed or delayed, Headmaster Heaton will make the call no later than 6:00am. If school is delayed, it will always be a 2-hour delay. In such a case, do not drop students off before 9:45am, we cannot guarantee supervision before then.

You can find out about any changes in our schedule in three places: 1) Check your email—Mr. Heaton will send a “Gentle Folk” notice indicating the plan for the day; 2) Check closures/delays on WSET website or TV, which is the only media outlet we utilize; 3) Call the school weather hotline at 434-847-5707.

