



Mrs. Ames' kindergarteners share their discoveries of good books in the library.

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THE COLLEGE FAITH EXPERIENCE: GROWING, NOT SURVIVING

By John Heaton, Headmaster

I am deeply invested in the success of your children as they move through the regimen that is New Covenant Schools. About this time each year I think about the seniors who just left us, hoping and praying that, wherever they are, they are making the transition to young adulthood successfully. For most, they have just gone off to their first year of college, one of the most significant adjustments they will make in their lives. A bevy of responsibilities that require a degree of maturity now faces them. Sure, mom and dad are there, but only available by text or phone. Together, we have done all we could to prepare them for this stage of life.

Surely I want our alumni to succeed academically at the next level, and to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to begin their vocations. One of my highest goals, however, is that they will continue to grow in their faith over the next four years. Let's face it, unless a student enrolls in a Christian college or university, he or she must be intentional about keeping faith as a part of life. The statistics are grim: 73% of Christian students quit faith in college, and many leave their churches for good. Some will marry and have children soon enough, at which time they might return, if only because it's good for the kids. College can be a brutal place for a student who is

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WHAT'S NEW?

New Classrooms Update

The School of Rhetoric is anticipating the completion of its new classrooms soon. **Rodney Foster** (Bailey - '20, Dalton - '22, and Emmy Sue - 7th grade) and his crew have been working diligently all through the summer on this new portion of our school and are almost finished. Painting, flooring, lighting fixtures, and a few finishing touches remain before occupancy may occur. These classrooms will house the literature department for our high school students. Thank you to all who have supported this project with your gifts. We look forward to having a dedication service during the month of October.



THINK. LEARN. LOVE. LIVE.

H O N O R A R I A

ANNUAL PICNIC BACK-TO- SCHOOL

Friday September 9, 2022

- 4:00 MS Volleyball vs. South West Virginia Homeschool
- 5:00 JV Volleyball vs. South West Virginia Homeschool
- MS Boys Soccer vs. Faith Christian School
- 5:30 Food Service begins - Hamburger/Hot Dog combo
- Bounce Houses open
- 6:15 Varsity Volleyball vs. South West Virginia Homeschool
- 6:30 Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Faith Christian School

HOUSE HEADS SELECTED FOR 2022-23

Congratulations to this year's School of Rhetoric House Council winners. This group will represent the student body through their respective houses and will work to foster school spirit and unity.



**Adora Hampton and
Jude Vollmer**



**Dylan Abaidoo and
Lydia Craven**



**Diego Leal and
Virginia Morse**



**Rebekah Bryant and
Will Kittrell**



E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

LABOR DAY

There will be no school next **Monday, September 5.**

SCHOOL PICTURES

TSS Photography will be on campus next **Thursday, September 8** to take individual and classroom photos. Please make every effort to **have your student on time and do not plan any appointments on this day, if possible.** All photo ordering will be done online and nothing is needed from you in advance. Senior class, individual, formal, and casual portraits will also be taken on this day, so please make sure to have a casual outfit in accordance with dress code guidelines, Thursday's school uniform, and your cap and gown.

PARENTS WELCOME

We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome parents onto campus and into the building this year. When you are planning your visit, please remember the following protocols required of our campus visitors:

1. All visitors must use the main entrance and be signed in. Please do not leave the lobby area without receiving authorization from front desk personnel (not even to peek in the kindergarten wing or front office)!
2. Your visit should be purposeful and planned, with every attempt not to disrupt class. You are welcome to visit during your student's lunchtime; lunchtime is the appropriate time for visiting with students. If you wish to visit the classroom or have a conference with your child's teacher, please contact the office.

3. Early pick up is discouraged as it causes disruption to class time (our teachers are teaching up to 3:00pm). However, if you need to pick up a student early for an appointment, **send an email to ncsoffice@newcovenantschools.org** with the time your student should be in the lobby and who is picking them up.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Please join us starting this **Wednesday, August 31** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the chapel for a time of prayer for our students, teachers, staff and community.

AFTERCARE

This quarter's aftercare program is full and will not be accepting daily add-ins.

PIANO PLAYERS NEEDED

Piano players are needed for Grammar School Chapels on Wednesdays 9:45-10:15am and Thursdays 8-8:35am. We welcome parents, grandparents, and friends of NCS students. If willing, please contact **Jessica Simpkins jsimpkins@newcovenantschools.org** or call NCS office to leave a message.

EASY WAYS TO HELP NEW COVENANT RAISE MONEY!

- > **Kroger Plus Card** You can help New Covenant earn money by linking your Kroger account to our school. Simply log in to your Kroger account online and select New Covenant Schools to receive your community rewards. Our organization number is IX901.
- > **Collecting Box Tops** earns money that will go toward special purchases for our school. Download the Box Tops app on your smartphone and start collecting!
- > **Do you shop Amazon?** You can make every purchase count! Visit www.smile.amazon.com and support

New Covenant through your purchases. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to New Covenant.

> **Givens/Little Dickens**, a local bookstore, has a rebate program that has provided our library with hundreds of free books. New Covenant Schools receives 3% of your pre-tax purchase total when you simply mention New Covenant Schools to the cashier as you check out. Any family member, friend or neighbor may participate.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC

Our annual Back-to-School Fellowship Picnic will be held **Friday, September 9th.** (See page 2 for details and schedule.) Be sure to bring your lawn chairs or a picnic blanket and make plans to stay and cheer on our varsity volleyball and soccer teams.

APP UPDATE

It has been brought to our attention that the Homework/Lesson Plan sections of the app are not displaying longer posts. This issue is currently being resolved by the developers and will be updated as soon as it is recoded.

LUNCH CELL PHONE POLICY

Just a friendly reminder: when visiting your students at lunch, please do not have cell phones out or take pictures with other students in them. Thank you for your help in keeping NCS a safe and cell phone-free environment.



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serious about faith.

So what can be done? First, parents should begin talking to their students throughout the high school years about the challenges of being on their own, and what responsible adulthood looks like. That includes growing in faith. Parents of students in their senior year should make finding a church home part of the process in considering schools to which they might apply. My advice? Pick a church before you go to college. Student schedules and activities will leave little time and no encouragement to get up on a Sunday morning to start trying out a church.

Second, find a campus ministry that will encourage faith, but do not substitute that for church. A Thursday night college youth group is fine – much better than a frat party – but make a point to stay connected to the larger church. Moreover, find a church that doesn't simply cater to college kids. Students who attend church usually go with their friends, and that is



fine and good. Young people, however, need older people (and younger people) in their lives, and the college experience is dominated by huge numbers of peers. (Note: if you're an "older person," consider reaching out to college youth in your church by inviting them into your home with their friends. They like to eat, and they need "parents" away from home). Students at college are in an artificial social environment that can mask them from their need for family.

Third, parents and their students should consider letting the pastor of the new church know of their presence. Don't be anonymous at church. The pastor should know your name and should expect to see you on Sunday morning. If you don't show up for a week or two, there can be higher accountability from the pastor than you will ever get from friends. Be intentional and don't just settle for an attitude of "at least he's attending *somewhere*." That's like saying, "Well, at least he's dating *someone*."

Finally, don't expect your child to keep practicing a faith that is not part of your life now. The senior year is not the time to begin a new habit; it should be part of your family today. It is my observation that the pandemic knocked many people out of the habit of church attendance, and they have been slow to recover their attachments. Others are not rigorously inclined to make faith a part

of their family life. If faith is more or less optional in your family now, it will likely be completely absent in the lives of your children. Your family can lose faith in one generation.

New Covenant is an educational community, but it is also a community of faith that seeks to nurture the whole person. We count it a privilege not only to teach, but to nurture your children in God's grace, and encourage them to flourish in habits of faithfulness.

SPORTS SCORES



Tuesday, August 23

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	3
Kenston Forest	1

Friday, August 26

MS SOCCER

New Covenant.....	5
Timberlake	0

VARSITY SOCCER

New Covenant.....	3
Timberlake	1

MS VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	0
Timberlake	2

JV VOLLEYBALL

New Covenant.....	0
Timberlake	2

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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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