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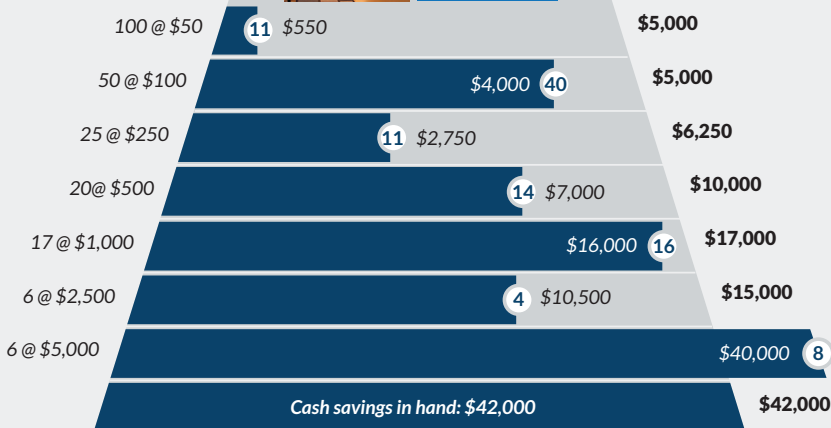
Join us for our annual service of Lessons & Carols tonight at Waymaker Church (1650 Hooper Road, Forest, VA). A combined School of Rhetoric band, orchestra and choir will be performing with participation from 7th & 8th grade students. Childcare is available for children aged infant to four years old. Cookies and coffee will be served before the service. All are welcome!

ANNUAL FUND 2024-25 Fundraising goal: \$120,000

Received as of 12/16/24:
\$122,800



CHOIR RISERS AND GRYPHON BUS



FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED
Annual Fund	\$120,000	\$122,800
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$3,500
Scholarship Foundation	\$300,000	Pledged \$412,300 Received \$226,988

Please consider New Covenant Schools in your giving. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent that the law provides. Donations may be given through cash, check, stock transfers, or IRA distributions. Contact **Dayna Renalds** in the Development Office for more information.

E T C E T E R A

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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This **Wednesday, December 18**, students in Pre-K – 4th grades may wear pajamas and tennis shoes to school. 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.

EVERYONE

DELAYED START TIME ON TUESDAY

New Covenant Schools will open on **Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00am**. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:30am.

HEAVENLY HATS

This **Tuesday, December 17**, 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 they have them! They can wear them all day on Tuesday. The proceeds will go to the Heavenly Hats, an organization which provides hats to cancer patients all over the U.S. Learn more at www.heavenlyhats.org.

MUSIC LESSONS

Allegro Music School has partnered with New Covenant to provide on-site music lessons to our students. There are a few spots available for piano, voice, flute, cello, and guitar in the new year. Call or text **Julia Sansone** at 434-841-7374 for more info.

CHRISTMAS DRESS DAY

This **Thursday, December 19**, all students may wear a Christmas-themed shirt or a red and/or green shirt and jeans or uniform bottoms with closed-toe 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 19**. 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 **Friday, December 20**. We will have an **11:00am dismissal on Thursday, December 19** and school will break for Christmas through **Friday, January 3** with students returning on **Monday, January 6**.

LUNCH ORDERING

Lunch ordering for January is open until **Thursday, December 19**. As a reminder, J Term will run from **Monday, January 6 - Tuesday, January 14**, and SOR students may be off campus during that time, so please keep that in mind when ordering lunches. Corn dog nuggets, pancake and sausage sandwiches, and hamburgers are just a few of the featured menu items in January. Please contact **Debbie Williamson** with any questions at dwilliamson@newcovenantschools.org.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the 2025-26 school year is accepting applications through **January 15**. There is high demand for assistance, and it is awarded on a first-come, first-served

basis, so apply early! Go to <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid/apply>. See email sent on **October 28** for details and instructions.

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.

SPORTS THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 17

JV Boys' Basketball 4:30
Varsity Women's Basketball 6:00
Varsity Men's Basketball 7:30

DECEMBER 19

JV Boys' Basketball 4:30
Varsity Men's Basketball 6:00



Fourth graders work in the beautifully Christmas-adorned library as they look forward to Christmas break starting December 20.