

THE CAVALIER CHRONICLE

www.newcovschool.net

New Covenant School Newsletter

DECEMBER 2014

FEED THE NEED FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS

Students, Parents and Faculty came through in a big way on Friday, the 21st of November. Undaunted by the goal of packing 10,000 meals for hungry families in impoverished countries, kids as young as two rolled up their sleeves, put on a hairnet, and got to work.

The cafeteria was bustling with orderly activity as food bags were labeled, filled, weighed, sealed, and boxed. Kids rotated stations while the teachers, parents and high schoolers provided guidance and encouragement. By the end of the day, K2-12th grade kids had packaged 10,080 bags of food.



(L to R) Second graders Kendall Woodhams, Bridget Avetta, and Sarah Sizemore deliver packaged food to the boxing station.

Mark Your Calendar!

Important Dates in December

- December 13:** Winter Ball (8th-12th)
- December 15-17:** Candy Cane Shoppe
- December 16:** Christmas Program (pg 2)
- December 19:** ½ Day; 11:30 dismissal
- December 22 – January 3:** Christmas Break

SAVE THE DATES!

January 27th, 6:30pm Re-Enrollment Rally.

Join us for an update on where we've been, where we are and where we are going as a school!

February 10th, 6:30pm Open House

Spread the word to parents and friends who may be interested in being a part of NCS.

"I like feeding the boys and girls," said Townes Sconyers and Gillian Merritt, while the 2nd grade class enjoyed a short break and a snack in the kitchen.

The parents and faculty of New Covenant agreed that the Feed the Need program was a great way to teach the kids about world-wide hunger, and remind every participant to be truly grateful for their many blessings this Holiday season. "The families, students, and teachers really came through," said Headmaster Joe Canney. "They showed dedication and sincere concern for the cause by seeking sponsors and putting in the hard work to make the event a huge success."

The program also provided a wonderful fundraising opportunity for the school and the Feed the Need cause. Students and their families began seeking sponsors for the event in October, and by the time all the donations were in, the school had collected over \$35,000 to be distributed to NCS and the Feed the Need program.



PRE-K UPDATE

Bailey Rountree, Preschool Director

November and December are such a fun time of year! It is a great pleasure to teach our preschoolers the true meaning of Christmas and that we can be most thankful at Thanksgiving because of Jesus and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us. We have had the privilege of having several guest speakers for some of our chapels, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Roh.

For the first time ever, the preschool was honored to be apart of the school's Thanksgiving Program. Our students did a great job sharing one of their verses, Luke 10:27, and singing "God Bless America."

Feed the Need packing party was such a great experience for our students to have a very tangible way of learning to "love our neighbors as ourselves (Luke 10:27)."

NCS Lower School Celebrates the Season

On December 16th at 6:30 pm, the sanctuary at New Covenant will be filled with the sights and sounds of the season as the lower school presents the annual Christmas program. Featuring classic carols, beautiful handbells, and fun modern music, pre-school through 5th grades invite you and your family to celebrate with them as they present "A Christmas Gift." The program will also feature a special musical offering by Middle and Upper school students.

December 16th, 6:30 pm

Pre-K Staff Update

In November we added an Aide to our team: Mrs. Stephanie Canter. She has been a big help to our program, especially in our K2 class. Mrs. Canter has lots of experience with children of all ages and currently continues to tutor and mentor students. She is passionate about education and loves working with children and helping them reach their full potential. She is currently working on her Master's in Counseling so she can love and encourage students more effectively. She is very thankful for the opportunity that God has provided for her through this position at New Covenant School. Her goal is to honor the Lord with her strengths and talents and to bless all those she comes in contact with. New Covenant will always have a special place in her heart because her children attended preschool here. Mrs. Canter is married to Giles and has 2 daughters, Kara Lee (12) and Kinsley Kate (9). We are so blessed to have Mrs. Canter on staff!



The Canter Family



THANK YOU to the Aubry Family

January 2015 marks the beginning of an important year for the Aubry family. In July, they will be leaving the Upstate for Fort Benning in Georgia where Mr. Conor Aubry will begin initial training for the US Army.

Mr. Aubry, 26, graduated from Clemson University with a degree in secondary education with a concentration in English. Following several years of part-time and substitute work, he teaches English, History and Theology at New Covenant School. After serving NCS for 3 years, Mr. Aubry says that the relationships with the faculty and students are what he loves the most. He and his students, ranging from 8th to 10th grade, often engage in discussions on anything from theology to politics. He says he has greatly enjoyed the opportunity to relate to his students in areas that will affect them long after they have left the halls of our school.

Of joining the army Mr. Aubry says, "It's something I've wanted to do since high school but it never worked out till now. Both my wife and I feel that this is where God is leading us, to impact people's lives through this opportunity."

The families and faculty of New Covenant School wish to thank the Aubry family for their service and sacrifice, and we ask you all to be in prayer for them as they begin this exciting journey.



Conor Aubry (left) receives "Future Soldier of the Month" award

Thankful for USA and NCS!

On Tuesday, November 18th the Preschool and Grammar School truly gathered together for the annual Thanksgiving program and our new annual Art Show.

The Thanksgiving program followed a month long American history study by each group of children. Songs, poems, and verses highlighted some of what the students had learned!

Mr. Canney treated the parents to an impromptu example of Memory Period to demonstrate yet another aspect of the

students' fall learning. With absolutely no practice, the Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students demonstrated some of the skip counting, grammar jingles, and Bible memory they have mastered this semester. Following the program portion of the evening, families enjoyed viewing art and fellowshiping at a reception held in C-108. The annual Thanksgiving program is a special evening for the youngest preschooler who sings and says a Bible verse to the high schooler who displays an amazing self portrait to the parents, grandparents, and friends who get to see what New Covenant is all about!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Lauren Dutterer



After spending her freshman, sophomore, and junior years at Palmetto High School in Williamston, Lauren Dutterer will be graduating from New Covenant School in the Spring. Lauren attended NCS throughout middle school and returned to NCS for her final year of high school. She and her family made the decision to return to NCS because of the high quality of education, and the fellowship of students and faculty.

"I appreciate the community," says Lauren. "It's really like a family." After graduation Lauren plans to follow in her mother's footsteps and go into the medical field, most likely in nursing. To her underclassmen friends Lauren advises, "Do your homework but don't let it consume your life!"

New Covenant School wishes Lauren all the best as she embarks on the next chapter of life.

PARENT TESTIMONY

The Milford Family

William and Vicki Milford have been Anderson residents since 1998. They began attending New Covenant Church in 1999, and when their oldest daughter Anna reached school age in 2005, they became a New Covenant School Family.

As an attendant of private school himself, Mr. Milford knew that his children would receive a higher quality of education and more attention from the teachers of smaller private school classes. When we asked Mr. Milford why he would recommend New Covenant School, he said, "First of all, you're going to have teachers who really care about your kids and are going to approach

education from a Christian point of view. I know when I drop the kids off in the morning, that they are going to get a good quality education."

Today the Milford family has four children enrolled at New Covenant School. Anna (15), Olivia (11), Ella (10) and Meredith (6) are all part of the High School, Middle School, and Lower School programs. "I think we're one of the only families with a child in each program," laughs Mr. Milford.

During their years with NCS, the Milfords have spent some time serving on the school board and the PTO. "I'd really encourage parents to get involved," Mr. Milford said.

Upper School Elects Student Representatives

The New Covenant School Student Council recently elected officers for the 2014-2015 school year. Miss Mary Katherine Mock will serve as President, Miss Jillian Burchette as Vice President, Miss Rebekah Graves as Secretary, and Mr. Ben Hardy as treasurer.

The Student Council is comprised of Junior and Seniors who meet weekly with Mr. Canney to discuss and plan activities for the student body. This includes planning school wide dress down days, Homecoming Spirit Week, the Homecoming Dance, Winter Ball, and Prom.

Additionally, the Student Council plans Upper School parties for Holidays such as Christmas and Easter and provides service opportunities for NCS students to be involved in the community.



Pictured from left, Rebekah Graves (Jr), Mary Katherine Mock (Sr), Jillian Burchette (Jr) and Ben Hardy (Jr).

NCS Wish List

Thanks to the tremendous success of the Feed the Need Event, 23,000 has been added to the Operating Fund!

Item	Location	Qty	Price	Total	Raised	Remaining
Operating Fund		1	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$23,500	\$11,500
Scholarship Fund		1	\$26,245	\$26,245	\$7,755	\$18,490
Science Lab & Equip	Science	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Lockers (set of 6)	Upper School	4	\$475	\$1,900	\$540	\$1,360
Tables	Preschool	3	\$290	\$870	\$0	\$870
Tables	Upper School	10	\$430	\$4,300	\$0	\$4,300
Tables	All School	10	\$185	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850
Desks	Lower School	10	\$125	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250
Whiteboards	All School	5	\$400	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Defibulator	First Aid	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Gaga Ball Court/ Balls	PE/Recess	1	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
Spike Ball Sets	PE/Recess	5	\$60	\$300	\$0	\$300
				\$90,715	\$31,795	\$58,920