



## Building on the Covenant Legacy

If you have been to the Covenant campus recently, you may have detected a towering construction site beyond the Grammar School. The rumble of machinery mixed with schoolwide anticipation around Ram Nation has dominated the atmosphere in the dawn of the new school year. Originally planned to be an upgraded playground for the Grammar School, this project evolved to be a state-of-the-art embellished recreation area, an education center, and a multifunctional pavilion.

Through what can only be described as divine provision from God, the resources for this project have been supplied through an enormously gracious private donor and multiple fundraisers. The Boosterthon in 2020 kickstarted both the excitement and fundraising, substantially surpassing the original goal. In the spirit of the recent summer Olympics, the schoolwide Olympic Fun Run fundraiser also bolstered the monetary target. Both the Grammar School and Upper School were unified in the



friendly competition to raise money. In the Grammar School, every class decorated its door to represent an Olympic-participating country of their choosing. Competitions and games took place throughout the week and culminated with the Grammar School Fun Run and Upper School games. This fundraiser also amass-

ed thousands more than originally aimed for. The construction of the pavilion and recreation area was also sponsored by the Founder's Path Brick Memorial, which allows for former and current teachers and students alike to purchase a brick with their names inscribed to be laid on a path near the pavilion.

The multifunctional pavilion hosts the site for future schoolwide events with amenities and features such as fans, electricity, speakers, bleachers, and more. The pavilion, equipped with hanging goals, can be used for events and play. The covered sports court will also have upgraded safety elements. The new playground and recreation area includes improved equipment and incorporation of Covenant's unique classical education with its signature Narnia lamppost and Hobbit House. A small, terraced amphitheater outdoor classroom at the base of the hill provides the ideal opportunity for enhanced learning in God's creation with lessons, chapels, skits, and plays.

We are excited for this blessing of a new pavilion and playground site, and we are tremendously grateful for the blessing of all who have prayed over and supported this project!

*By: Rayna Buher*

### Count It All Joy

It is Thursday afternoon, and I still don't have my first installment ready for the school newspaper, and the deadline is tomorrow. Oh, joy, joy - with a twinge of anxiousness. While speaking on the phone with Mrs. Sandy McCormick, I mentioned my predicament to her and she replied, "We'll just have to pray about that!" We hung up the phone and both of us prayed privately, and God provided the inspiration for this article.

James 1:2-4 tells us to "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you

meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." We all go through trials of various kinds whether there seems to be too much month at the end of the money, we are being ridiculed for our faith, or we are confronting a major health crisis. What is a believer in Christ supposed to do? Again, James tells us to "count it all joy."

As I pondered that reality, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me to look to someone younger than me for inspiration. I quickly thought of a truly inspiring young Isaac Adams. Isaacs's story is well known to all of us at Covenant, and it is quickly becoming known to countless others. In the past few weeks Isaac has been a living testament to James 1:2-4. His contentment in Christ as he has

endured the challenges of his football injured leg has been awe-inspiring. I know that my own faith has been positively affected by his faith and determination.

The mere fact that Isaac has endured so well as a good soldier in the army of God is likely to lead him to even greater opportunities to affect the lives of others. He is being perfected for the open door of ministry that awaits him. I can't wait to see what God does in the weeks and months ahead, and indeed I will be following his progress with great anticipation as he changes the World through Christ. In the meantime, may we all continue to undergird him with our prayers and encouragement. Thank you, Isaac, for being a true inspiration and for reinforcing us in how to be content in any situation as we wait for our Father to breakthrough on our behalf.

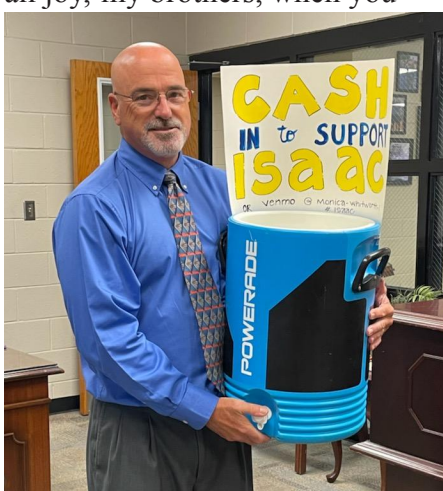
*By: Mike Parker*

### Little Sister/Big Sister Program



I am so excited to have resparked a lost program this year! To make a closer bond between our grammar school and rhetoric school, the 11th grade girls have each "adopted" a first grade sister. The big sisters are there to be encouraging mentors to their little sisters: helping them with reading, learning, and tough times. Bigs will be able to watch their little grow and blossom into young women and hopefully keep in touch with them throughout the years. Our goal is to serve and be an example to others, shining God's light everywhere we go!

*By: Evie Abbott*







Rowdy Rafter

The sun arose and the rowdy class of 2022 were preparing for their journey towards Columbus, GA for their senior retreat. We had all been looking forward to white water rafting and some of us were doing this for the first time! The day started out with a delightful early morning breakfast. Our senior class president, Jackson Freel, cut the senior retreat ribbon that signified the official start to our senior year.

When we arrived at Whitewater Express, the boys rushed to get their lifejackets on, and the girls soon followed. It was then that the tour guide came out and advised us on which helmets and paddles to grab. We all gathered on the lawn outside as our guide, who



we nicknamed “John B,” talked over all of the rules. We were swiftly led towards our rafts after being split into groups of six. Our tour guides were energetic and did everything they could to ensure that we had a good time. They introduced the idea of surfing to us, which is basically rocking side to side in our raft while being caught in the rapids.

A major highlight of this trip was when we all were able to get out of the boats and float down the slow part of the river. We played in the water and splashed each other as we floated down the river. Once we had all returned to our boats, the rafting journey continued. We did some more surfing and even saw some snakes and eagles as we neared the end of the rafting experience.

To end our experience, the tour guides then let us line up on a dock, and we took turns battling. We lined up across from our opponent and got into a football stance. Then, we tried to see who would get thrown into the water first.

Just because the rafting was over didn’t mean that the fun stopped. The best part of the entire trip came after we got dry and ate our lunches. All of the boys jumped into the river from the walkway. At one point, they all jumped into the water and then formed a human chain that led further out into the river. Overall, the retreat this year was a splashing experience!

By: Quinn Gordon-Freel



Running with the Rams

The wait is over! CA sports are up and running. Stormy weather and muddy ground has not slowed down the Cross Country team. This year, the team is mostly made up of middle schoolers with one senior, Ciana Godfrey, leading the pack. The team, as a whole, are determined, committed, and ready to take on the trails.



The varsity softball team had a rough start with a few pre-season games but came out strong and won their first game against CFCA. With heavy hits, phenomenal pitching, and dependable defense, the Rams are confident they will have a strong season. The coaches and the girls have adopted the slogan, “We are one team; one family.” We lose together, and we win together. This motto is strengthening relationships on and off the field.

By: Sara Tindell



Sports Kickoff

The football and cheer team are extremely excited for the new school year. This year, more than ever, they are focusing on being leaders both on the field and off! To show enthusiasm for the first game of the season, the cheerleaders welcomed the students as they arrived, and they kicked off the morning with cheers and chants. A few of our senior football players spent some time with the 4K class. They read to them, played games, made crafts, and enjoyed each other's company.



The football players are off to a great start to their season, winning each game they've played, even against main rival, Windsor Academy resulting in a 50-22 victory. We are excited to see what the rest of the season has in store.

The cheerleaders have expanded their program this year. They now have two teams: competition and sideline. The competition season officially starts October 23rd. The football and cheer team are both thrilled to see how they grow this

By: Abby Hinson and Gracie Coatney



A tailgate and back to school bash kicked off the opening game. The cheerleaders promoted school spirit by offering creative face painting while the football players prepared for their big game.

Artists at Work



Evelyn Erickson, 10  
Mixed Media



Asa Powers, 8  
Photography



Art students study and identify positive and negative space



Evie Abbott, 11  
Graphite



## Finer Than Ever



Director Lewis Watson returned from deployment with a load of ambition, ready to conquer this year head-on. The pep band made a heavily anticipated return to the stands to hype up the fans and cheer on the game. With the return of these joyous old traditions comes change and the need for new.

Select seniors have been pouring time into the 6th and 7th graders who will one day rise up and fill the holes left after their departure. Also occurring this year is a reconstruction of the Fine Arts Council. This committee of

parents, grandparents, and teachers will come alongside the different branches of arts that Covenant offers (band, literary, art, drama, etc.) to help support expenses such as formal uniforms and offset the taxing prices of travel affairs. Incentive items are available at each level of joining. This "merch" is also available for purchase and is not just limited to popular items such as pullovers and hoodies but also includes tote bags, stadium seats, blankets, and rolling coolers. Pop-up booths with further details can be found around the school.

This past year has been a daunting trial of learning the new, missing the old, but slowly we begin to

reopen the things that we miss. With updated precautions and God's blessing, the Upper School students excitedly greeted the restoration of chapel in the gym. Alongside the reopening of large group chapel comes the chapel band, a student led group of musicians using their gifts to lead worship to God with their peers. Another much missed tradition stolen by the pandemic is concerts. However, this December will hold the grand reopening of concerts at Covenant. This Christmas extravaganza will be an aggregation of new numbers and old traditions alike and is sure to be a Fine Arts concert to remember!

By: Mackenzie Borders

## Hobbit Day

"In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit . . ." In reality, there were six hobbits that day! On September 10, 2021, the 6th graders celebrated our annual Hobbit Day. We had six hobbits, five wizards, nine wood elves, four dwarfs (one was in a barrel, one Bard, and one dragon (Smaug). The day started out with our second breakfast. We ate cinnamon rolls, donut holes, pigs in a blanket, fruit, and breakfast casseroles. We visited the other Grammar School classrooms and took pictures with the younger students. After all of that adven-



ture, wouldn't you be hungry again? We then went on to have our delicious lunch with chicken nuggets, shepherd's pie, sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, and amazing cupcakes and cookies . . . all Middle Earth approved. We washed down all that amazing food with water, juice, Coke,

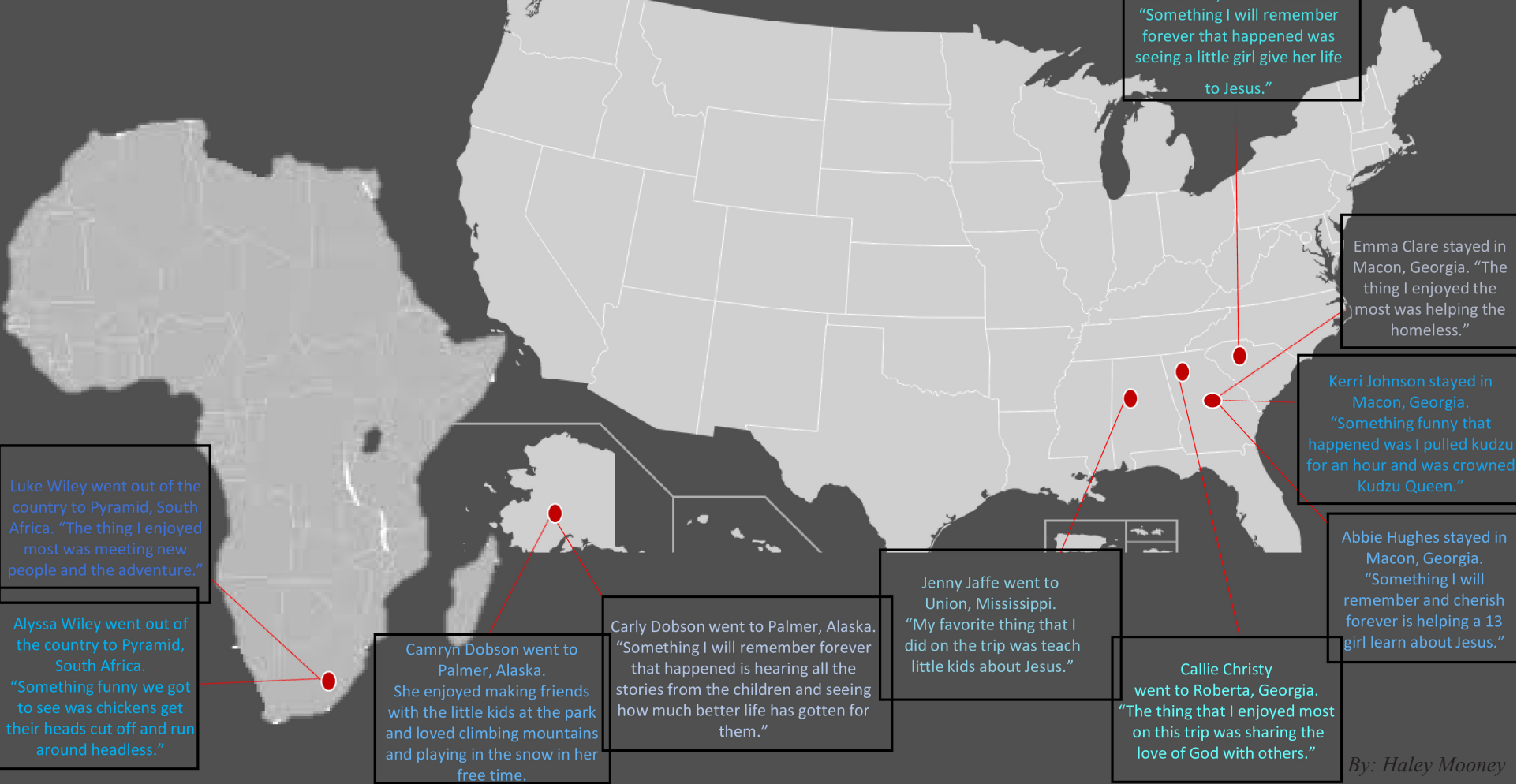
Sprite, and root beer. Even with all the food we ate, no dishes were smashed that day, and no burgling contracts were signed. After doing some more hobbit activities, we watched the animated version of *The Hobbit*. It was a great day for 6th grade!

By: Jake Wiley

## Four-Legged Fans



## Students on a Mission to Spread the Word



By: Haley Mooney





## Congratulations to the 2021 Covenant Academy Homecoming Court

*Seniors:* Mackenzie Borders, Emma Durden, Abigail Montgomery, Felicia Thomason

*Juniors:* Logan Denny, Emily Franks, Morgan Reynolds

*Sophomores:* Callie Christy, Kerri Johnson, Alyssa Wiley

*Freshmen:* Caroline Mercer, Katie Lanier Mixon, Rachel Williams

## Grammar School Writing Contest

It was a difficult decision after reviewing all the enjoyable entries submitted to the Grammar School writing contest hosted by the Rampages, but the stories below were voted as the top three favorites. Be sure to stop by the Grammar School lobby to read the other entries. Keep writing, young Rams!

**First Place**

If I were a teacher, the day would go by so quickly that you couldn't help but wonder if it was all just a dream. The school day would be so full of exhilaration that all the kids would forget they were at school. For instance, with me as the teacher, the kids would be permitted to select more than two books from the library and keep the books for a more extensive period of time. Naturally, the classroom would have its own selection of books, even though library time would come more frequently and last longer. As soon as the break started, the kids would run outside, more excited

than they would be if it was a normal recess. That's because when recess rolled around, I would have the helpers pass out little treats such as ice cream sandwiches, soda pop, chocolate coins, etc. And why stop at the modest little soccer field when there's a gym, a football field, the woods, and so much to explore during break! Don't forget that classroom time can be just as exciting as recess, and it can't get better than when you're situated next to a close friend. That's why, at the beginning of the school year, in my class, you get to choose where to sit. But always remember that we're at school, a place to learn and be educated. Then again, who said education has to be completely dull? The

entire class would be full of all types of math, science, and history games to help you study and develop skills you couldn't even imagine or didn't know you had. But the most important thing I would do as a teacher, would be to make sure that the class wouldn't just have fun learning, but would have fun learning together. After all, when you apply as a teacher, you're not the only one teaching, nor are your students the only ones learning.

*By: Mark Paul Ferlund, 6th Grade*



**2nd Place**

Hi, I'm Charlotte. This is when I became the teacher of 6th grade. It all started when my teacher Mrs. Montgomery just quit. So I went up to the podium and said, "What do we do." Then Isaac looked back at Dillon. Dillon and Isaac started laughing, "Maw, ha, ha, ha!" All the girls looked at me, and I nodded. Then I yelled,

"Get out the soda!" We started partying when we heard a knock on the door. Mr. Wood & Mr. Parker were at the door. That's when they exclaimed, "Can we party too?!" Then Lexi said, "The more the merrier" We got out a kiddie pool. When all the boys, including Mr. Wood & Mr. Parker got in it. Then Kara, Hannah,

Daniel, & Anna Kate got out two liter bottles of soda. Then poured it on the boys. Five hours later, we were all asleep on the floor when all the teachers came in. They looked at each other. They woke us up, so we could ALL party!

*By: Charlotte Watson, 6th Grade*

**3rd Place**

If I was a teacher I would bless my students every day. I would teach them to be like God and tell them to be thankful to God. And if they do obey, I would reward them with fun stuff. Every Friday we would have a water balloon fight. And I would tell my class that they

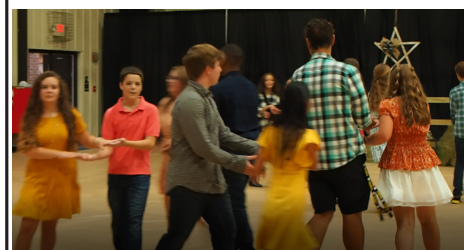
are the best class ever because really they are, and I would let them have an extra recess. We would also have chapel every day because every place needs some Bible.

*By: William Johnson, 3rd Grade*

## Covenant Corral



After square dance lessons, the 7th and 8th grade students were ready to put their moves to the test during the annual CA Corral!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct. 15: One Act performance of *Little Women***



**Oct. 25-29: GS Reformation Week.**

Look for the return of the Village, the Disputatio, and more!



**Nov. 2: Blue and White Night**

