

THE COVENANT SCHOOL

CLASSICAL LEARNING IN LIKE-HEARTED COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION

Covenant exists to glorify God by equipping students with the tools necessary to pursue a lifetime of learning so that they may discern, reason and defend truth in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.



ABOUT

Founded in 1993 by a group of like-hearted parents desiring a Christ-centered, classical education for their children, The Covenant School enrolls more than 650 students from 40+ zip codes in Kindergarten through 12th Grades. Covenant is non-denominational. The name *Covenant* comes from the critically important concept in Scripture relating to God's relationship with His people and their own relationships with each other.





If you have children, you are already on an exciting adventure. You have been tasked with the most challenging responsibility known to humankind and, by God's grace, you have made it this far. Well done!

At The Covenant School, we too are on an adventure. As a community of like-hearted families, we are on a journey of faith and learning together. Not only are our children learning - not only are our young adults growing in their faith - we are too!

Somewhere along the way we learned that once our children started all-day school - they would spend more waking hours at school and involved in school-related activities than they would spend with us. We realized that who they spent those hours with, who most shaped their thinking and beliefs, and who cared about them and supported them day to day and year after year really mattered. And we discovered that the way children learn - the specific ways they are taught - actually determines how their brains are formed, how their character is shaped, and how their spiritual lives develop.

Obviously, no single school can meet every family's needs for educating their children. But if joy-filled school days, skills for success, lifelong learning, and connections to like-hearted families with a common purpose are what you have been looking for, Covenant may be the school for you. So as you research our Classical, Charlotte Mason-based program, and observe how we experience authentic Christian Community together, we hope you might consider including the Covenant journey in your family's life adventure.

Robert Littlejohn, Ph.D.
Head of School



Pictured: Grammar School students enjoying Crazy Sock Day

A photograph of two young girls with long blonde hair, wearing white short-sleeved shirts and black neckties, sitting on a swing set. The girl in the foreground is smiling broadly and has a large red bow in her hair. The girl behind her is also smiling. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery and a bright sky.

CLASSICAL EDUCATION AT COVENANT

Covenant will equip your student to *learn independently, think critically, analyze logically, and express themselves* with clarity and purpose. We believe the ultimate purpose of Classical Christian education is the formation of an authentic human being. This is a soul-shaping endeavor.

Our divisions are organized around the *Trivium*. The Trivium describes the three learning stages of students: *Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric*. Grammar is represented in our Kindergarten through 5th Grades; Logic is represented in 6th through 8th Grades; and Rhetoric is our high school.

Our learning and teaching philosophy is also influenced by Charlotte Mason, a 19th Century educator. Ms. Mason believed it is our duty as educators to present students with a “feast” of living ideas expressed in great works of art and music, literature and history, science and nature. We cultivate a delight in knowing, a desire for truth, and a love of beauty, as we point students to the Source of all that is good, true, and beautiful. With that in mind, our 100-plus faculty and staff utilize every bit of our 18-acre campus to integrate nature and outdoor learning into their lesson plans.

EXPLORERS



KINDERGARTEN

We refer to our kindergarten students as *Explorers* because ‘exploring’ is precisely how they spend their time with us. Immersed in an ever-expanding world of letters and numbers, fairy tales and real history, God’s creation and God’s Word, days are wonderful and *wonder-filled*. The Explorers experience sets the tone for our entire Grammar School and all the exciting years to follow at Covenant.

Our Explorer program offers a full curriculum in a part-time setting. Families may choose from two options:

OPTION #1

Monday & Friday, 8.15am to 12.45pm, and Wednesday, 8.15am to 2.55pm

OPTION #2

Tuesday & Thursday, 8.15am to 2.55pm



Pictured: Charlotte Mason Chicken Coop & gardens



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADES

The Grammar School includes Kindergarten through 5th Grade. It is the first stage of the *Trivium*.

Overall, The Grammar School focuses on the fundamental element, or *grammar*, of each subject area in order to build a framework for all future knowledge. If you walk by a classroom in The Grammar School, you might hear students chanting parts of speech, or reciting Scripture, or retelling historical events. You may see students presenting projects, working in groups to create a simple machine, or even rolling dice to practice math facts.

The Grammar School is the best beginning.



{ EXTEND YOUR FAMILY }

The new girl is shy. She guesses most Covenant students have known each other for years. But then all the kids in her classes approach her to introduce themselves. They want to know where she's from, and if she has siblings, and whether she plays any instruments or sports. Everyone is so kind - even the older students. She eats lunch outside with a group of girls and she laughs until it hurts. When her Mom picks her up at the end of her first day, she can't wait for tomorrow. Covenant didn't make her feel like she was new. It made her feel like she was family.



Pictured: Competing for God, school, and each other



6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES

The Logic School serves students in 6th through 8th Grade. It is the second stage of the *Trivium*.

The Logic School focuses on enhancing a student's ability to *think* and *reason*.

As any parent can confirm, middle school-aged students are prone to challenge authority. However, their arguments are not always rational.

Our teachers expertly guide this impulse towards a better end. In The Logic School, students acquire the skill to argue *well*. Lively classroom discussions thrive on the very meaning of terms and the veracity of claims. Exercising reason and imagination in real-time, students sharpen their sensitivity to invalid arguments and learn to build valid ones.

By the conclusion of The Logic School, students are beginning to understand that truth in all of its forms should not – and cannot – be acquired passively. Equipped with these new skills and insights and supported by the sturdy foundation established in The Grammar School, each student leaves The Logic School prepared for the demands and great fun of The Rhetoric School.

{ SPEAK THE TRUTH }

Sitting around the Harkness table is one of her favorite things to do at Covenant. In fact, it doesn't even seem like school when she is debating big ideas with her classmates. Harnessing her blossoming skills in logic and rhetoric, she deploys words and reshapes arguments to subtly persuade her fellow students to reconsider their own thinking. While the young woman believes she is learning to lead others to a conclusion, she is actually learning to lead others to truth. It is something she will do for years to come.



THE RHETORIC SCHOOL



9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES

The Rhetoric School is the third and final stage of the *Trivium*. It is our high school.

The Rhetoric School focuses on the written and verbal art of communication that incorporates both grammar *and* logic. The purpose of rhetoric is to direct the soul to truth. We challenge students to contemplate great books and art, to express difficult mathematical and scientific concepts, and to wrestle with truths about human nature and virtue. We do all of this with one end in mind – to pursue what it means to be an authentic human being.

More than 70% of faculty in The Rhetoric School hold advanced degrees and these teachers spend time outside our classrooms and learning spaces tutoring students, serving as Advisors, and sponsoring clubs and honor societies. Through these relationships and through the knowledge, skills, and insights they have acquired and honed during their time at Covenant, Rhetoric students graduate ready to thrive in college while meeting Covenant's ultimate mission: *to glorify God by equipping students with the tools necessary to pursue a lifetime of learning so that they may discern, reason and defend truth in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.*



Pictured: Gathering around the Harkness table



{ BECOME A MORE COMPLETE PERSON }

Looking back, the senior is grateful for many things. He is grateful for sweet memories of racing between cottages during rainstorms, and gathering each year for Christmas Chapel. He is grateful for the ageless Mr. Brown and his recorder during carpool, and for the enigmatic Mr. Whiskers. He is grateful for inspiring teachers who altered the very trajectory of his life (that's you, Mrs. Miller), and for quietly transcendent moments on the field when he discovered something inside himself (thanks, Coach). Mostly, he is grateful for who he has become. More than a better student, Covenant has made him a more complete human being.

COMPETE

Our Athletics program focuses on discipleship and character development, helping us fulfill our mission and complementing our classical, Christ-centered education.

We support more than 35 teams. Since 2017, these teams have earned 5 state championships.

LOGIC SCHOOL

Baseball
Girls & Boys Basketball
Girls & Boys Cross Country
Football
Girls & Boys Golf
Girls & Boys Soccer
Girls & Boys Track and Field
Volleyball

RHETORIC SCHOOL

Baseball
Girls & Boys Basketball
Girls & Boys Cross Country
Football
Girls & Boys Golf
Girls & Boys Soccer
Girls & Boys Tennis
Girls & Boys Track and Field
Wrestling
Volleyball
Cheer



In addition to student clubs and societies, our award-winning Music, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts programs expand each student's vision of their world. From the introduction of music in Explorers, to sculpture, painting, photography, Shakespeare Festivals, and more in later grades, the Arts play an ongoing role in each student's development.

MUSIC

Beginning in Explorers, we introduce our students to history's greatest composers. Our music curriculum fosters an enduring love, deep appreciation, and broad understanding of the discipline of music that will remain with each child for the rest of their life.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts are fundamental to each student's growth. From the annual Shakespeare Festival, to *Theatre Arts 1 and 2* for our 7th and 8th Graders, to the many award-winning performances across the Rhetoric School, students have many opportunities to express their God-given creativity.

VISUAL ARTS

Student art brightens our hallways and learning spaces, provokes thinking and discussion, and reminds us all of God's glory. Art is an integral core subject for all our students at every grade level. Our students have earned many state-wide awards in media as diverse as sculpture, photography, painting, and jewelry.



MAKE MEMORIES

Covenant is a community rich with traditions. These annual events enhance a student's learning while also deepening their relationship with God and each other. These are memories students hold dear forever.

Our traditions include:

Opening Chapel

Grandparents Day

Love Thy Neighbor

Fall Frenzy

Declamation (Logic & Rhetoric School)

Shakespeare Festival and Play

Homecoming

Hoopla

Powder Puff Football

Junior Blazer Ceremony

Senior Sweatshirt Day

Senior Thesis



BEYOND

In addition to more than a dozen other state and national academic, arts, and athletics awards and scholarships, our graduates include more than 150 *AP Scholars*, *AP Scholars with Honors*, *AP Scholars with Distinction*, *AP National Scholars*, *National Merit Commended Scholars*, *National Merit Finalists*, *Hispanic Scholars*, and a *Presidential Scholar Semifinalist*.

100% of Covenant students are college-bound and they thrive at post-secondary schools around the country, to include:



New York University



Pepperdine University



Princeton University



Auburn University,
Honors College



Baylor University,
University Studies, Honors



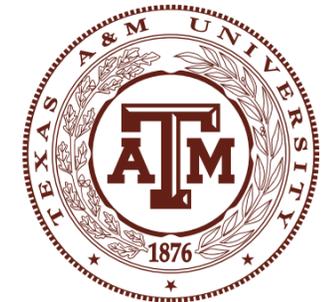
Belmont University



Rice University



Samford University,
University Fellows



Texas A&M
University, Honors



Biola University,
Torrey Honors Institute



Clemson University



William & Mary



University of Arkansas,
Honors



University of Georgia



University of Texas,
Honors



Drexel University



Georgetown University



Gordon College,
Presidential Fellows



University of Tulsa,
Honors



Vanderbilt University



U.S. Military Academy
(West Point)



Pictured: Praying for His Grace

ADMISSIONS

For more than 25 years, we have been a dynamic, mission-minded educational community of dedicated faculty and like-hearted families committed to teaching students with an academically rich and rigorous curriculum unapologetically grounded in the great ideas, artists, and books of Western Civilization.

We welcome the opportunity to meet your family and introduce you to our school community. To schedule a campus visit or discuss how to apply today, please contact:



Ms. Melissa Hill

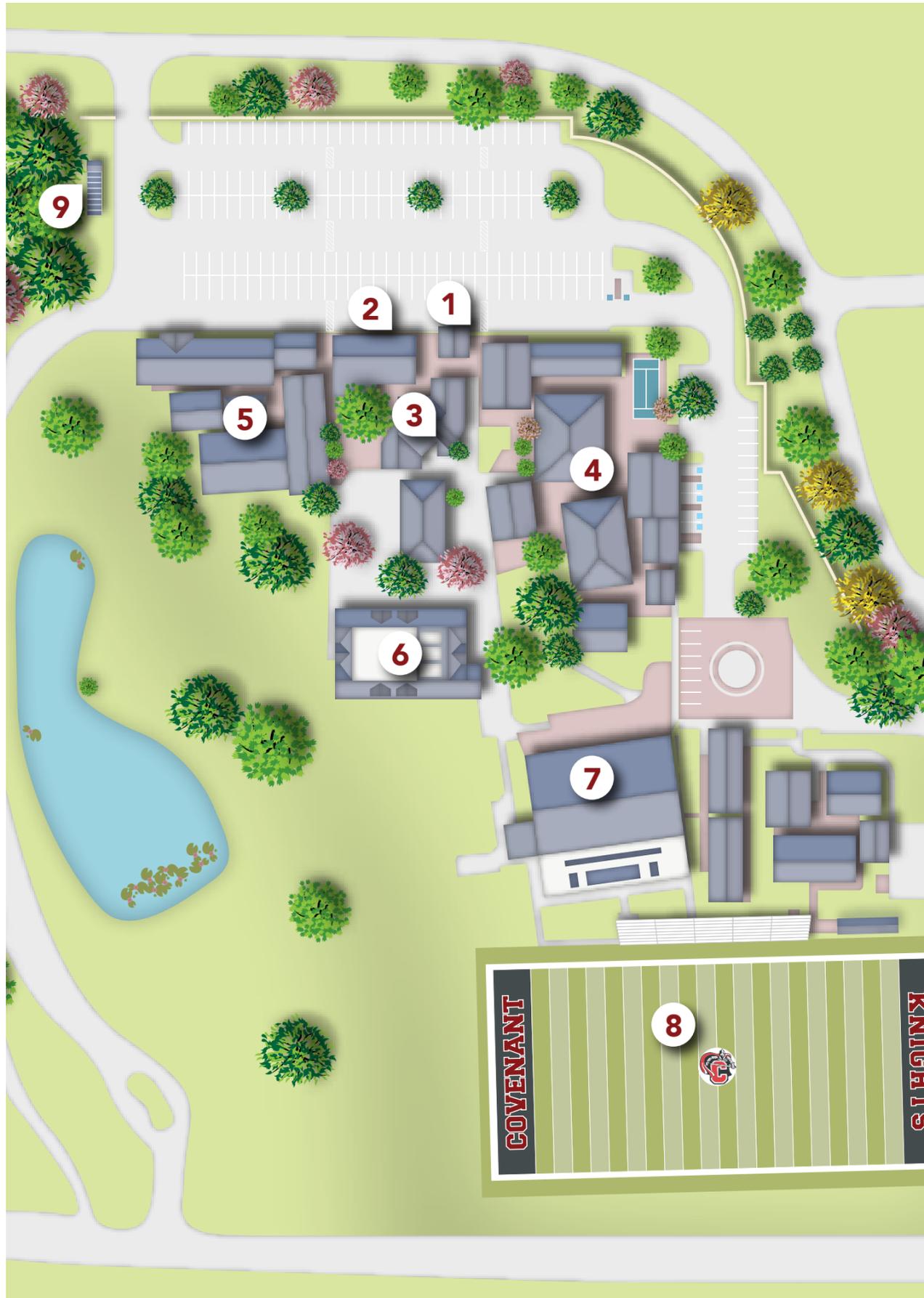
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OUR CAMPUS



1. Wileman Pavilion
2. Covenant Hall
3. Administration
4. Grammar School
5. Logic School
6. Rhetoric Hall
7. Carson Leslie Center
8. Frank Miller Field
9. Charlotte Mason Chicken Coop



Pictured: Covenant classmates today, best friends forever



BE TRANSFORMED

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