



THE COVENANT SCHOOL

CLASSICAL LEARNING IN LIKE-HEARTED COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION



Pictured: Grammar School student working on his nature study journal



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ABOUT

The background of the page is a photograph of a lush green vine-covered trellis. In the foreground, there are out-of-focus flowers in shades of pink, orange, and red. The overall tone is natural and serene.

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 700 students from 35+ ZIP codes in kindergarten through 12th grade. The name Covenant comes from the critically important concept in Scripture describing God's relationship with His people and their relationships with each other.



Pictured: A peaceful morning at the Charlotte Mason Chicken Coop





elcome to the Covenant School - we're glad you're here.

We understand parenting young children, or older children for that matter, is not for the faint of heart. I would argue that it is during this time that our reliance on God, the support of a like-hearted community, and the moment-by-moment cultivation of humility, wisdom, and winsomeness is most acute. Those things make finding the right school for your family vital. As you shepherd your family, you are building a legacy.

We know legacies are constructed over time, forged in endurance, and carried forward one generation at a time.

At The Covenant School, we invite you to invest in something that outlasts transcripts and trophies: the living legacy of a Charlotte Mason-inspired classical Christian education. Our work is more than grades and resumes; it is the long, steady formation of a foundation, laid layer by layer, through Scripture, stories, thoughtful study, and the steady habits that shape a life.

Our mission serves as the guiding principle for our work: *The Covenant School 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.* In practice, this looks like rich books and beautiful pursuits, habits of attention and gratitude, the thoughtful application of a time-tested education, and an atmosphere where truth, goodness, and beauty are beloved. Over time, this living-liturgy forms the whole child.

We aspire for a community marked by humility, winsomeness, and wisdom. We aim to listen before we speak, hold convictions with grace, and not only know what is true but also understand how to apply it correctly. This posture shapes our classrooms and our partnerships with families.

To invest here means more than just enrolling – it means joining a story. Your presence, prayers, and partnership help set the bedrock for your children and the students who will follow them. If you're ready to begin the life-long cultivation of a legacy, we'd love to meet you, answer your questions, and help you discern whether Covenant is the right school for your family.

Sincerely,

Melissa Hill
Head of School





Pictured: Grammar School students enjoying an afternoon outside

CLASSICAL EDUCATION AT COVENANT

A student in a white shirt and tie is sitting on a patterned rug, reading a book with colorful illustrations. The book is open, showing a page with a large illustration of a person in a blue and red outfit. The student's hands are visible, holding the book. The background is slightly blurred, showing other books and a white object on the floor.

Covenant will equip your student to *learn independently, think critically, analyze logically, and express themselves* with clarity and purpose. We believe the ultimate goal 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 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, and 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 120+ faculty and staff utilize every bit of our 18-acre campus to integrate nature and outdoor learning into their lesson plans.





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 history, God’s creation and God’s Word, days are wonderful and *wonder-filled*.

The Explorer 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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

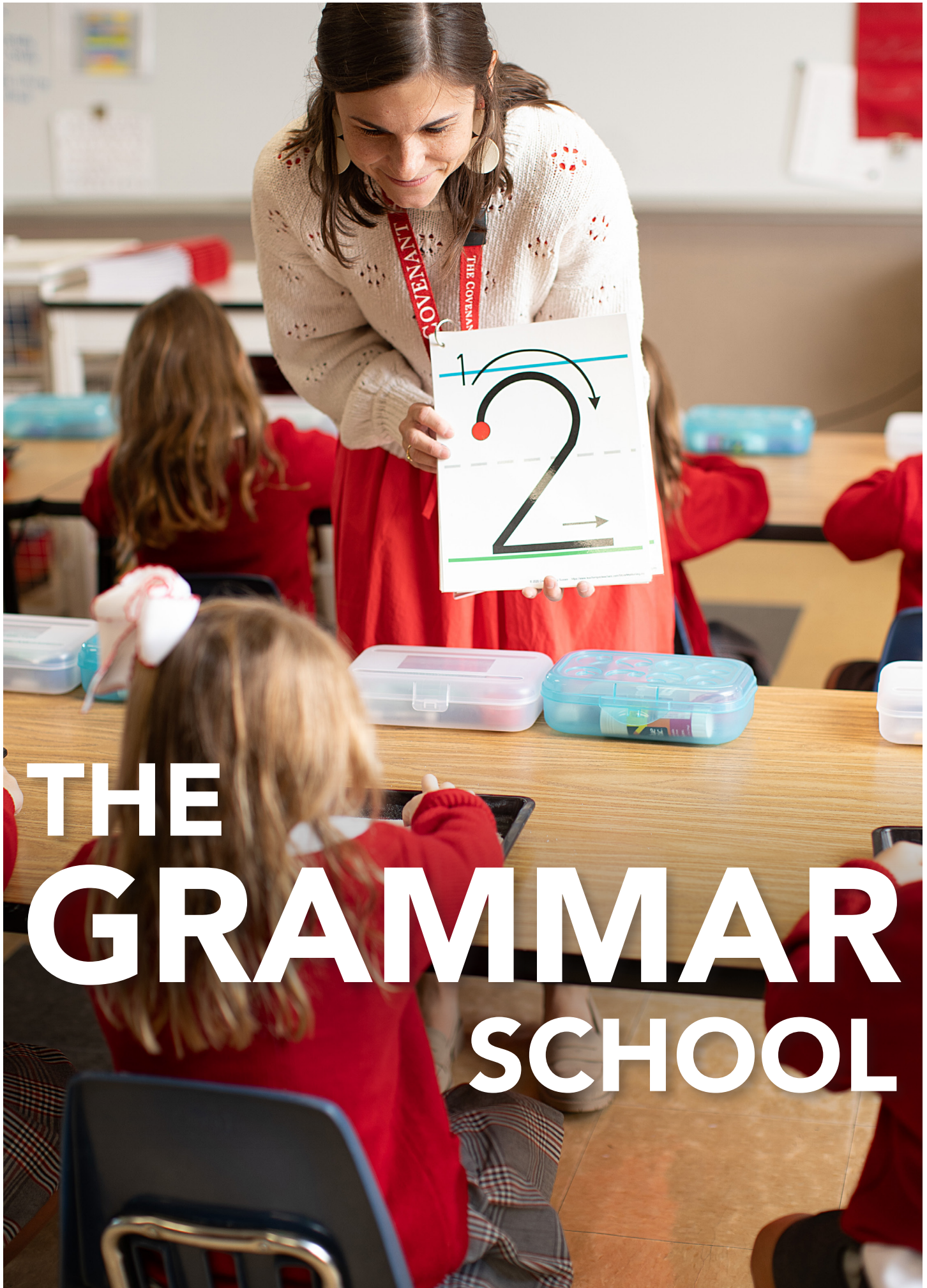
OPTION #2

Monday through Friday, 8:10 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.





Pictured: Using manipulatives to make math come alive



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

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

Overall, the Grammar School focuses on the fundamental elements, or *grammar*, of each subject area to build a framework for all future knowledge.

As a parent, you will notice your child grow increasingly curious about the world, constantly craving answers about everything around them. Our curriculum is designed to meet their curiosity with rich examples of how bravery is executed with stories about knights and fairy tales. They learn the ways colors interact by mixing them with their own hands, and they discover the intricacies and complexities of the world around them by doing intentional nature studies. Everyday habits are instilled in gentle ways so that when they are ready to become teenagers, they have acquired the fundamentals of knowledge and of being a follower of Christ.

It is not uncommon to walk around the Grammar Village and see children on a nature walk, enchanted by a butterfly or a beautiful flower. Our students get messy and play hard but also listen intently. Their imaginations are evident on the playground as they play “rock shop” or search for lizards. While we cannot shelter them from the world, we can present them with the most beautiful and excellent things the world has to offer.



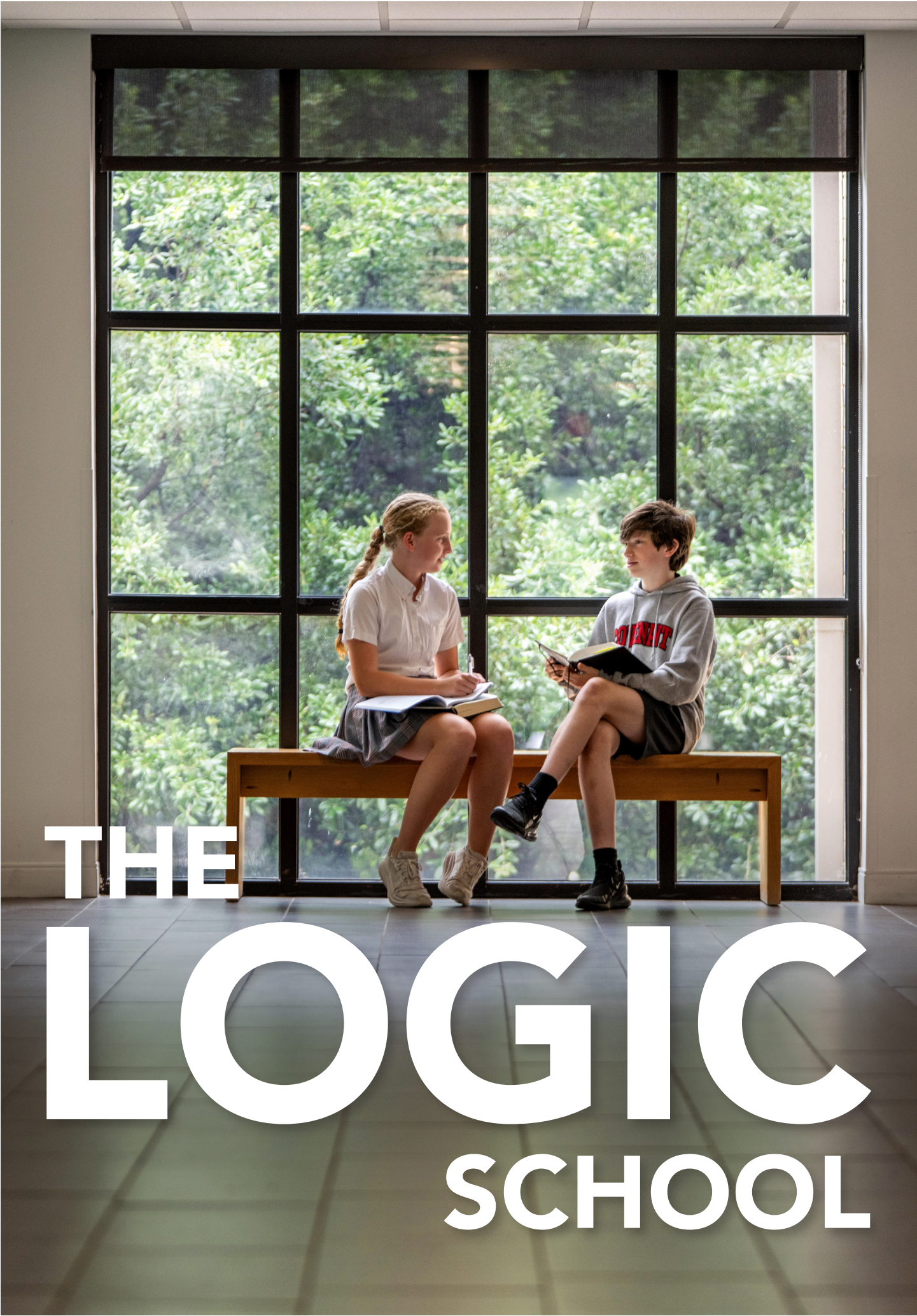
NEW BEGINNINGS

The new boy is shy. He guesses most Covenant students already know each other. But then kids in his class introduce themselves and invite him to play. They want to know where he's from, if he has any siblings, and if he plays any instruments or sports. Everyone is so kind, even the older students. He eats lunch outside with his class and laughs more than he expected. When his mom picks him up at the end of his first day, he's excited for tomorrow. This is the new beginning he was looking for.





Pictured: Cheering on the Covenant Knights

A photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, sitting on a wooden bench in front of a large, multi-paned window. The girl, on the left, is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a grey skirt, and is writing in a notebook. The boy, on the right, is wearing a grey hoodie with red lettering and dark shorts, and is also writing in a notebook. They are both looking at each other. The window behind them shows a lush green landscape with trees. The floor is made of dark grey tiles.

THE LOGIC SCHOOL

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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 critically* 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 toward 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 reasoning and imagination in real time, students sharpen their sensitivity to invalid arguments and learn to build valid ones.

By the conclusion, students begin to understand 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 opportunities 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 uses 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 GRADE

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

The liberal art of rhetoric incorporates grammar, logic, and the means of persuasion to lead people toward the 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.

More than 70% of faculty in the Rhetoric School hold advanced degrees. These teachers spend time outside our classrooms and learning spaces tutoring students, serving as advisors, and sponsoring clubs and honor societies. Covenant 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



MORE THAN A STUDENT

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

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 42 sports teams. Since 2016, we have earned 25 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

Cheerleading

Girls & Boys Basketball

Girls & Boys Cross Country

Football

Girls & Boys Golf

Girls & Boys Soccer

Girls & Boys Tennis

Girls & Boys Track and Field

Wrestling

Volleyball







In addition to student clubs and societies, our award-winning music, theatre, and visual arts programs expand each student's vision of their world. From music to sculpture to painting to photography to Shakespeare Festivals – and more in later grades – Fine Arts plays an ongoing role in each student's development.

MUSIC

Beginning in Explorers, we introduce our students to history's greatest composers. Our music program has a voice and instrumental curriculum that 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 lives.

THEATRE

The theatre is fundamental to each student's growth. From the annual Shakespeare Festival 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 students at every grade level. Our students have earned many statewide awards in media as diverse as sculpture, photography, painting, and architecture.

CREATE



Pictured: Students perform "Bye Bye Birdie"

MAKE MEMORIES

Covenant is a community rich with traditions. Annual events not only enhance students' learning, but they also draw students closer to God and to each other. These are memories students hold dear forever.

Our traditions include:

Opening Chapel

Homecoming

Junior Blazer Ceremony

Senior Sweatshirt Day

Living History Day

Christmas Chapel

Hoopla

Love Thy Neighbor

Shakespeare Festival and Play

Declamation

Spring Fling

Grandparents Day

Senior Thesis





Pictured: Living History Day

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*.

Covenant students thrive at post-secondary schools around the country, including:



Auburn University,
Honors College



Baylor University,
University Studies, Honors



Belmont University



Biola University,
Torrey Honors Institute



Clemson University



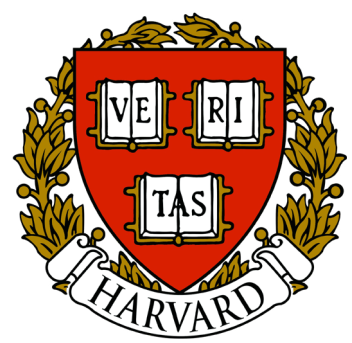
Dartmouth College



Georgetown University



Gordon College,
Presidential Fellows



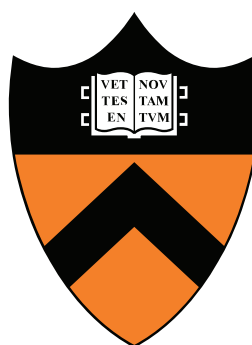
Harvard University



New York University



Pepperdine University



Princeton University



Rice University



Samford University,
University Fellows



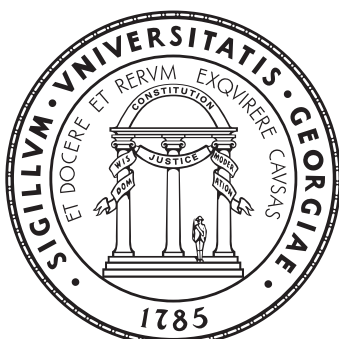
Southern Methodist
University



Texas A&M
University, Honors



University of Arkansas,
Honors



University of Georgia



University of Texas,
Honors



U.S. Naval Academy



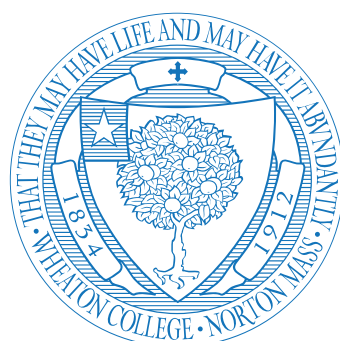
U.S. Military Academy
(West Point)



Vanderbilt University



Wake Forest University



Wheaton College



Yale University





Pictured: The Covenant community cheers on the Knights at Frank Miller Field

ADMISSIONS

For over 30 years, The Covenant School has been a dynamic, mission-minded, educational community of dedicated faculty and like-hearted families, committed to teaching students with an unapologetic biblical worldview. Classical education has a rich and rigorous curriculum, grounded in the great ideas, artists, and books of Western civilization.

Having been a parent at Covenant for 18 years, I have personally experienced how this unique and remarkable school has shaped and inspired our four children as well as our whole family.

I welcome the opportunity to meet your family and introduce you to this incredible school community.



Jennifer Peterson

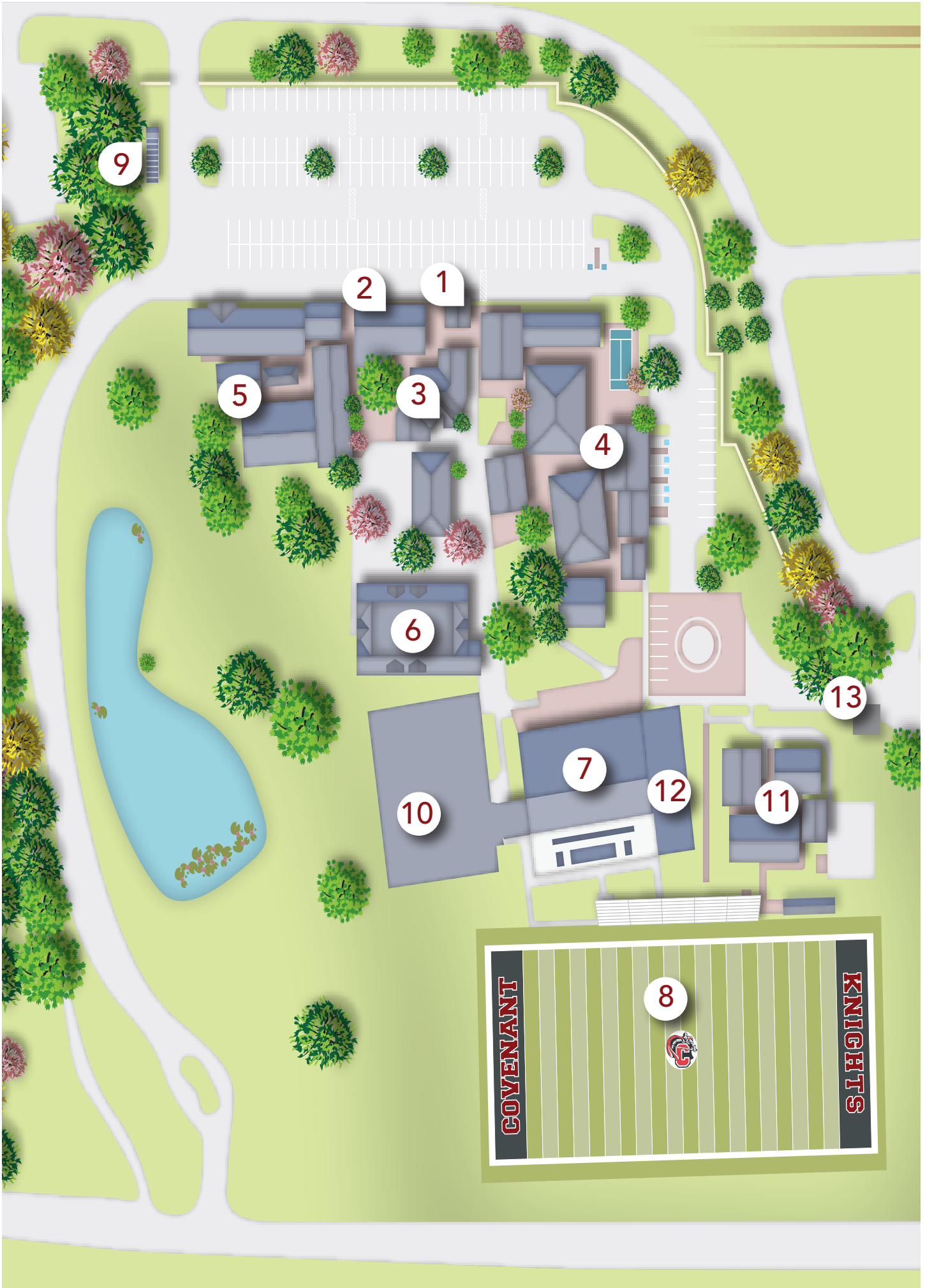
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OUR CAMPUS

- 1.** Wileman Pavilion
- 2.** Covenant Hall
- 3.** Administration
- 4.** Grammar School (K-3)
- 5.** Grammar School (4-5)
- 6.** Logic Hall (6-8)
- 7.** Carson Leslie Center
- 8.** Frank Miller Field
- 9.** Charlotte Mason Chicken Coop
- 10.** Rhetoric Hall (9-12)
- 11.** Athletic Offices
- 12.** Covenant Commons
- 13.** Welcome Center



Pictured: Class shields in the Covenant Commons





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