



*Sharpening Minds*

*Shepherding Hearts*

*Shaping Lives*

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### The Origin

New Covenant Christian School is a coed, liberal arts, Preschool-12 day school founded in 1999 upon classical and Christian educational models. It is a ministry of New Covenant Presbyterian Church PCA and consists of the Grammar School (grades pre-K – 6) and the Upper School (grades 7-12).

### Admissions Criteria

Admission is based on application, personal interview, and placement testing.

### School of Pre-Grammar and Grammar (Grades K-6)

**Pre-Grammar (Grades K-2)** - Students are taught to read through a strong phonics program and are introduced to classic children's literature. Mathematics instruction includes basic facts as the foundation on which students will build. Good behavior is encouraged as students learn from the heart what God expects of them.

**Grammar (Grades 3-6)** - The child readily soaks up information and memorizes facts. In the grammar stage, students learn the who, what, when, and where of subjects as they learn multiplication facts in mathematics; land formations, capitals and countries in geography; names and dates of important events and people in history; and, vocabulary in English and Latin.

### School of Logic and Rhetoric (Grades 7-12)

The Logic stage of classical education (grades 7-9) is spent training students in how to think and reason logically, both formally and informally, in every subject area. The Rhetoric stage (grades 10-12) focuses on developing students' ability to communicate truth persuasively in every area of life.

The New Covenant humanities sequence consists of the chronological study of western literature and civilization from the Ancients to modern European and American study. Emphasis is placed on critical reading, Socratic discussion, and written analysis.

Some of the authors studied are: Homer, Plato, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, Jules Verne, Victor Hugo, John Steinbeck, George Orwell, Jane Austen, John Milton, John Bunyan, Ernest Hemingway, Cervantes, Franz Kafka, Anton Chekov, John Donne, and several Shakespearean plays.

### Focused Writing

The Rhetoric stage of New Covenant's education seeks to build a student's ability to produce coherent and persuasive works, both oral and written. This begins with formal Rhetoric classes and continues into the Junior and Senior Thesis projects required of all students. Juniors and Seniors spend a year researching and writing an original, relevant, and defensible thesis that is presented to faculty and peers at the end of the school year.

### Faculty/Class Size

New Covenant Christian School is committed to small classes in order to allow for more individualized instruction for our students. Class sizes are generally under 18 students in grades K-6 and under 21 in grades 7-12. The average class size 15 students.

### School Calendar

The school year is divided into two semesters. The Upper School day consists of seven class periods each day from 7:45 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. The Grammar School begins at 8:30 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Chapel is held weekly.

### The Upper School House System

Beginning in fall of 2011, New Covenant Christian School began to group its Upper School students into four unique student houses. The House System serves to facilitate opportunities for (1) fellowship and positive peer influence, (2) friendly competition, (3) leadership and governance opportunities, and (4) a heart of service within the Upper School. The houses are Athanasius House, Augustine House, Luther House, and Calvin House, named for faithful men of the early and Reformational church.

#### Minimum Graduation Requirements

Mathematics	4.00
Literature	4.00
History	4.00
Laboratory Science	3.00
Foreign Language	2.00
Classical Language	1.00
Theology	2.50
Rhetoric/Communication	2.75
Electives	2.00

### Athletics

New Covenant has offered the following sports:

Boys High School Soccer	Girls High School Volleyball
Boys High School Basketball	Girls Middle School Volleyball
Boys Middle School Basketball	Girls Basketball
Girls High School Soccer	Girls Middle School Soccer

Many students take part in other Christian sports programs: FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) sponsors the following: Boys High School Saints Football (fall), Freedom Girls Varsity Soccer (spring), Girls High School Soccer (fall), Boys High School Lacrosse (spring), Boys High School Baseball (spring), and Lady Falcons Lacrosse (spring).

### Fine Arts

New Covenant Christian School is committed to developing within students an appreciation for the fine arts and the creative application of learned skills to produce works that glorify God and draw men to a contemplation of those things that are true, good and beautiful. In light of that commitment, we offer the following:

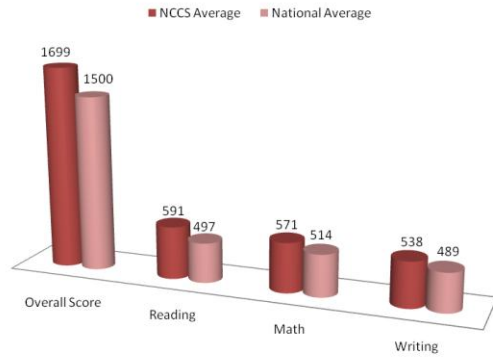
Drama/Theater	Student Choir
Jazz Band	Studio Art

Students have the opportunity to take part in several ACSI competitions each year: Math Olympics, Creative Writing Competition, and the Fine Arts Festival.

### Electives

Students can choose from the following electives: Student Leadership Council, Visual Basic I, Visual Basic II, Drama, Life Skills, Yearbook, Studio Art I and II, Choral Music. Additional electives (photography, physical education, survival skills) are available on a rotating basis.

## NCCS SAT Scores vs. National Average



### Snapshot of New Covenant Christian School Class of 2013

- ❖ 21 Students
- ❖ Average GPA 3.45
- ❖ 62% maintain above a 3.5 GPA
- ❖ 86% above the national average on PSAT Writing Skills
- ❖ 62% participate in organized sports

### New Covenant Christian School Distinctives

#### *Sharpening minds . . . through rigorous, classical academics*

- Accelerated Math Program Beginning in Kindergarten
- 9 years of Phonetic and Grammatical Instruction Beginning in Kindergarten
- 6 years of Latin Instruction Beginning in 3rd Grade
- 2 years of Logic Instruction Beginning in 7th Grade
- 3 years of Rhetoric Instruction Beginning in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Research Thesis and Oral Defense Requirement in 11th and 12th Grades
- Interdisciplinary Great Books/History Emphasis in All Grades
- Lab-Based Science Program Beginning in 9th Grade
- Individualized Faculty Mentored Independent Study Opportunities in senior year

#### *Shaping lives and shepherding hearts through . . . servant leadership and discipleship opportunities*

- Deeply Committed Christian Faculty and Staff
- Junior Class - Missions Trip
- Senior Class - Capstone Europe Trip
- Local Community Service Projects
- Student led Local Community Pastors Breakfast
- Student led Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Studies
- Weekly Chapel Worship Services
- Spiritual Emphasis and Team Building Retreats
- Student House System
- Student Leadership Council

## College Acceptances

These are some of the colleges and universities that New Covenant Christian School students have been accepted to or are attending:

- University of Notre Dame
- Geneva College
- Grove City College
- West Virginia University
- Patrick Henry College
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- Loyola College
- Wheaton College
- Wake Forest University
- University of Richmond
- Messiah College
- Regent University
- Mercyhurst University
- Butler University
- Albright College
- Eastern College
- University of Maryland Baltimore Campus
- Taylor University
- Gordon College
- Westmont
- Waynesburg University
- Liberty University
- University of Maryland College Park
- College of Notre Dame of Maryland
- Lafayette College
- Anderson University
- Cedarville University
- Honors College at Salisbury University

New Covenant Christian School is registered with the state of Maryland as a church-exempt school. Our graduates surpass the requirements for Maryland State Department of Education. NCCS is a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools and the Association of Christian Schools International. The Extended Care program (ECP) and the Preschool are licensed by the Maryland Child Care Administration and must adhere to its established guidelines.

*Classical Academics*

*Spiritual and Social Development*

*Commitment to Excellence*

*New Covenant Christian School  
A Christ-Centered Classical School Serving Harford County Since 1999*