



THE COVENANT SCHOOL

KnightlyNews

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 2011

Dear Covenant Families and Friends,

What makes our school community special?

- Moms spending hours blowing up and delivering balloons for our new students
- 5th and 6th graders excitedly volunteering to walk JR-K students to their classroom
- Dads on the sidewalk tying ties for boys (sons of other parents) on the first day of school
- Teachers voluntarily meeting after school hours to discuss the best ways to motivate their students
- Parents coming in for chapel because it is a joyful way to start their day
- Staff staying late and arriving early to school to make sure that parents and students have all the materials and information they need to start the new school year
- New families choosing our school because our mission is more than words
- Dozens of students raising their hands when Pastor Sullivan asks for a volunteer to lead the student body in prayer
- Church members inviting their neighbors to tour our school
- Board members spending a weekend away from their families to focus on plans for the school's growth and success
- Graduates and alumni representing our school so well as they excel in honors courses at their middle schools
- Returning students and new students gathering with their parents for class parties to celebrate a new school year together

Our faculty, staff, and parents embrace our mission to lay the spiritual and academic foundation that will support our children throughout their lives. Our school environment offers students an encouraging Christian culture in which they may reach their academic potential. Our teachers present the research-based curriculum in the context of a Biblical worldview, and they connect learning with Biblical truth. Our students know that they are God's children and that they are loved at our school.

This week I learned from a teacher at MBA that two of our 2011 graduates have already so impressed their English teachers that the 7th-grade teachers wanted to learn more about our TCS reading and writing program. Just yesterday a mother of one of our graduates (and also parent of a current TCS student) shared a story with me about her son's recent experience at his new middle school. The coach of his team created a motto for the boys to chant, but this motto contained inappropriate language. The coach asked the boy why he did not participate in chanting the motto, and the boy replied that he did not want to say the "curse words" because he did not think that was right. This Covenant School grad served as "salt and light" for his coach and teammates because he knows he is an image-bearer and child of God.

Those are just a few reasons why our school community is special!

"We're lovin' it at Covenant!"
--Dr. Graham

DRESS CODE RECOMMENDATION FORM

If you would like to offer your feedback regarding our school dress code, please just pick up a Dress Code Recommendation Form from the school office. Once you have completed the form please return it to the school office addressed to Dr. Graham. We will continue to streamline and simplify the dress code as needed, and your suggestions are welcome.

TCS CHOIR

Students in grades 2-6 are invited to join the TCS Choir which begins Tuesday, September 13, 3:00-4:00 p.m., in the Music Room (225).

Fee: \$20 to cover the cost of music

Fall Session: Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in September, October, November

Spring Session: Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in March, April, May

Please e-mail to register: mmagyar@thecovenantschool.com or you may register at Parents Night on Thursday, September 8.



Michael Morrow and Mary Grace Gower took third place (out of 13 schools) in the "school team" section at the NCC Scholastic Tournament hosted by St. Paul. Yeah!



TCS Cross Country Team

Our cross country team is now forming. Registrations forms are available in the school office. Practice will begin on Tuesday, August 30, on the school field.