

THE IGNITER



Dates to know:

- November 4 — 11:15 Dismissal; Benefit Banquet/Concert, 6:30pm
- November 22, 23 — Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 24,25,28 — Thanksgiving Break
- December 5 — Picture Re-takes
- December 15 — MS/HS Christmas Concert, 7pm
- December 16 — Elementary Christmas Concert, 7pm
- December 23 — 11:15 Dismissal

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"Remember when..."

In celebration of our 30th year, we will have a trivia question in each edition of the *Igniter*. See if you can "Remember when..." and answer the following question:

Which two faculty members are in their 21st year of teaching at New Covenant?

Thankfulness for His Vision and Provision

James Hubbard

As we move towards Thanksgiving, I have been reminded again and again of God's vision and provision for New Covenant. He clearly guides and directs us with His Holy Spirit and through His people.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It is great to know that the Creator of the universe has already prepared us to do good works. Indeed He has given New Covenant a vision to build the children into every day heroes. We believe a hero is a normal person who makes a difference, a change agent, one who acts on God's plan for their lives.

Thank you, Lord, for giving New Covenant the opportunity to intentionally build Your children into servant leaders and everyday heroes of the faith.

Lord, we ask that You continue to guide and direct us as we try to build into the New Cove-

nant students a hero mentality, one which makes a difference and moves Your Kingdom forward.

We are so thankful for:

- *Our great teachers and staff*
- *The spiritual growth we see in the children*
- *Our dynamic sports programs*
- *Rigorous academics*
- *The joy and laughter we see every day*
- *Our parents and Association members, who daily make a difference*
- *Our students, who teach us so much*
- *A facility that keeps on ticking*

Most of all, we are thankful for you, Lord. You guide our steps, supply our needs and love us without condition. Thank You for Your faithfulness to New Covenant.

Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!

God Bless,
James



Roof Update

James Hubbard

New Covenant is thankful for the donations we received to help with the payment of a new roof over the high school wing. We have received almost half the money to date and believe that the rest will be forthcoming. We still need an additional \$16,000 to pay the bill off in full.

The roof replacement will begin October 24th and may actually be complete by the time you read this article. We decided to go with a shingle roof and are very excited about how it will look.

Thanks again to all of you for your support both financially and through service during and following the weeks of the storms. Without you, New Covenant would not have been able to get back on

track teaching your children in such a safe and nurturing environment.

Blessings,
James



“Bless the Babies”

Todd Swisher

New Covenant Christian School is dedicated to the ideal of community transformation through training young people to become outstanding Christian leaders. One of the ways New Covenant attempts to reach this ideal is through service projects. In the past, the school coordinated a single event called the Serv-a-Thon that allowed groups of students to minister to others within the community.

This year, each class is able to choose a local ministry or ministries to serve throughout the school year. The 10th grade class has chosen to support Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services (SVPS). SVPS is a gospel-sharing, life-affirming ministry to women, men and teens facing unplanned pregnancy. They also provide sexual integrity education and post-abortion counseling. SVPS has four locations in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties, and all services are free to those they serve.

To benefit SVPS, the 10th grade class held a “Bless the Babies” drive which was open to 1st through 12th grades. Students were invited to bring in items for babies, including diapers, wipes, outfits, and blankets. The things were collected from homerooms each morning. Points were awarded for each item, with the exception of diapers and wipes, where one point was given for every 12 diapers, and one point for each lot of 70 wipes.



The class repackaged the donated diapers into bundles of 12, which is how SVPS distributes them to their clients.

The 10th grade class would like to thank everyone who participated in the “Bless the Babies” drive. The original goal set by the class was 100 items, but because of the generosity of so many, the total number of items received escalated to 570. Those 570 items represent a donation to SVPS of:

- 3,375 diapers
- 8,178 wipes
- 72 outfits
- 40 blankets
- 37 related items

At the elementary level, congratulations to the 5th grade homeroom, and in the MS/HS level, congratulations to the 11th grade homeroom. These homerooms brought in the highest number of items per student and will receive a party hosted by the 10th grade class. These homerooms won the in-school competition, but the biggest winners are the moms, dads and babies served by SVPS who will receive the abundant gifts provided through the generosity of New Covenant families.

GAIN Warehouse

Mary Minor

On Tuesday, October 11, the Fifth Grade class went to the GAIN warehouse in Mt. Joy for their service project. Two days later, Sixth Grade went to work also. Formerly known as the Josh McDowell Warehouse, its new name stands for Global Aid Network. We were given a tour of the facility and told that their current goal is to reach “2 million in 2 years.”

Fifth Grade was assigned to preparing CarePacks, which were large ziplock baggies filled with school supplies such as a notebook, pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, and stickers. They were also given jobs such as taking the finished CarePacks to the packing tables, restocking the assembly lines, counting the finished CarePacks and toward the end, actually packing and sealing the boxes for shipment.

They worked at this all morning along with other volunteers and were able to fill one pallet of 1,320 CarePacks, as well as several boxes on the next pallet. The goal for this week was 20,000 CarePacks. “These kids are awesome. They are such hard workers,” said Lisa, a staff person from Minnesota.

During our morning break, we were told about their

efforts to provide clean water for needy villages.

On October 13th, Sixth Grade traveled to the GAIN Warehouse where they were given two jobs. First, they were given the opportunity to put together wordless bracelets. These bracelets are used to explain the gospel to children around the world. Mrs. Minor saw this being done in Moscow, Russia, many years ago with Josh McDowell and his team. In her words, “It was very special to see the children holding the bracelets and fingering each bead as it was explained in Russian on a tape that was being played. Later they went home and explained it to their parents. The salvation message gets to many people using these bracelets.”

Later, the Sixth Grade was busy working with oatmeal packs. They had to open the packs, shake them down, and put them into baggies. In another area, rice and bean packs were being prepared.

“This field trip really taught me a lesson like how we take food, water, and supplies for granted when people around the world don’t have any. When these CarePacks arrive, I hope the kids enjoy them!” said Daniel Bates, a 5th grade student. All students worked hard and enjoyed themselves. This experience made them more aware of their many blessings and of the needs of others around the world.



Family Fellowship

Tania Meese

A Black-Out started the day on October 7th. Students and staff donned black this year for the first of three school-wide black-outs. Fans came out to cheer on the teams as they played visiting Cumberland Valley Christian School. Our Lady Flames fought a great battle against Cumberland Valley but barely lost in the final fifth game. Flames soccer pulled a victory 3-2 at the Youth for Christ field. Seniors Jacob Embich, David Cho, Tim Kim, Mitch Kornhaus, and Kay Hirons, were honored along with their family for Senior Night. The Junior class sported concessions at both games.

At 6:30pm an estimated 300 friends, family and alumni gathered at the North 72 field to share in hot dogs, hot cider, hot chocolate and snacks. A fire call close to 6:30pm delayed the lighting of the bonfire slightly, but we had beautiful conditions this year, and we were able to light a bonfire that roared

higher than the trees, under the watchful eye of the Ebenezer Fire Company. By 9:30 pm, the fire burned down, and by 10:30pm, the site was quiet and cleaned up.

Thank you so much for the help of the Junior class on concessions (especially Vanessa, Danae and Marcia), student volunteers on set-up and clean-up (especially Liana Dunkley, Nathan Keefer, Nathaniel Dawson, Josh, Zach and Samuel Meese), and the soccer team for helping to set up the bonfire (Mitch, Jake, CJ, Kay, and Jon). Thank you, Josh, for helping me to clean up every nail the next day! A special thanks to Fire Chief Toby Gettler for bringing the wood and the gift of bologna from Seltzer's Bologna – and for your careful eye over the event that night! We appreciate you!

J.A.A.R.S Helicopter

James Hubbard

After being rescheduled three times due to rain, on September 30th, 2011, New Covenant was blessed to receive a visit from J.A.A.R.S representatives who arrived by helicopter. The organization was founded in 1948 and originally known as the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service, however the acronym has now been dropped and they simply have become known as J.A.A.R.S. Their purpose is “to provide technical support such as aviation technology and media to advance Bible translation and literacy programs worldwide”.

The fun began at 1pm when the J.A.A.R.S helicopter landed on the pine field behind the school in full view of our assembled students. It was certainly a unique and exciting experience for all the grades! After landing, Pre-K through 2nd grade students were allowed to walk around the helicopter to see

what it looked like and to get a feel for how it worked.

After about five minutes, the younger children were dismissed back to their classrooms and the older students were split up to either side of the helicopter. The J.A.A.R.S staff answered questions about how the helicopter worked and gave details on how the helicopters are used on the mission field. Each student certainly seemed to enjoy the opportunity to learn about overseas missions and to better understand what J.A.A.R.S is all about.

In summary, it was a fun learning time for all!



Fall Sports Review

Boys' soccer and girls' volleyball are New Covenant Christian School's Fall sports, with representation at the Middle School and Varsity levels for both sports. It was a good season for both sports, especially considering our new membership in PIAA and the challenges that came with establishing qualified opponents.

Varsity Soccer advanced to District Play-Offs this season!

Records for the Season:

Varsity Soccer = 7 - 5 - 1

MS Soccer = 4 - 4

Varsity Volleyball = 6 - 7

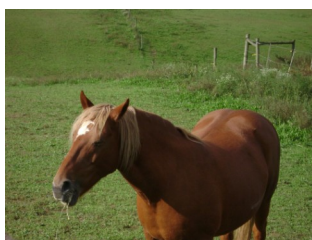
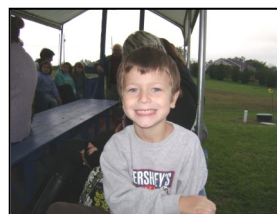
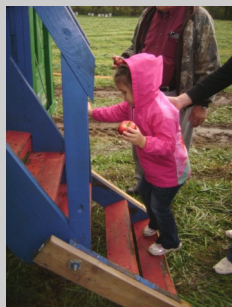


Sycamore Springs

Hannah Kramer

After several days of rain, God cleared the skies for kindergarten to go on their annual field trip to Sycamore Spring Orchard on October 4th. Students and many parent chaperones enjoyed learning about apples and orchard life through a wagon ride, apple picking, and watching how apples are sorted and polished. To top the event off, students enjoyed yummy apple cider. This trip always seems to put the class in the mood for the fall season and is an exciting way to start off the school year.

Prior to this trip children learned many things about apples, including how apples grow, the parts of an apple, and many of the uses for apples. They even taste-tested various apple types and made a graph of their most favorite kind. Kindergarten had fun integrating science, social studies, and math in this theme unit.



Youth Sports

Tania Meese

Our youth sports are wrapping up for the fall. We offered U6, U8, U10 and U12 age categories. New this year is the addition of a new online registration system – *Got Soccer*. Thank you for your patience as we have been learning this new system. Please visit our Youth Sports Website linked to the school website under the extracurricular tab.

Our coaches this fall –

- U6 – Rebecca Boerst and Whitney Worley
- U8 – Anne Hubbard and Jason Seibert 1 - 1
- U10 – Bill Litman and Marc Zeisloft 3 - 3 - 1
- U12 – James Hubbard and Marc Zeisloft 8 - 1

U12 is currently in the league playoffs! Come cheer for our U12ers - November 5th (tentatively Myerstown) and November 6th (Northern Lebanon Stadium). Times are to be determined. Schedules can be found at the Lebanon Valley Youth Sports website at <http://www.lvysl.net/index.php>.

I am looking to form a board of officers for the Youth Sports. Available offices are President/Club Representative, Equipment Manager, Field Manager, Registrar, Treasurer, Referee Coordinator, Coaches Coordinator, and Website manager. If you are interested in learning more about these volunteer positions, please contact Tania Meese at tmeese@nccspa.org or 274-2423.

I can't tell you enough how fortunate I feel working with such a wonderful team of coaches this year – our coaches put countless hours into a sport for the youth at New Covenant they feel passionate about, – all under the Lordship of Christ. Thank you coaches!

Way to go Flames!

Banquet Preview

Amy Keller

New Covenant's Benefit Banquet and Concert will be held on Friday, November 4th. We will have a delicious catered meal followed by a concert from Joshua Zimmerman. This is an annual event, with a goal this year of raising \$30,000. New to this fund raiser will be a silent auction. Items include a laptop, kindle, theme baskets, and much more! Please call the school office to register or with any questions. Hope to see you there!



Trivia Answer:

Mrs. Minor, 5th Grade
Miss Bauman, 2nd grade