SAVE the DATE

New Family Orientation
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 9 A.M.

Howdy Picnic and Convocation
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 6 P.M.

Parent Orientation
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 6 P.M.
Mandatory for all parents

Open House
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2 – 4 P.M.
Drop off your school supplies and meet your teachers

First Day of Class
MONDAY, AUGUST 24
Parents Cry and Cheer, 8:15 a.m.

North Texas Giving Day
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

STRIKE THE RIGHT CHORD FOR COVENANT ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY, SEPTEMBER 17

This year we are raising funds to launch a new era in Covenant’s music program. Help us build out our new music room and furnish it with equipment and materials to inspire the next generation of Covenant musicians!

North Texas Giving Day is our once-a-year opportunity to receive bonus funds for every dollar you donate. Thanks to the Communities Foundation of Texas, every dollar donated to Covenant Classical School at www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org on September 17 will trigger bonus funds for our school, and entries for prizes.
In this special issue of Tis Areté, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Covenant community. Covenant’s mission is to train our students to live and think according to a biblical, Christ-centered worldview. We are so grateful to a faithful community that is helping us to accomplish that mission. Thank you. You support us with your time, talent and treasure and we are deeply appreciative that you give so generously. This year, we enjoyed record attendance at Joe T. Garcia’s for our school auction and hosted a beautiful day of golf at the Split Rail Golf Club. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events successful. From the countless volunteers to the sponsors, table hosts and attendees, these events were truly opportunities for fun, fellowship and fundraising.

Another way that many of you are supporting Covenant is by making a pledge to The Covenant Fund. The leadership at Covenant is committed to managing the resources that God provides with fiscal responsibility and sound biblical stewardship. With this in mind, the operating budget is set each year to cover as much of the actual operating costs of the school as possible. Operating costs include all general operations of the school including facilities, salaries and costs associated with educating our students. In most years, tuition covers more than 90 percent of the operating costs. The remaining costs are covered by The Covenant Fund and our two fundraisers. We count on your support at these events and your participation in The Covenant Fund. In the spring issue of Tis Areté, Rob and Christy Opitz explained why they give to The Covenant Fund in this way: “While all families pay tuition and fees, this only covers about 93 percent of the operating costs of the school. When it comes to the remaining operating costs as well as growth in programs, extracurricular activities, and facilities, this requires giving above and beyond tuition and fees. For us, as we think of the various opportunities to invest God’s resources, The Covenant Fund is the obvious choice.”

We are experiencing an extraordinary time of growth at Covenant, and it is an exciting time to be your Headmaster. I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might participate in and contribute to the life and mission of our school. Have a terrific summer and I look forward to seeing each of you at the Howdy Picnic and Convocation in August.

Eric Cook, Headmaster
2015 SENIOR PORTRAITS

MCKENNA BROWN
Baylor University, English

CALLEN CLARK
Baylor University, business

ANNA HORNELL
Abilene Christian University, kinesiology

LUKE HOTCHKISS
Texas A&M, business

GEORGIA LOVE
Texas A&M, honors journalism

ZACHARY PURCZINSKY
Baylor University, biology

TOWNER WEBSTER
Texas A&M, economics

SARAH WILSON
Abilene Christian University, social work and ministry

MARGARET WOODUL
Abilene Christian University, early childhood education
Once upon a time there was a little school that was just starting out in the world. It had no campus to call home, not a single building of its own, and certainly not a playground. The school and its students grew up together in rented space at a church. The playground was a vacant dirt lot next to the church, and the only piece of “playground equipment” for the children to play on at recess was a concrete pipe.

But the families who chose this school were pioneers with a sense of purpose and adventure. They had a clear vision for their children’s education that went far beyond buildings or playgrounds, all the way to honoring God in all things for their whole lives. The children caught their parents’ pioneering spirit, so they could see that the pipe was perfectly sized for climbing on, hiding behind, and crouching inside. They decorated its surfaces with colored chalk. They laughed as they scrambled over the top. They shared muffled secrets inside its cool concrete walls.

Eventually the school outgrew the church and had to find a new “home” in a larger rented church. The children had to leave their vacant-lot recesses behind. The school and the students kept growing and finally they found a campus to call their own. The families even built a real playground with swings and slides. But the children never forgot their pipe. It was their favorite “remember when” school story.

Over the years, those children lost interest in the playground. They grew too big for the swings and the slides. They wanted to spend their lunch breaks at Sonic and Whataburger. Instead of coloring with chalk, they learned to create beautiful pictures on canvases and on computers. Instead of whispering in the curves of concrete, they learned to speak eloquently to large crowds on complicated, important subjects.

So when it was time for these children to leave their lovely campus and move on to new adventures, they decided to leave behind a gift. With the help of their pioneering parents, they went and found their beloved pipe. With great difficulty — but greater determination — they carried the pipe to their school and installed it as real playground equipment for future generations of students to climb on, hide in, and decorate with chalk. They left their marks on the outside of the pipe in paint, showing where their next adventures were taking them, and leaving instructions for future graduates to do the same.

The pipe will look different with each passing year, but the story will remain the same. With God’s grace and provision, pioneer families built — and continue to build — our beloved school with the mission of training students to live and think with a biblical worldview.
“The Sound of Music” is probably one of the most popular musicals of our generation and 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the movie debut. It was a blessing to present this story with Covenant students. All of the actors, crew and parents who work so hard to help make our shows awesome have become so dear to my heart. I am grateful every day that God led me to this school. As we celebrate the joy of “The Sound of Music,” I will always cherish those memories.

The Covenant Fine Arts department will present four shows in the 2015-16 school year. We will continue our tradition of enjoying “An Afternoon of Shakespeare” in the courtyard in the fall, followed by Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” in December. In addition to our annual spring musical, we are thrilled to announce our first-ever dinner theatre presentation at the end of April. What an exciting year ahead! We hope you will join us for all of these wonderful events.

Kate Hicks, Covenant Theatre teacher
**TRACK**

The Cavalier track team placed 3rd (men) and 11th (women) at the TAPPS 1A State meet in March with only eight athletes competing. In addition, junior Rachel Capper and sophomore Josiah Brown were selected to compete in Austin at the Texas Relays. They were two of only 36 athletes in the state chosen to run in the 100/110 m. hurdles for Division I.

**BASEBALL**

Covenant fielded a baseball team for the first time ever this year, thanks to volunteer parent coaches and organizers. The Logic baseball team advanced all the way to the CSAF Regional Championship game.

**TENNIS**

Sophomores Cameron Crow and Bryce McDonald put Covenant in 4th place at the TAPPS 1A State Tennis tournament, competing against teams with many more contributing players. McDonald advanced to quarter finals, and Crow won the tournament, making him the TAPPS 1A State Champion for the second year in a row.

**GOLF**

The Logic Golf team, in its first year of competition, took 4th place at the CSAF Regional competition.
REPORT ON 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The leadership at Covenant Classical School is committed to managing the resources that God provides with fiscal responsibility and sound biblical stewardship.

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Covenant holds four fundraising events each year (detailed on these pages) to support the school’s operating budget and to build The Covenant Fund. In addition, now families and friends of the school can donate to The Covenant Fund through standing pledges. So far 13 Covenant families have set up pledges to The Covenant Fund.

A recurring monthly gift is an easy, affordable way to ensure your support for Covenant. On a day of the month that you specify, a certain amount can be charged to your credit card, debit card or checking account dividing your gift over the course of the fiscal year. To set up a one-time gift or a recurring gift to The Covenant Fund, visit: covenantfw.org/support/giving-to-covenant.

“A NIGHT IN THE GARDEN” 2014 CCS AUCTION

$66,750

FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND THE COVENANT FUND

The Auction is our annual school celebration where we celebrate our wonderful community and raise funds to accomplish the school’s mission of training students to live and think according to a biblical, Christ-centered worldview. If you would like to help with the 2015 Auction, please contact Meredith O’Brien or Katie Howard.

WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF ALL OUR SPONSORS FOR THE 2014 CCS AUCTION:

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TOURNAMENT PARKING
$5,524

Parents and students get together over Memorial Weekend each year to sell prime parking spaces during the PGA Crowne Plaza Invitational tournament at Colonial Country Club. All monies raised go toward the operating budget at Covenant. Contact Rob Opitz to help.

2014 NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY
$45,387

FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS ON THE UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING
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CCS GOLF SCRAMBLE $36,000

FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET AND THE COVENANT FUND
At our annual golf scramble, you might win a Harley-Davidson motorcycle at the Hole-in-One challenge, Beat the Headmaster on the 8th hole (not easy to do!), or win one of many fantastic raffle prizes during the catered lunch. No matter what, you will enjoy a morning of golf that benefits the school! The 2016 Golf Scramble will move to a Friday morning (April 22), by popular demand. Contact any of our 2016 Golf Scramble Chairs (Will Pickett, Drew Ryun, Jason West, Brian Young) for information or to volunteer.

WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF ALL OUR SPONSORS FOR THE 2015 GOLF SCRAMBLE: Visual Eyes; Arlington Heights Animal Hospital; Abundant Life Wellness Center; Baird Hampton and Brown; Ben Dyess and Associates; Best Facility Services; Clarity Homes; Frost Banking Investments Insurance; Stockyards Hotel; Robert Casey Stroud; Warren Douglas Advertising; The Waterford at Fort Worth; Whitaker Chalk Attorneys and Counselors; Whitley Penn CPAs and Professional Consultants; Integrated Control Solutions; Fort Worth Harley Davidson; Medical Jets International; Payless Power; Pope & Tew, LP; VEGA; Restoration Counseling; Rylander Clay and Opitz; Sedalco Construction Services; Silver Creek Materials; Southwestern Roofing & Metal Inc; Gary L White, DDS; Glendarroch Homes; HJ&P Group; Leonard Golf Links; Lone Star Ag Credit; Lucile’s; Madison Project

CROWNE PLAZA INVITATIONAL at COLONIAL

TOURNAMENT PARKING
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