

# CCA TODAY

## COVENANT CORNUCOPIA



Covenant's Class of 2022

## Ask Our Seniors

### CHANEL MOORE

On behalf of CCA, I asked our seniors if they had any advice to share with upcoming seniors or students in general. Read ahead to see what they said.

**Q: What's one piece of advice you'd give to upcoming seniors?**

Jocelyn: Don't procrastinate. Do your work, and take it seriously.

**Q: What advice would you give someone preparing for exams?**

Nicole: Study, study, study. If you think you're ready, study more. Don't stay up late and overdo it with coffee. Study in advance.

Dora: Don't wait to the last minute and try to wing it.

**Q: How would you say Covenant has prepared you for the next stage of life?**

Nicole: Honestly, Covenant has taught me how to be a Christian in a world of non-Christians.

Dora: I've learned to always give people the benefit of the doubt. Don't just assume you know someone, but actually take time to get to know them.

**Q: What advice do you have for student athletes trying to manage their schedules?**

Peyton: Always prioritize school. That's why you're here. If there is something you really need to study for, just talk to your coaches. They understand.

Jacob: Look over your schedules and deadlines for the upcoming week, and plan ahead so that you know how to balance your schedule.

**Q: How would you advise someone as they began to consider colleges?**

Jason: Try new things in High School. This will help you to know what you want to do in life. Research it now and see if you like it.

Kyle: Experimentation is important. Try new things. Take time to think about what you plan to do for your future and how it fits.

**Q: How have you benefitted from being on the Chapel Music Team?**

Luke: Seeing other people grow in their faith is the best part. Seeing them worship and developing a community with the Chapel team is really special.

## A Priest Thanksgiving

ETHAN ZISER

**Q: What are you thankful for?**

A: I'm thankful for a lot of things. Honestly, some of it may sound trivial or trite, but I'm thankful for the Gospel. As a Bible teacher I'm supposed to say that, but I'm genuinely thankful for the Gospel. I'm fully aware of the fact that I'm a sinner, and that separates me from God, and the Gospel is good news because of that. God is with me and He is for me and I am very, very thankful for that. I am thankful for a loving and forgiving family because I am that sinner I just talked about. There are three people on this planet that know that very well, and that's my wife, my son, and my daughter.

**Q: What are your traditions for Thanksgiving?**

A: A lot of family time. We get up early in the morning. I make homemade cinnamon rolls the night before, and they sit in the fridge all night. Then I bake those in the morning, and I make a homemade cream cheese icing and a glaze because my wife likes that better. Then we watch the first part of the parade, and we kind of get bored of that. Cana and I like to watch the ugly dog show. Then we hang with family for the rest of the day. We usually eat lunch at my wife's grandparents' house, or a family member of mine. It flip-flops every year. Lots of family time and chilling out.

**Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?**

A: It would have to be Cajun fried turkey, it's got a good kick to it, but it is nice and juicy. I love a good pumpkin roll. Then the creamiest mountain of mac & cheese. Give me those three things and I'm happy!!



Mr. Priest is all smiles while enjoying lunch outside.



Mr. Friday takes a quick break to show off his smile!

## Ask the Coaches

JACOB MAGNON

As the cold weather starts to move in, CCA basketball gets off to a start as well. Firstly, we are grateful for a successful season of fall sports, as soccer and volleyball were able to return this year after Covid-19 prevented these last year. CCA has several teams this year for basketball, and games started first week of November. We highly encourage the Ram's fanbase to come out and support whenever possible!

The coaches spoke on the upcoming season and what they enjoy most about basketball:

**Coach Moore** (Middle School Girls) mentioned that she was looking forward to her team having competitive games with other teams of the same skill level, as last year's scheduling conflicts due to Covid were very challenging for the team to deal with. Coach Moore said what she enjoys about coaching is that she loves being reminded of how passionate she was as a kid for basketball, as well as seeing the girls grow throughout the season.

**Coach Huyghebaert** (Varsity Boys) said that he was also looking forward to a season with less of a Covid worry, and hopefully having a healthy team. Entering his fourth season, he is excited to coach a couple guys that have been with him all four years. Coach Huyghebaert's favorite part about coaching is being able to invest in the lives of the teenagers. As a youth ministry leader for 12 years, and now being a pastor at Grace Chapel Church, he loves to be able to spend time with the younger generation and not only help them develop as basketball players, but also in their commitment to Christ.

**Coach Helton** (Assistant Coach for Middle School Boys) noted that he was looking forward to being able to know the players more and to get back to coaching. He wants to further his connections with his players on the court and in the classroom. His favorite part about coaching this team is being able to inspire the younger generation with the passion and love that he has for the game. Coach Helton is excited to be able to share his knowledge of basketball with the many kids on this year's team.

## Ask Mr. Friday

PEYTON PIPER AND JASON YUST

**Q: How long have you taught at CCA?**

A: This is my 20th year teaching at Covenant, so that's a long time. I came here in 1989 as a fifth grader, and spent the next seven years as a student. After my time as a student at Covenant I came back, and I've taught for the last 20 years.

**Q: Which sports do you coach?**

A: I currently coach the varsity boys' soccer team in the fall, and baseball in the spring.

**Q: What sport is your favorite to coach?**

A: My favorite sport changes with each season. Whichever sport we are in seems to be my favorite to coach. I like following professional baseball more than I like following professional soccer. I am a bigger fan of the sport of baseball.

**Q: What is your favorite class to teach?**

A: I teach 7th grade, 8th grade, 10th grade New Testament, and Apologetics, which is usually most of our seniors. My favorite one would probably be Apologetics, just because it is the final fulfillment of all the other classes and it puts all of the pieces together. It is my last chance to teach those kids that are soon to graduate.

**Q: What advice would you give to the younger kids as they get closer to middle and high school?**

A: I would tell them to be excited about trying new things, whether that's sports, subjects that were not their favorite, or any other things. They might find a new passion that way. They have lots of great opportunities to try new things because of our small school. They can join the athletic teams and all the other activities. Get involved and try new things.

**Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?**

A: 2 Corinthians 12:9 - "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.'"

**Q: What is your favorite memory at CCA?**

A: Well, there's so many because I was a student here and have been teaching for so long. My favorite moments are our graduation ceremonies and celebrating our seniors every year. Having been here for so long, I have seen many students grow from kindergarten or elementary school all the way through high school. Then, you get to celebrate with their families. At the end of the year we may be tired, but the graduation ceremony is a great way to celebrate everything we do. Another memory is bus rides with my teams, because of all the fun times we have had on the bus.

## Senior Spotlights

### KYLE GUTHRIE AND DORA WILLIAMS

Jacob Magnon is one of our senior spotlights for this edition of *CCA Today*. Jacob is in his 14th year at CCA after being here since kindergarten. In these 14 years Jacob said, “the school has changed a lot.” Jacob believes that having a Bible class every year has improved and reinforced his faith, as well as answered a lot of questions he had.

After CCA, Jacob plans to go to Georgia Tech to further his educational career. He wishes to be a mechanical engineer and work in that field. When asked what his favorite class was, he said, “Calculus, because it is a small class. We can learn and have fun. Even though it's an advanced course, we don't always have to be too serious.”



Our second senior spotlight is Jason Yust. He has been attending this school since 6th grade. According to Jason, what has changed most in the school to him was how Mrs. Gentry taught him in 6th grade, and now she is teaching him again in high school.

“My sixth-grade teacher was Mrs. Gentry, and now she is a prominent High School teacher at CCA. She's seen and been a part of my journey from middle school to high school.”

Jason is very focused on his goal for the future. For college, he plans to go to Georgia Tech to study computer science and be a programmer.

## Devotion

### Our Faithful Reminder

Lamentations 3:22-23 “The LORD'S acts of mercy indeed do not end, For His compassions do not fail. *They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Always remember that the love of God is endless. No matter what you are doing or how you feel, God will always love you. He will always be all-merciful, and will be there for you when you need Him.

Every sunrise is a reminder of God's faithfulness.



# Covenant Corner

Welcome to the Covenant Corner. A special portion of the *CCA Today* newspaper that consists of word searches, crosswords, and creative writing in the form of poetry, short stories, and comic strips.



## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is fun.  
Because I love food.  
When I'm all done  
I'm in a great mood.

I eat turkey and ham  
And lots of dessert.  
Overeating is my plan  
Until my belly hurts.

With a belly full  
It's time for my Thanksgiving nap.  
In a couple of hours, I'll grab my tools  
A fork and spoon and plate to unwrap.

It is my test  
With leftovers in my sight.  
To see if they're really the best  
Especially on Thanksgiving night.

A day to give thanks for all things  
A day to reflect on my meal.  
I look forward to what next year's Thanksgiving brings  
Only on that day will it be revealed.

\*Include spaces in your responses.

## Word Search

S L M V I L Q A K H E R H P F  
W O O G R M E O C X T X A C B  
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Apple Cider

September

Sunflower

Scarecrow

Leaf Pile

November

Festival

Pumpkin

Acorn

Harvest

Maple

Candy Corn

October

Sweater

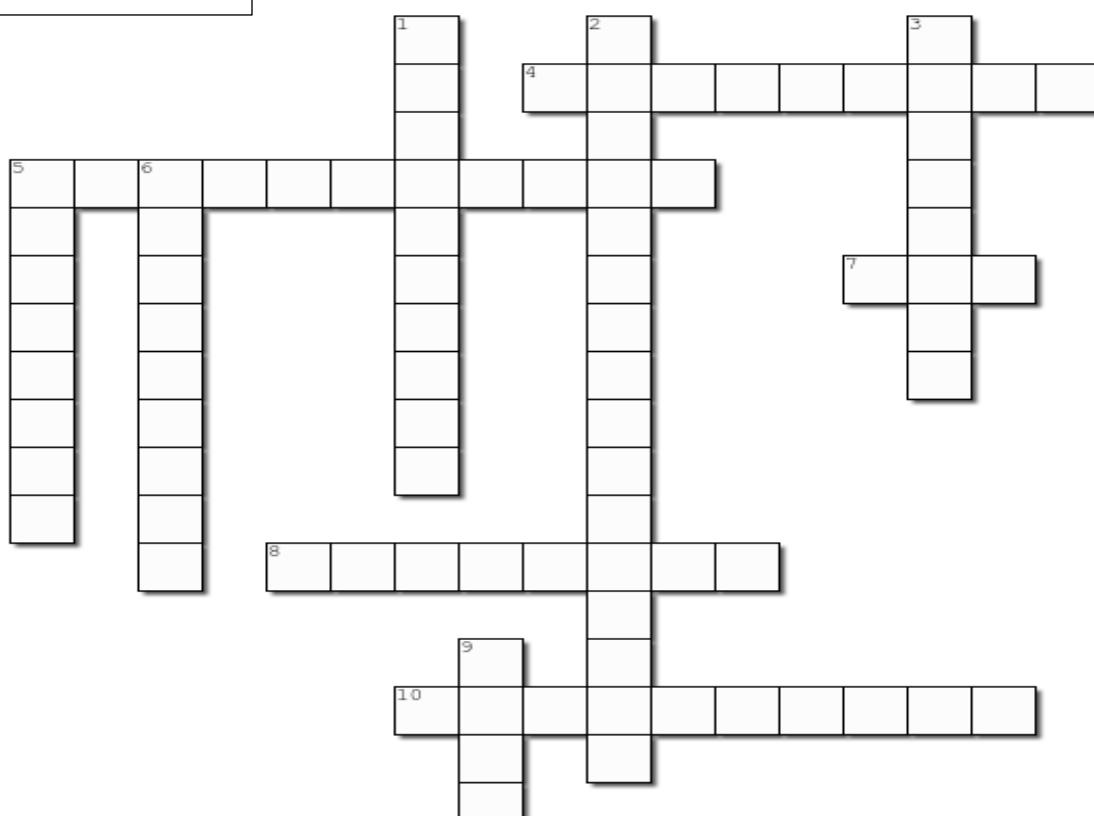
Autumn

Foggy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thanksgiving Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle below!



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

### Across

4. The first settled town in America.
5. A popular Thanksgiving dessert.
7. Honey baked \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The first settlers in America.
10. A horn shaped basket.

### Down

1. The leader of the Jamestown Colony.
2. Original land inhabitants of America.
3. A popular American sport commonly played on Thanksgiving.
5. Mashed \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What was the name of the ship the settlers arrived on?
9. Main vegetable crop of America.