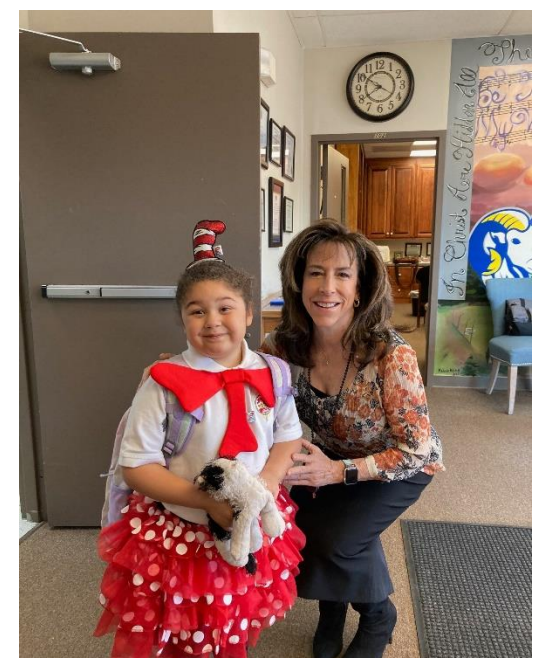


# NEWSPAPER

## MARCHING INTO SPRING

### Covenant's Dr. Seuss Day!



#### **Dr. Seuss Day with Ms. G** CHANEL MOORE

*This year, CCA was able to host a "Green Eggs and Ham" breakfast for Dr. Seuss Day. It was a special time, and we were able to interview Ms. G to talk about what made this year's event so unique.*

#### **Q: What makes Dr. Seuss Day fun?**

A: Dr. Seuss was a gifted writer. I loved his imagination, his creative word choice when rhyming, and his imaginative illustrations. He makes reading FUN!

#### **Q: What made this Dr. Seuss Day extra special?**

A: The morning was celebrated with the story "Green Eggs & Ham" read by our very own Mrs. Johnson (otherwise known as Cat in the Hat). The students had the opportunity to enjoy a "Green Eggs & Ham" breakfast served by Kinder moms during the read aloud.

#### **Q: How did the students and parents respond?**

A: The day was special because we had moms come in to help serve breakfast. The students also had the opportunity to decide if they did indeed like or dislike "Green Eggs & Ham" ...

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## Farewell, Dr. Kennedy

JACOB MAGNON

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In honor of Dr. Kennedy's time here at CCA, we have decided to interview some of the CCA faculty. Among those interviewed were Mr. Baskam, the Headmaster, Mr. Friday, Director of Advancement, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Helton, both hired under the leadership of Dr. Kennedy.

**Q: What is one of the best qualities Dr. Kennedy has brought to the school?**

Mr. Baskam: Dr. Kennedy shared a great amount of intelligence and experience with the school, helping it to grow. He has many years in the school environment, and that has definitely benefited CCA in all kinds of ways, from applying his knowledge to becoming a mentor for many people around him.

**Q: How has Dr. Kennedy impacted your life individually?**

Mrs. Moore: He has been a phenomenal mentor and the time he has invested into me as an educator has really encouraged me.

Mr. Helton: He has helped me better my teaching skills. It's been great co-teaching AP Literature with him.

**Q: What are you most grateful for from Dr. Kennedy?**

Mr. Baskam: I have really appreciated Dr. Kennedy's kindness, humanity and advice.

Mr. Friday: I'm very thankful for the cheerful spirit that Dr. Kennedy would always bring to the school.

**Q: Do you have any favorite memories with Dr. Kennedy?**

Mr. Baskam: Co-teaching with him helped me grow in my own teaching skills and build comradery with him.

Mr. Helton: I still remember a prayer that Dr. Kennedy spoke over me at my first meeting, and it was very peaceful and comforting as a new teacher at the school.

Mrs. Moore: I remember a lot of his stories. I think he has done almost everything cool you can think of.

Mr. Friday: There is a lot I could say, but a small thing that's thoughtful that I remember was the candy he provided at staff meetings.

## Senior Spotlights: Peyton Piper and Cana Priest

NICOLE TOGNARINA AND JASON YUST



Peyton Piper is a senior at Covenant Christian Academy. He has attended this school for 13 years. After graduating, Peyton plans to attend Georgia Tech, where he will major in Civil Engineering.

From his time at Covenant Christian Academy, Peyton's faith in God has grown in many ways. "Overall, this school has brought me closer to God. I now know how to defend my faith in many ways. I am inspired to continue learning and growing closer to God."

Throughout his time at Covenant Christian Academy, Peyton has made many great memories. One that stood out, in particular, was during a field trip in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. "There was a ride at the field trip called the Space Shot. I managed to convince one of my classmates to ride it with me, and it was super fun. I was laughing pretty hard, and my classmate was screaming the entire ride. They told me afterward that they never wanted to do it again, but that it was still worth it."



Cana Priest is one of the youngest seniors at Covenant Christian Academy. Being here since 4th grade, she found herself loving the opportunities and connections that Covenant offers to its students. She especially loves helping to plan the proms and formals for the high schoolers.

Cana is currently planning on going to a local college like UNG or KSU to take some core classes, before deciding to major in psychology and/or psychotherapy. When asked why this path specifically, she stated that she "wants to help people, just like a good counselor does."

One of her favorite things about the CCA experience is the fact that the students are enjoyable to be around, and the teachers genuinely care and are always open to helping students. Cana knows that Covenant has been an important part of her life, and while she enjoyed her time here, she is ready to move on to bigger and better things.

## Chatting with Mr. Helton

LOGAN WOODALL AND LUKE WOODS



**Q: What is your goal as a teacher at Covenant?**

A: My goal is to be there for my students academically, spiritually, and any way that I can. Another goal of mine is to continue to grow and learn to be a better teacher every day.

**Q: What is your favorite classroom memory?**

A: My favorite classroom memory is when my 7<sup>th</sup> grade class watched the video "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi," but it did not exactly line up with the book which left students laughing for a while.

**Q: Who or what inspired you to become a teacher?**

A: My parents read to me a lot at a young age, so I believe instilling a love for learning/reading at a young age truly inspired me.

**Q: What do you love most about literature?**

A: What I love most about literature is its ability to evoke in readers a sense of wonder and discovery. Words that by themselves, would have no extraordinary significance, are woven together in a way that causes us to feel something, and I think that's beautiful.

**Q: What is your favorite book?**

A: My favorite book is "Dandelion Wine" by Ray Bradberry.

**Q: What is your favorite color?**

A: Kentucky Blue

**Q: You're the assistant middle school basketball coach, what do you enjoy most about basketball?**

A: I enjoy playing and I also love teaching younger generations different skill sets.

**Q: What do you enjoy the most about being at CCA?**

A: I love the community, the students, the administration, and all the teachers. It is a beautiful community of people that cares for one another and I am honored to be a part of that.

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## Book Club

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### DORA WILLIAMS

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The Covenant Christian Academy Book Club was founded four years ago in 2018 by now junior, Sawyer May. He originally came up with the idea when in seventh grade while doing a novel study with Mr. Baskam.

After wanting to read some other books and motivating his peers, Sawyer decided he would start his own club where they too could select books they've been interested in to read together. "Since I was young, I was the only one I knew who actually liked books so I've always wanted a group I could explore and share books with," he explains.

Book Club consists of its members voting on what books to read, and on their own, reading designated pages they agree upon for the next two weeks. They meet biweekly every Tuesday, and during their meetings they discuss the chapters they read: things such as where they think the plot is going, discussing literary elements and symbolism they noticed, what they enjoy about the book and characters, and deeper discussions about the themes explored in the text.

The books the club has read throughout the 2021-2022 school year have been *The Help*, *Little Women*, *The House on Mango Street*, *The War That Saved my Life*, and they are currently working through *Life of Pi*.

When asked how book club has impacted some of its members, they responded:

"I only read fantasy books before book club, and although we didn't read many in book club at first, I was skeptical at first if I would like it, but I'm glad we are delving into other genres so I can branch out and enjoy all kinds of reading outside my comfort zone!" - Ava

"Book club has helped me find books I didn't know I would ever enjoy without having a group to support me in trying!" - Grayson

"I like the accountability of book club; it helps set students up for success in that area. I also enjoy having a circle I can read with since those around me don't really do so. It also encourages me to read more fiction since I spend a lot of time with nonfiction." - Mrs. Moore

If you have any further questions or are interested in joining book club, talk to Sawyer May for more information!



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## God's Plans

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### ETHAN ZISSER

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#### *Jeremiah 29:11*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

God has already planned out your future for you. His plans are perfect and far beyond our understanding. Trials will come, but God can use them for our benefit. We must choose to go through them praising and thanking God for His goodness and for His perfect plans for us.

In everything you do, give God the glory, and trust His purpose.

