



## COVENANT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

CEEB Code: 222-299

### OUR MISSION

Covenant Christian Academy offers a Christian and Classical education that builds our students' academic, spiritual and social foundations for lives of leadership and service in today's global community. A Covenant education prepares students to excel in collegiate studies and intellectual pursuits, nurtures Christian faith and character, and fosters individual gifts and abilities.

### OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1991, Covenant Christian Academy is a Christian and Classical, college preparatory, non-denominational day school serving students in preschool through grade 12.

*Covenant Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, sex, and national or ethnic origin.*

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### STUDENT BODY

The total student population for the 2020-21 school year is 311 students. There are 138 students enrolled in the Upper School (7-12) and 27 graduating in the Class of 2021. The school is diverse in both academic and socio-economic backgrounds with 39% of our population self reporting ethnic diversity and 60% receiving financial aid. International Students represent 4% of the total student body (10% of grades 7-12). Students represent 45 communities in Eastern Massachusetts. The school emphasizes small classes (15 average) which fosters close student-faculty relations and a commitment to help students develop their academic skills and personal talents in a supportive, Christian environment.

### HISTORY & STRUCTURE

Founded in 1991 as a Grammar School, our first graduating class of seniors matriculated in 2010. Covenant is a classical school in terms of both pedagogy and curricula. The administration includes a Head of School, Grammar School Principal, Dean of Academics, Dean of Students, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Institutional Advancement, Director of Admissions, Director of Fine Arts, and Athletic Director.

## SCHOOL PROFILE

2020-2021

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*Covenant Christian Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and is a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), National Honor Society (NHS), and New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC).*

# THE GREAT BOOKS

and other selected readings of students in grades 7 through 12

- A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare
- Count of Monte Cristo, Dumas
- A Doll's House, Ibsen
- The Importance of Being Earnest, Wilde
- All Quiet On The Western Front, Remarque
- Lord of the Flies, Golding
- The Hiding Place, Ten Boom
- To Kill A Mockingbird, Lee
- The Cure at Troy, adaptation by Heaney
- Tales From Ovid, Hughes
- Coriolanus, Shakespeare
- The Iliad, Homer
- The Odyssey, Homer
- The Aeneid, Virgil
- Beowulf
- The Picture of Dorian Gray, Wilde
- Macbeth, Shakespeare
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
- A Tale of Two Cities, Dickens
- The Power and the Glory, Greene
- Pride and Prejudice, Austen
- The Strange Career of Jim Crow, Woodward
- What They Fought For, McPherson
- Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck
- The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald
- The Sun Also Rises, Hemingway
- Beloved, Morrison
- The Unvanquished, Faulkner
- Winesburg Ohio, Anderson
- The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Twain
- The Gallic War: Seven Commentaries on The Gallic War
- Mere Christianity, Lewis
- The Knowledge of the Holy, Tozer
- On Christian Liberty, Luther
- The Cost of Discipleship, Bonhoeffer
- Life Together, Bonhoeffer
- The Way of a Pilgrim
- The Screwtape Letters, Lewis
- The Pursuit of God, Tozer
- A Little Book on the Christian Life, Calvin
- Haroun and the Sea of Stories, Rushdie
- The Samurai, Endo
- Things Fall Apart, Achebe
- Chronicle of a Death Foretold, Marquez
- Confessions, Augustine
- The Enchiridion on Faith, Hope and Love, Augustine
- Our Town, Wilder
- A Raisin In The Sun, Hansberry
- The Glass Menagerie, Williams
- Master Harold... and the Boys, Fugard
- The Death of a Salesman, Miller
- The God of Carnage, Reza
- The 39 Steps, Buchan
- Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, Stoppard

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Covenant Christian Academy's faculty, (Early Childhood through Upper School), is comprised of 39 teachers and 6 classroom assistants. All of our teachers, Kindergarten through grade 12, have undergraduate degrees and 65% hold an advanced degree. Our student teacher ratio is 8:1. Our faculty and staff have been recognized with achievements such as teaching excellence awards, and have had articles and poems published nationally. Many Upper School faculty also teach at the collegiate level.

## ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

The academic year consists of two 17-week semesters. Students have seven periods a day, and a full credit course meets four times a week for 50 minutes each.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

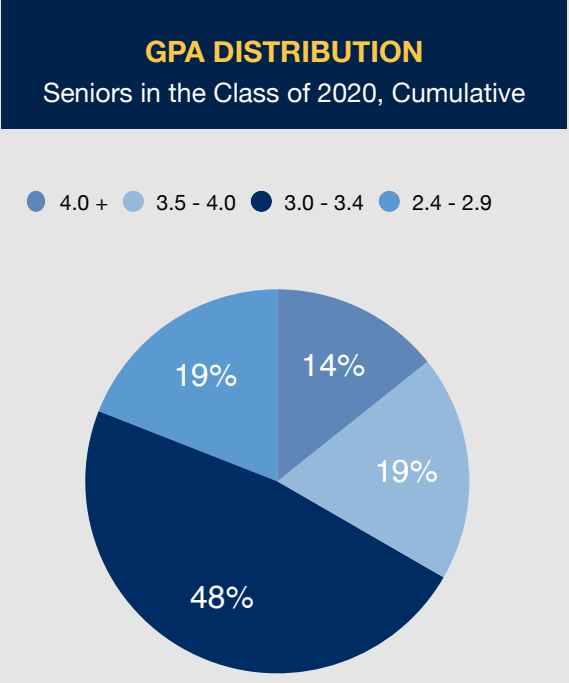
A total of 25 credits, including the completion and defense of a Senior Thesis Project, are required for graduation:

- Bible - 3 Credits
  - English - 4 Credits
  - History - 4 Credits
  - Mathematics - 4 Credits
  - Science - 3 Credits
- Latin - 3 Credits
  - Rhetoric - 1.5 Credit (Senior Thesis Project)
  - Fine Arts - 1.5 Credits
  - Physical Education - 1.0 Credits

## GPA AND CLASS RANK

A **cumulative GPA** is calculated each semester from the start of 9th grade for all courses taken at CCA. **All of our core courses are taught at the honors level** and are designated as such on the transcript. Honors courses are not weighted. AP courses are given a .7 point weighting. Our calculation system changed starting with the 2018-2019 school year. Previously, honors classes had received a .3 weighting. Class Rank is determined by the GPA, however, CCA is a limited-ranking school, only reporting class rank for Valedictorian or Salutatorian, due to the small class size.

GRADING SCALE		
LETTER GRADE	GRADE POINTS	NUMERICAL GRADE
A+	4.3	97-100
A	4.0	93-96
A-	3.7	90-92
B+	3.3	87-89
B	3.0	83-86
B-	2.7	80-82
C+	2.3	77-79
C	2.0	73-76
C-	1.7	70-72
D+	1.3	67-69
D	1.0	63-66
D-	0.7	60-62
F	0.0	00-59





## SPECIAL CURRICULUM FEATURES

### SENIOR THESIS

#### THE CAPSTONE OF A COVENANT EDUCATION

The Senior Thesis Project at Covenant Christian Academy is the culmination of our students' Classical Education. After writing a fifteen page research essay on a topic of their choosing, each student must defend his or her argument in front of the Upper School (Gr. 7-12), along with a panel of faculty members and outside experts. The Thesis Project demands the scholarly depth, expert rhetoric, and personal confidence that are essential to our students' success in collegiate studies and professional life.

### ACADEMIC TRAVEL WEEK

The classroom is a wonderful place to learn, but the opportunity to venture out of the predictable space where routines have been established can energize learning in special ways. Academic Travel Week gives students an opportunity to "take their learning on the road" and have direct, hands-on experiences.

**Grade 7:** Gettysburg Civil War Battlefield, NYC (Immigration Focus)

**Grade 8:** Washington, D.C. (History and Government)

**Grade 9:** Chincoteague, VA (Science research field station)

**Grade 10:** Quebec City, Canada (Native Am. & French Colonial History)

**Grade 11:** "Hard Thing" - physical & mental challenge, service project

**Grade 12:** New York City (historic, ethnic and cultural tours)

### ATHLETICS

The Athletic Program at Covenant Christian Academy is designed to provide student athletes the opportunity to enjoy interscholastic competition for three seasons during the school year. We currently offer three seasons of sports with 18 competitive teams at the middle and high school levels. 85% of Upper School Students are active in Athletic offerings.

### FINE ARTS

The CCA Fine Arts department offers a full slate of opportunities for students to participate in private instrumental lessons, instrumental ensembles, chorale ensembles, theater productions, and visual arts experiences. 75% of Upper School Students are active in the Fine Arts offerings.

## AP COURSES

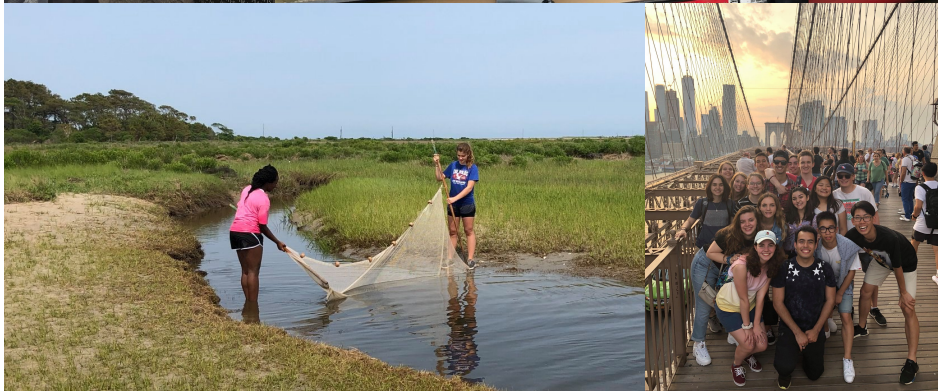
### AP COURSES OFFERED

AP US History
AP European History
AP Latin
AP Calculus AB
AP Biology
AP Physics
AP Studio Art

### 2019-20 AP Statistics

Number of AP Students (Gr. 10-12 Total Student Pop.: 68)	40
Total Tests Taken	62
Number of Subjects	11
% of tests with scores 3 or higher	77%
AP Scholars	6
AP Scholars with Distinction	2

While we do not explicitly teach AP English courses, the rigorous nature of our classical humanities program enables most students to successfully pass AP Lit & Comp with minimal test prep coaching by faculty. Other exams taken this year included US Government, Macro Economics, and Micro Economics.



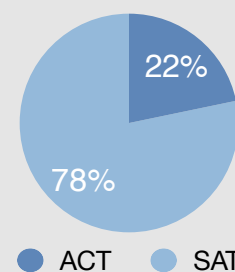
## CLASS OF 2020 SAT / ACT SCORES

All students, including International.

SAT	EBRW	M	Total
CCA Average	596	578	1174
Top 25%	600	705	1375

ACT	Total
CCA Average Combined	27
Top 40%	34

### STUDENTS THAT TAKE SAT vs. ACT





# COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Covenant Christian Academy is an academically rigorous, college preparatory school with a special commitment to preserve the classic tradition of combining faith and learning. The average number of college applications submitted by each senior is seven. Graduates of Covenant are accepted, and choose to matriculate to, many of the nations most competitive colleges and universities.

## Our college acceptances include the following *US News & World Report* Top 100 Colleges and Universities:

American University  
Auburn University  
Baylor University  
Bennington College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Clark University  
Clemson University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Dickinson College  
Eastern University  
Fairfield University  
Fordham University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Hillsdale College  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Michigan State University  
Muhlenberg College  
Northeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
Sewanee: The Univ. of the South  
Skidmore College  
St. John's University (MN)  
SUNY Binghamton  
Syracuse University  
Texas Christian University  
Tufts University  
Union College  
University of California  
University of Connecticut  
University of Mass, Amherst *Honors College*  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Richmond  
University of Vermont  
Virginia Tech  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College (IL)  
Wheaton College (MA)  
The College of William & Mary  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

## CCA students have also been accepted into these outstanding Colleges and Universities:

Albright College  
Assumption College  
Azusa Pacific  
Becker College  
Belmont University  
Bentley University  
Bethel University  
Biola University *Honors College*  
Bob Jones University  
Bunker Hill Comm.Coll.  
Calvin College  
Charleston Southern Univ.  
Christ for the Nations  
Colby-Sawyer College  
College of Charleston  
Colorado State University  
Concordia College  
Covenant College  
Curry College  
DePaul University  
Eastern Nazarene College  
Elon University *Honors College*  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Full Sail University  
Framingham State University  
Gordon College  
Green River Comm. College (WA)  
Grove City College  
Hampshire College  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Houghton College  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johnson and Wales University  
Kansas State University  
Laboure College  
Lasell College  
Lesley University  
Le Tourneau University  
Liberty University  
Lipscomb University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University, Maryland  
Manhattan College  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Mass College of Pharmacy  
Merrimack College  
Messiah University *Honors College*  
Miami University of Ohio  
Middlesex Community College  
Newbury College  
Norwich University  
North Greenville University  
North Shore Community College  
Nyack College  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Quinnipiac University  
Regis College  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Tech.  
Roger Williams University  
Saint Anselm College  
Salem State University  
Salve Regina University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Sewanee: The Univ. of the South  
Sienna College  
Southern Adventist University  
St. Joseph's University  
Stetson University  
Stonehill College  
Suffolk University  
Taylor University  
The College of St. Rose  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Hartford  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Mass, Lowell *Honors College*  
University of Oklahoma *Honors College*  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Tennessee  
University of West Virginia  
Valley Forge Christian College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
West Virginia University  
Western New England University  
Wheelock College  
Wittenberg University  
Zion Bible College



# PROFILE ADDENDUM 2020-2021

Details Regarding Program Changes and Adjustments due to COVID-19 Pandemic



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## SPRING 2020

In the early spring of 2020, the Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker, mandated that all schools (public and private) close to in-person teaching for two weeks. The reality, as we know now, was that school would be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Administrators at Covenant began planning in earnest for a potential school closure in January of 2020 as the virus was just reaching our shores. As a result, when the closure mandate came through on Friday, March 13th, Covenant was ready to transition to a full and robust remote learning solution called "Covenant@Home". CCA Faculty and Administrators took one professional day to finalize plans and logistics, and then rolled out the Remote Learning Program on Tuesday, March 17th for all students, Pre-k through Grade 12.

For students in the Rhetoric School (Gr. 9-12) Covenant@Home included both synchronous and asynchronous learning time each week. The schedule was modified from a normal in school schedule, but students were still able to complete the required curriculum in each grade. This achievement allowed us to issue letter grades with confidence for all students in all academic courses. AP Students completed their coursework and successfully took all AP exams. Seniors were able to deliver and defend their Senior Thesis live, albeit remotely, through Zoom Conferencing.

Despite the obvious interruptions that the COVID-19 pandemic presented to everyday life, we are pleased that the academic work of students at Covenant Christian Academy continued in a real and meaningful way.

## SPRING 2020 - Program Changes and Adjustments

ACADEMIC	ATHLETICS	FINE ARTS
Academic Schedule was modified to better fit a Remote Learning environment. Fewer synchronous classes than in-person model, introduced more asynchronous work. Attendance taken every day.	Spring Athletics season progressed to the point of team rosters, but no practices or inter-scholastic play was allowed. Teams affected included Ultimate Frisbee, Softball, Track and Field.	The spring musical "Les Miserables" was cancelled one week before opening night. Students still received credit for having completed all of the rehearsals leading up to that point.
Curriculum modified to better fit Remote Learning. Prioritized units of study to complete necessary benchmarks. Students received letter grades.		The Spring Concert was cancelled for Concert Band, Jazz Band, Worship Band, Chorale and Select Chorale.
AP Students completed coursework and successfully sat for online exams.		The Spring Art Show was cancelled.
Academic Travel Week was cancelled.		

## Academic Year 2020-21 - Program Changes and Adjustments

ACADEMIC	ATHLETICS	FINE ARTS
Students maintained 7 periods a day, with full credit courses continuing to meet 4 times a week. Individual class periods were reduced from 50 minutes to 40 minutes to shorten the day by 30 minutes. (Students are required to be masked while in class indoors so the decision was made to shorten the day to lessen the discomfort).	Fall 2020 - Due to state guidance and league decisions, Varsity Soccer and Cross Country had no official inter-scholastic competition. (drills and skills, inter-squad scrimmages only)	Per state guidance, we were unable to offer Concert Band or Jazz Band to students this year. Worship Band has been modified to continue with remote only performances.
Massachusetts Dept. of Education required students to be placed in cohorts which limited our ability to accommodate all course requests. This most greatly affected the Fine Arts Electives.	Winter 20-21 - Varsity Basketball decisions are still in flux as state guidelines are not finalized for indoor play. Anticipate practices and inter-squad scrimmages. Inter-scholastic games TBD by state and league.	Per state guidance, we were unable to offer Rhetoric School Choir and Select Choir. Created a modified group "Virtual Rhetoric School Choir" which meets from home after school with virtual performances.
Continued to be able to offer full range of AP classes to all students that requested.		
Maintained but modified Advisory, Chapel and Community.		
No modifications have been made to graduation requirements.	Spring 21 - Varsity Ultimate, Softball, Track and Field should be able to compete in some capacity due to the nature of the sports. Awaiting state and league guidelines.	Due to restrictive state requirements, no theatrical performances have been scheduled to date.
Academic Travel Week for Spring 2021 has been cancelled.		Fine Arts Elective classes were modified to accommodate the cohort system, with only 2 electives being offered at each grade level.