



COVENANT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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.

STUDENT BODY

The total student population for the 2022-23 school year is 415 students. There are 167 students enrolled in the Upper School (7-12) and 30 graduating in the Class of 2023. The school is diverse in both academic and socio-economic backgrounds with 34% of our population self reporting ethnic diversity and 40% receiving Financial aid. International Students represent 2.5% of grades 7-12. Students represent 50 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, Upper School Principal, Dean of Academics, Dean of Students, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Marketing & Communications, Director of Admissions, Director of Fine Arts, and Athletic Director.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Covenant Christian Academy's faculty, (Early Childhood through Upper School), is comprised of 42 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 9:1. 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.



"...whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31b

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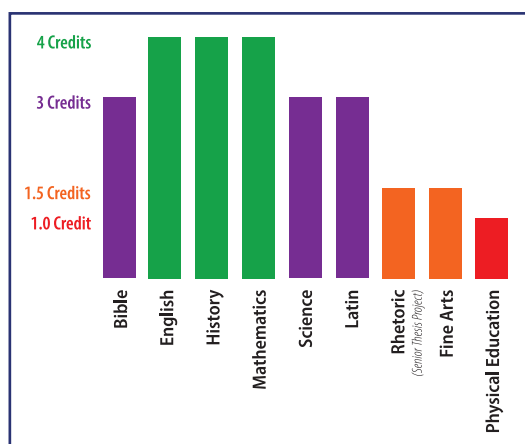


ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

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 45 minutes each.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

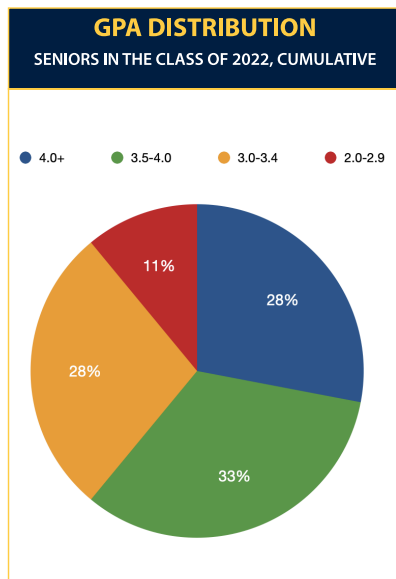
A total of 25 credits, including the completion and defense of a Senior Thesis Project, are required for graduation:



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. 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 | 82-86 |
| 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 |



AP COURSES OFFERED

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| AP US History | AP Biology |
| AP European History | AP Physics |
| AP Latin (not offered 21-22) | AP Studio Art |
| AP Calculus AB | |

2022-23 AP Statistics

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| Number of AP Students (Gr. 10-12 Total Student Pop.: 68) | 38 |
| Total Tests Taken | 71 |
| Number of Subjects | 10 |
| Tests with scores 3 or higher | 76% |
| AP Scholars | 10 |
| AP Scholars with Distinction | 3 |

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.

CLASS OF 2022 SAT/ACT SCORES

All students, including International.

| SAT | EBRW | M | Total |
|-------------|------|-----|-------|
| CCA Average | 665 | 613 | 1278 |
| Top 25% | 748 | 668 | 1398 |

| ACT | | Total |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|
| CCA Average Composite Score | | 27.3 |
| Top 25% | | 31 |

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

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**

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.

CODA TRIPS

In musical terms, a coda is a different ending. Similarly, our Coda trips provide a different ending for every school year. While the classroom is a wonderful place to learn, the opportunity to venture out of the predictable space where routines have been established can energize learning and community development in dynamic ways. Our Coda trips give students the chance to take their learning on the road and have a series of directions, hands-on experiences, many of which directly relate to classroom topics from across the academic year. Previous trips have included:

Grade 7: Gettysburg, NYC Grade 8: Washington DC Grade 9: Chincoteague, VA
Grade 10: Quebec City Grade 11: Adirondack Mtns Grade 12: New York City

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. Sports currently offered at CCA include:

Boys Soccer, Basketball
Girls Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Basketball
Co-ed Cross Country, Track & Field, Ultimate Frisbee

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.

PREFECTS

The Prefect Program — a lead-by-example model — allows seniors to lead the school in key areas of Student Life. Each Prefect is paired with a staff mentor and Prefects lead a council of students to lead initiatives, organize events, and contribute to a flourishing school environment. The Prefect Program is committed to helping students grow in understanding of the Gospel and servant-leadership, experience community through building relationships and serve others faithfully. Grow. Experience. Serve.

CLASSICAL ROOTS



Covenant Christian Academy's Classical Roots Program is a regenerative agricultural program committed to propagating truth, beauty, and goodness through organic gardening, curriculum integration, and community service. The Classical Roots Program aims to create beautiful and fruitful garden spaces on CCA's campus that will welcome wildlife, extend our classrooms into the outdoors, heal our local biome, and foster rich conversations about the stewardship of creation.

COUNCILS & CLUBS

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| Academic Council | Art Club | Outdoor Club |
| Admissions Council | Book Club | Red Cross Club |
| Athletics Council | Creative Writing Club | Robotics Club |
| Chapel Council | Debate Club | Ski & Snowboard Club |
| Fine Arts Council | FCA Club | Spike Ball Club |
| Global Community Council | Game Club | Students for Life Club |
| Hospitality Council | Habitat for Humanity | Surf Club |
| Stewardship Council | Iron Sharpens Iron | Young Entrepreneur's Team (YET) |
| Student Activities Council | Math Club | |



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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 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
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
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
Arizona State University
Assumption College
Azusa Pacific University
Becker College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Bethel University
Biola University
Bob Jones University
Boston College
Bunker Hill Comm.Coll.
California Baptist University
Calvin College
Canisius College
Cedarville University
Chapman University
Champlain College
Charleston Southern Univ.
Christ for the Nations
Colby-Sawyer College
Colorado State University
Concordia College
Connecticut College
Covenant College
Curry College
DePaul University
Eastern Nazarene College
Elon University *Honors College*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Full Sail University
Gardner-Webb 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
LeTourneau University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Maryland
Manhattan College
Marymount Manhattan College
Mass College of Pharmacy
Merrimack College
Messiah College Honors College
Miami University of Ohio
Middlesex Community College
Nazareth College
Newbury College
Norwich University
North Greenville University
North Shore Community College
Nyack College
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Point Park University
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Rider University
Roanoke College
Roger Williams University
Saint Anselm College
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
Samford University
Seattle Pacific University
Sienna College
Southeastern University
Southern Adventist University
Springfield College
St. Joseph's University
Stetson University
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Taylor University
The College of William & Mary
University of Alabama
University of Cincinnati
University of Hartford
University of Massachusetts Boston, Lowell, *Honors Colleges*
University of North Georgia
University of Oklahoma Honors College
University of Rhode Island
University of San Diego
University of West Virginia
Valley Forge Christian College
Vanguard University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Wheelock College
Zion Bible College

COVID-19 ADDENDUM

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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. | 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. | Inter-scholastic games TBD by state and league. | |
| 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. |

Academic Year 2021-22 - A typical program of studies and co-curricular activities was offered with minor adjustments made to accommodate local and state Covid-19 safety guidelines.