# SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025



### **OUR MISSION**

Covenant Christian Academy (CCA) offers a Christian Classical education and that builds our students' spiritual academic, 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, nondenominational day school serving students in preschool through grade 12.



### STUDENT BODY

The total student population for the 2024-25 school year is 441 students. There are 185 students enrolled in the Upper School (7-12) with 34 graduating in the Class of 2024. The school is diverse in both academic and socio-economic backgrounds with 36% of our population self reporting ethnic diversity and 30% receiving Financial aid. Students represent 55 communities in Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. 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 Finance and Operating Officer, Chief Advancement Officer, Director of Marketing & Communications, Director of Admissions, USLR Director of Academic Support, Director of Fine Arts, Director of Security and Athletic Director.

### FACULTY AND STAFF

CCA's faculty, (Early Childhood through Upper School), comprised is of 41 teachers and 14 classroom assistants. All of our teachers, Kindergarten through grade 12, have undergraduate degrees and 50% 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, books and poems published nationally. Many Upper School faculty also teach at the collegiate level.



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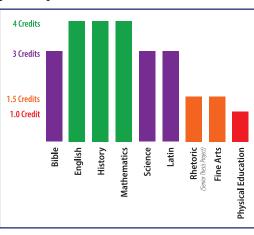


### ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

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. Lab sciences meet five periods per week.

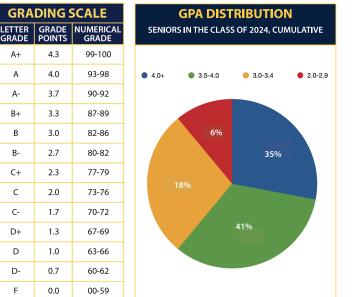
# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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.



### **AP COURSES OFFERED**

AP US History	AP Biology
AP World History	AP Physics
AP Calculus AB	AP Studio Art
AP Latin (offered every other yr.)	

### 2022-23 AP Statistics

Number of AP Students (Gr. 10-12 Total Student Pop.: 81)	57
Total Tests Taken	113
Number of Subjects	16
Tests with scores 3 or higher	83%
AP Scholars	24
AP Scholars with Honors	4
AP Scholars with Distinction	7

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 2024 SAT/ACT SCORES**

All students, including International.

SAT	EBRW	м	Total
CCA Average	656	615	1271
Top 25%	750	730	1463

АСТ	TOTAL
CCA Average Composite Score (for the past 3 years)	25.8

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 Unvanguished, 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

# 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 10: Quebec City

Grade 8: Washington DC Grade 11: Adirondack Mtns Grade 9: Acadia National Park, ME Grade 12: Cape Cod

# 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**



### COUNCILS

Academic Council Admissions Council Athletics Council Chapel Council Classical Roots Council Fine Arts Council Global Community Council Hospitality Council Student Activities Council

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.

# CLUBS

Arm Wrestling Club Art Club Baking Club Book Club Creative Writing Club Debate Club Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Club Game Club Math Club Model Rocketry Club Outdoor Club Ski & Snowboard Club Student Athletic Newsletter Club Students for Life Club Surf Club Women in STEM Club Young Entrepreneur's Team (YET)



# **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 Elon University Honors College Fairfield University Fordham University Franklin & Marshall College Furman University George Washington University Georgia Institute of Technology 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 Rochester University of Vermont Vassar College Virginia Tech Westmont College Wheaton College (IL) Wheaton College (MA) Williams College 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 Azuza Pacific University 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 Cleveland Institute of the Arts Colby-Sawyer College Colorado State University Columbus College of Art and Design Concordia College Connecticut College Covenant College Curry College DePaul University Eastern Nazarene College Eckerd College Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. Emerson College Emmanuel College Endicott College Full Sail University Gardner-Webb University Gordon College Grove City College Hampshire College High Point University Hofstra University Houghton College Ithaca College James Madison University Johnson and Wales University Kansas State University Lasell College Lesley University LeTourneau University Liberty University Louisiana State University Loyola University, Maryland

Manhattan College Maryland Institute College of Arts 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 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 Savannah College of Art and Design 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 Cincinatti 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 the Arts University of West Virginia Valley Forge Christian College Vanguard University Wentworth Institute of Technology West Virginia University