

# We're glad you're a Griffin!

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR WELCOME PACKET



# Thank you for joining us!



Welcome to the Covenant Classical School community!

We are delighted your family has chosen Covenant for your child. Education is a profoundly formative experience in the life of a child, and we believe the choice you made will have a life-shaping impact.

The mission of Covenant Classical School is to provide an exceptional education in the classical tradition that honors Jesus Christ as the beginning and end of all truth, goodness, and beauty. We are distinctly classical, Christian, and a community of grace. These three themes will be woven throughout your child's daily experience.

Our classical model teaches students to think deeply, read widely, and write well. We use proven teaching methods that have stood the test of time, and our students wrestle with the ideas that have shaped our culture. The curriculum is intentionally designed to help students find deep satisfaction and joy in learning at every grade level and to learn to express their own ideas with clarity and logic.

While studying great literature, history, Latin, math, science, music, and art, your child will be challenged to understand ideas and values that are informed by the historic Christian faith. By including this dimension of learning in the classroom, our students come to understand the world in which they live in a way that is complete and fits together in a cohesive whole. This becomes very valuable to students as they grow to adolescence.

All of this is done within a community of grace in which students are known and loved for who they are, and where kindness and respect for others are the norm. Our vision, and the outcome of our mission, is for Covenant students to discover the joy of learning and the grace of Jesus Christ.

We are partners with you in this sacred calling; please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you might have along the way. We hope the enclosed packet of information will be helpful to you as you prepare for the start of the school year this fall.

Love to you in Christ,

Dr. Tom Stoner Head of School

#### **OUR MISSION**

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#### **OUR VISION**

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#### **OUR COMMON CONVICTIONS**

At Covenant Classical School, we are committed to:

- Keeping Christ at the center of all we do, the source and ultimate purpose of our lives and educational endeavors.
- Establishing a vibrant community rooted in love and grace, fostering a culture of mutual respect and encouragement.
- Forming an authentic partnership with parents, working together for the education and discipleship of their children.
- Providing an exceptional academic program, utilizing classical methods that equip students to read, write, and reason well.
- Inspiring wonder, joy, and curiosity in our students, sparking in them a lifelong love for learning.
- Implementing a rich, distinctive curriculum that reflects the interconnectedness of truth and anchors students in the ongoing story of humanity.
- Engaging gifted and passionate teachers who model a life of Christian discipleship, exhibit wisdom, and faithfully pursue the good, true, and beautiful.
- Maintaining small class sizes and a well-ordered and warm environment that nurtures the mind, body, and soul of each student.
- Shepherding students' hearts towards Christ through grace-filled and restorative discipline.
- Developing a posture of service and humility among all members of our community, honoring one another above ourselves and exemplifying a life lived for others.



# Statement of Faith

Covenant Classical School is governed by an independent board of trustees and is not part of the ministry of a specific church or officially associated with any particular Christian denomination. Our school community welcomes families from a wide variety of traditions within the historic Christian faith including Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox. Our statement of faith reflects the beliefs held in common by all Covenant faculty and staff and are taught to students throughout all aspects of our program.

### The Trinity

We believe in one sovereign God, eternally existing in three persons: the everlasting Father, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life; and we believe that God created the Heavens and the earth out of nothing by His spoken word.

#### The Bible

We believe that God has revealed Himself and His truth in the created order, in the Scriptures, and supremely in Jesus Christ; and that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, so that they are fully trustworthy and of supreme and final authority in all they say.

#### The Church

We believe that the one, holy, universal Church is the body of Christ and is composed of the communities of Christ's people.

#### *Iesus Christ*

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and was true God and true man, existing in one person and without sin; and we believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven.

#### Sin

We believe that our first parents sinned by rebelling against God's revealed will and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death, and that as a result all human beings are born with a sinful nature that leads them to sin in thought, word, and deed.

#### Salvation

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, triumphing over all evil; and that all who believe in Him are justified by His shed blood and forgiven of all their sins.

#### Faith

We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God and are enabled to offer spiritual worship acceptable to God.

#### Jesus' Return

We believe in the blessed hope that Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth, personally, visibly, and unexpectedly, in power and great glory, to gather His elect, to raise the dead bodily, to judge the nations, and to bring His Kingdom to fulfillment.



# Health Forms

- All forms need to be turned in by August 10.
- Health forms are available at your dentist and doctor's offices.

#### **FORMS NEEDED:**

- <u>Kindergarten & all new families</u>: Physical, Vision, Dental, Immunization, Birth Certificate
- 2nd grade: Updated dental
- 6th grade: Updated physical, Dental, Immunization
- Allergies, action plans, and medications (see office)
- Emergency contacts (updated in ParentsWeb)
- Pick-up permission

# New Parent Orientation

New families are encouraged to attend our New Parent Reception, Thursday, August 14 at 7pm. This will be a time for our new parents to connect and receive important information about making the transition into Covenant.

# CONNECT WITH COVENANT ONLINE!

#### **COVENANT WEBSITE**

- Check for announcements and upcoming events.
- Read the latest on our school blog.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Under "Following", click on "See First" so you'll never miss a post or announcement!

#### **ONLINE REVIEWS**

 If you're excited to be a Griffin, we'd love you to leave us an online review!







# Communication

#### LOOK FOR COVENANT COMMUNICATIONS IN YOUR INBOX!

#### All School Communications

- Weekly Covenant Newsletter (email)
- Emails from administration and staff
- Parent Alert Notification System via phone, email, and text (used in emergency situations and for snow days or other immediate notifications)
- Follow us on social media and check our website for upcoming events, announcements, and a glimpse inside your child's classroom.

#### **Classroom Communications**

- Emails to and from Covenant faculty
- All Covenant email addresses are the person's first initial and last name
  @covenantclassicalschool.org.
- Teacher's classroom website

#### **Board Communications:**

 Board email: board@covenantclassicalschool.org

# DAILY DETAILS

#### 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

#### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

#### **School Hours:**

On days that school is in session, hours are:

Grammar School: 8:10 am to 3:00pm Logic & Khetoric School: 8:10 am to 3:20pm

The school building is open to parents from 8:00 am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. We ask parents to be considerate of our teachers' preparation time. Parents who wish to speak to a teacher should schedule a meeting or phone call via email. After 4:00pm parents are not permitted access to classrooms. The school office is open until 5:00pm.

### **Morning Drop Off:**

Arrival time is from 7:50-8:10am for all students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is Late Start Day. Drop off is from 8:20-8:40am on Wednesdays only. Students arriving during the drop-off window will go directly to our supervised Walking Club until they are taken to the classrooms for the start of the school day at 8:10am (8:40am on Wednesdays).

### Afternoon Pick Up:

There are two separate pick-up times. We ask that parents pick up students promptly and on time during these time periods to allow for greatest efficiency. Any Grammar School student with an older sibling or carpool in the Logic School may be picked up during the second dismissal time. These students will be supervised in the gym until that time. Please see the included map for details.

#### **DISMISSAL TIMES**

Grades K-4 3:05-3:15pm

Grades 5-10 3:20-3:30pm

# Alternate Pick-Up Plans:

Covenant will not dismiss a student to anyone other than the child's regular adult driver or designated pick-up person. Any changes in the normal routine must be explained in a note to the child's homeroom teacher and the office. In cases where someone other than a parent is picking up a child, Covenant staff members reserve the right to request proof of identification.

Please see covenantclassicalschool.org/resources/faqs for more information.



# Drop Off & Dismissal Map

# **Drop Off Times:**

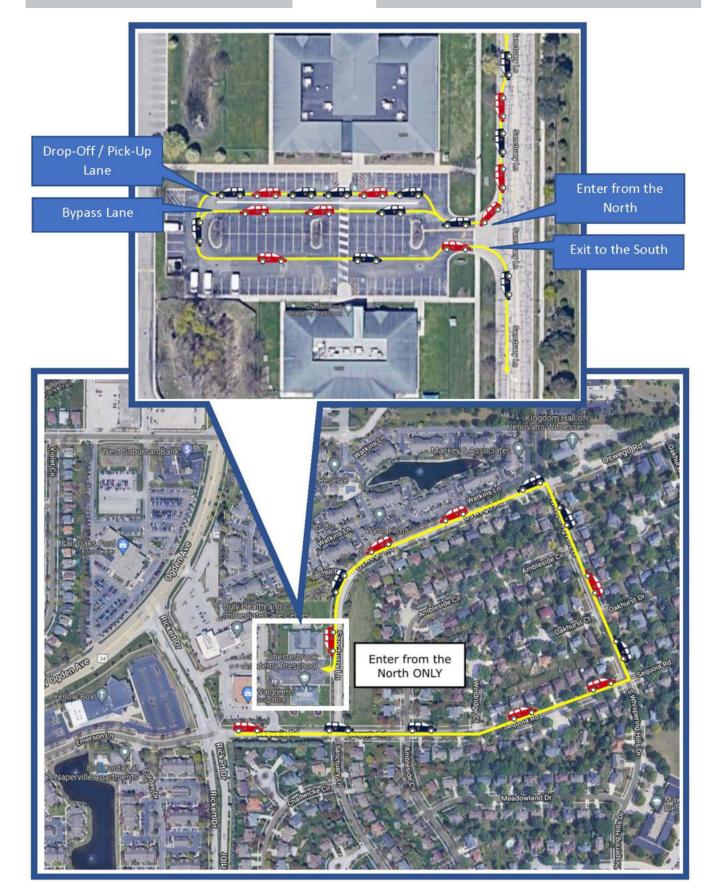
• 7:50-8:10am: M, T, Th, F

• 8:20-8:40am: W

# Pick Up Times:

• 3:05-3:15pm: Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4

• 3:20-3:30pm: Grades 5-10



# The 10 Commandments

FOR Drop Off and Pick Up



# Orange means GO!

Wait until the orange cones are out before allowing your child to get out of the car. If you are late to drop off/pick up and there are no cones out, please drive around to door #5 and buzz the office.



### Please do NOT pull around another car.

Pulling around other cars is not safe in our drop-off/pick-up lines. We will try to keep the line moving, and please be aware that children are getting in and out of cars. Safety is our priority.



# Exit curbside whenever possible.

Please have students exit and enter the car on the curbside of the car whenever possible. This keeps them from having to walk around the car.



#### Pull to the furthest cone.

If it is your turn to pull up and no one else is behind you in line, please still pull to the furthest cone. Wait until the car is stopped to have your child open the car door and exit/enter.



# Once you start unloading, stay parked until you finish.

Sometimes the cars pull away in front of you while you are unloading, and you may be tempted to pull forward. Please do not! It is just fine to finish unloading before you pull away.



### Pull to the side if you need extra time.

Sometimes when you reach the cone you might realize you need extra time. Rather than holding up the line, please feel free to wait until the cars clear in front of you, then pull forward and park in a spot beyond the line and take whatever time you need. You can then reenter the line when you're ready.



# It is best for parents to stay in the car.

We ask parents to stay in the car whenever possible. We realize sometimes it is necessary for the parent to undo a booster seat, but the line moves much faster if parents are able to remain in their cars. Some parents stop for a moment in the lot before they pull into the carpool line to be sure their child is ready to get out of the car--a trick of the trade!



# Please don't only stop at the end of the sidewalk. (4+ cars empty at the same time!)

We usually set out 4 cones in the morning, and students should exit at all 4 cones. If the line is long, we encourage the 5th and 6th car in line to empty to make the line move more quickly. Instructions will be provided if this is the case.



# Masks and backpacks can be put on outside of the car.

Students may require more time getting out of the car because they are wrestling to get a backpack on or searching for their masks. Parents have found that a great strategy is for the parent to pass the backpack and mask to the child out the driver's window after the child has exited the car.



# Forgetting a mask is never a problem!

Sometimes kids get out of the car and realize they forgot their mask or something else. No problem! We are glad to help get them whatever they need as they arrive at school.