The Liberal Arts Tradition

The Christian Liberal Arts and Sciences tradition has long prepared students for academic achievement and successful living, providing students with the tools they need to read closely, think critically, reason logically, and speak compellingly. Traditionally, it has called its students to a broad range of study, encompassing literature, history, mathematics, science, and the arts, and teaches them how to approach these disciplines purposefully and critically. It also invites its students to a life of virtue founded upon the truths of the Christian faith. It calls its students to know the good, the true, and the beautiful, and to live a life consistent with those things.

This educational approach is reflected throughout The Covenant School’s college-preparatory program. Course work in the elementary grades firmly grounds our students in the foundational skills of reading, writing, and computation. The reading of classic children’s literature, the study of the great epochs of history and of Scripture, attendance at Chapel, service projects, and the viewing and imitating of great works of art and music, develop a taste for beauty, while the exploration of the physical world engenders both wonder and curiosity as well as a desire to investigate God’s creation mathematically and scientifically.

In the Upper School, a wide array of challenging courses in the humanities and sciences encourages our students to learn in increasingly sophisticated ways. Socratic Seminars train our students in careful reading, critical thinking, and precise speech. Courses in Scripture and theology further acquaint them with the truths of the Christian faith, while Chapel and homeroom groups invite them to consider the call of virtue and faith in their lives. Service opportunities challenge students to consider how they might meet needs around the school and beyond its walls. Participation in sports fosters important qualities of perseverance, fair play, and teamwork.