

# THE CARDINAL

From the Desk of the Executive Director

## Welcome Back

We are so excited to welcome students and staff back to Corvian! We wrapped up the 2022-2023 school year by graduating our second class. This entire class is so close to my heart. I watched them learn and grow through elementary, middle, and high school. We graduated eight Corvian lifers who have been with Corvian since our first year as a public charter school. I've seen all of our graduates face and overcome challenges. I've seen them celebrate friendships and milestones. And, I am excited to see where their journey takes them next.



Members of the class of 2023 were accepted into 138 different colleges and universities. They earned hundreds of college credits through our AP program. I am excited to announce that they were awarded over 3.7 million dollars in merit scholarships! Three Corvian students, Peyton Gabree, Logan Gabree, and Preston Dukes were awarded full scholarships. It was an honor to recognize Emily Dorenfeld, who is now attending Chapel Hill, as the Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 and Allison Kim, who is now attending Davidson College, as the Salutatorian.

College application season is underway for our seniors! We have a number of colleges scheduled to come visit us this fall including High Point University, Eastern Carolina University, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, UNC Wilmington, American University, Davidson College, University of South Carolina, and more. It is exciting to know that Corvian is making a mark!

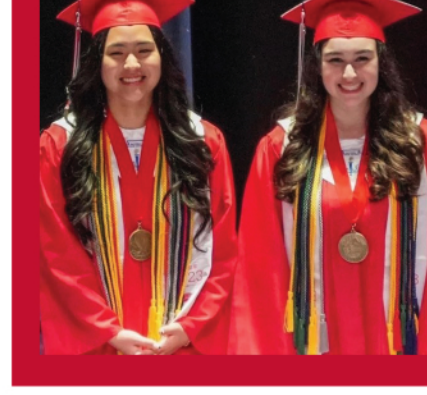
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### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our Graduates
- AP Program
- Groundbreaking
- Middle School Update
- Branding
- Events and Support
- Travel

### CLASS OF 2023 CORVIAN LIFERS

Haley Fadul  
 Ryan Franklin  
 Cora Haskell  
 Locke Hutcheson  
 Sophia McNeil  
 Aidan Nunn  
 Avery Schlicher  
 Sara Treff



### AP PROGRAM

## AP Program Update

#### NEW AT CORVIAN

AP Statistics  
 AP Spanish



AP Capstone Diploma Recipients  
Gianna Branciforte, Cole Fiorillo, Alatheia Lechner

Our AP courses are a cornerstone of our college prep program. Students who take AP courses are often given preference when applying to competitive colleges and universities. Additionally, studies find that students who have taken AP courses are more successful in college-level courses. Corvian continues to have a strong AP program. Our program continues to exceed state, national, and global pass rates and several of our AP courses even had 100% passing rates!

Corvian is proud to be an AP Capstone school. AP Capstone is a diploma program from College Board based on two year-long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research. We have found that AP Capstone helps our students stand out to colleges, become independent thinkers, develop key academic skills, and more. Several of our current seniors have already earned their Capstone Diplomas! Congratulations to Gianna Branciforte, Cole Fiorillo, Alatheia Lechner! We expect many other students to qualify by the end of the year.

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

Summer was a busy time here at Corvian. On August 3rd, we officially broke ground for our new elementary school. We look forward to welcoming students in the fall of 2024.



Over the summer, we updated our middle school with new windows and flooring. We upgraded the bathrooms and painted the interior and exterior of the building. We will be adding front and rear awnings next summer. I was so excited to welcome staff and students into our newly refreshed building!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES



### NEW LOOK

## Corvian Branding

Our school logo was modernized this year to reflect our core identity as a Charter School focused on engaging, igniting, and empowering students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. I am so excited to share with you our new school wide logos, as well as new individual campus logos, that represent where we came from as a school and where we are today.



2010 Corvian Tree Logo



2023 Corvian Tree Logo



Corvian has grown and developed over the past 12 years, but we still hold true to our core values and mission. Our enduring goal, to develop the whole child and equip our students to develop happy, healthy lives, is reflected in our new logos and branding. The most recognizable symbols associated with Corvian are the tree, an affirmation of the joy of learning and growth, and our mascot, the cardinal. We updated these symbols in our new logos because Corvian continues to be true to its values and philosophy. We are proud of our Corvian graduates who bring, not only knowledge and skills, but also Corvian values, like kindness, empathy, and respect, into classrooms and workplaces around the state, country, and even world.

## Homecoming Game and Dance

Homecoming is right around the corner. We kicked off the celebration this week with a Spirit Week at the high school and will have a Powder Puff football game after school on Wednesday, September 27. We will also be hosting our high school Homecoming Dance, on September 30th, in our school gym. Tickets are on sale now and the link to purchase is located on Schoology. This is a fun time to show our school spirit and all are invited to the game on Friday, September 29th. Can't wait to see you there!



Varsity Football Team

### HOCO 2023



Logo design by Barbara Saa

Powder Puff Game  
September 27th @ 3

Homecoming Game  
September 29th @ 7

H.S. Homecoming Dance  
September 30th  
@ 6:30-9:30

### FUN FOOTBALL STATS:

- Our football team is currently 4-2 overall and 2-1 within our conference. We are ranked #13 in NC 1A rankings.
- Douglas Quarles is currently #1 in sacks in NC and #2 in the nation.
- Sydney Price is #7 in tackles in NC, as well as, in the top 100 in the nation.
- Andre Jackson Jr. is top 20 in the 1A division in the state in total yards, touchdowns, and interceptions.

### SUPPORT CORVIAN

## Fundraising Events

#### 12th Annual Golf Tournament: October 6th

Our annual golf tournament is a great opportunity for golf lovers to meet up and enjoy a day out on the golf course. Skybrook Golf Club has partnered with us again this year to help provide a fun sporting event for golf enthusiasts. You will find the link to sign up at corvian.org.

#### Inaugural Fall Fun Run: November 17th

A new event for Corvian this year, our Fall Fun Run will transform our field into a high-energy race track for students. Students will run, dance and skip to high-energy music while being cheered on and having fun! Each Corvian family will have a chance to personally raise funds or make a donation!

#### Corvian 5K: March 9th

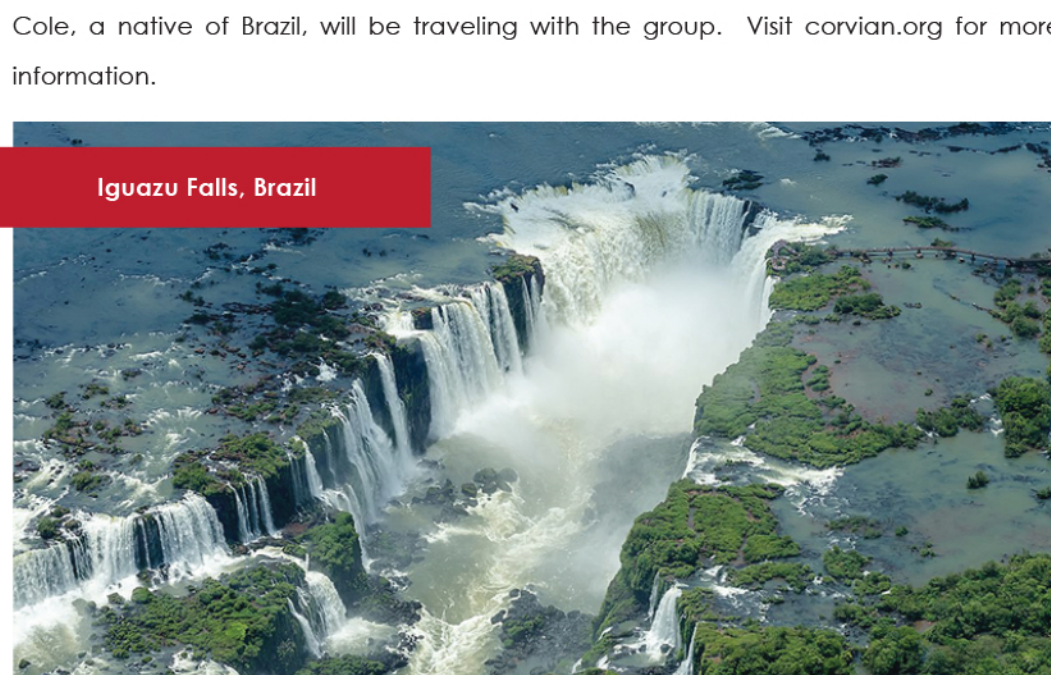
This year marks the 10th running of our Corvian Cardinals 5K. This is an incredible family event that includes not only a 5K run/walk, but a chance to gather as a community and celebrate our health and wellness mission and vision. There will be food, music, entertainment and more. Keep your eyes out for more information in January.

#### Brews, Bites, and Bubby, Spring Auction: April 27th

This April we are excited to host a spring auction fundraiser at Old Mecklenburg Brewery. This event provides an opportunity for parents to socialize, enjoy some drinks and delicious food, as well as bid on items donated by our schools art departments, sports teams, and community vendors. Tickets will go on sale in March.

## Explore Brazil and Argentina!

Corvian students and staff will be traveling to Brazil and Argentina in Summer 2024. Like our many other trips, we are partnering with EF Tours to explore Rio de Janeiro, the Iguazu Falls, and Buenos Aires. I am excited that Corvian English teacher, Yula Brandao Cole, a native of Brazil, will be traveling with the group. Visit corvian.org for more information.



Iguazu Falls, Brazil

### TRAVEL 2024



Interested?  
Email Yula Cole at  
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### FUN UPDATES

## News from our Schools

- Our 1st graders went Apple Picking at Carrigan and our 4th graders visited Patterson Farm.
- Morning and afternoon clubs have started at the Elementary school. Students selected from fun options like Lego Builders Club, Harry Potter Club, Pokemon Club, and Reptile Club.
- 5th Graders are looking forward to our annual Barrier Island Trip and our 8th graders are looking forward to their Washington DC trip.
- Our high school has added several clubs including: Portuguese Conversation Club, Spanish Club, Theater Club, and Film Club. They continue to offer favorites like Model UN, Key Club, Science Olympiad, and Young Women in Leadership.

**We are off to a great start and there is so much more to come!**