



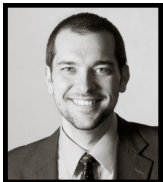
HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER
2015

2015-2016
VOLUME 11
ISSUE 1



Transforming Hearts and Minds



by Kevin Deane,
Principal

RISE: RESPOND. IGNITE. SERVE. EXCEL.

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.—Isaiah 60:1*

There is so much newness at Hunting Park Christian Academy! We are bursting with life and eager to share with you, our friends and family.

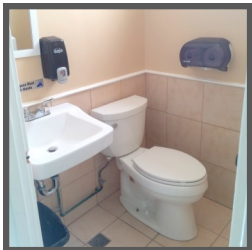
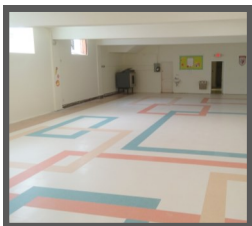
First of all, we have a mascot – **we are the HPCA Phoenix!** (*Our tremendous logo is pictured at right.*) Students selected the Phoenix to represent the truth of the resurrection of our Savior and the idea that Jesus creates life from nothing. We wanted the mascot to embody the great power of our Creator.

The Phoenix also fueled **this year's school-wide theme, RISE!** This is an acronym that represents who we want each student to become (**R**espond to the Gospel, **I**gnite the community for change, **S**erve God and others, **E**xcel in academics and life). We recently asked students **what it means to RISE and what it means to respond to the Gospel.** I was very impressed by their insights and thought I would share a few with you below.

Jordan, 8th Grade - "**RISE** means to rise up to be who God wants you to be. The Gospel is God's mercy and how Jesus died for all of us. He's given us a second chance. I will *respond* by worshiping God, keeping a relationship with Him, and not wasting a second chance."

Reina, 3rd Grade - "We should **RISE** to be a believer in Christ. The Gospel is spreading the good news that God died on the cross for our sins. I can *respond* by reading the Bible, believing in God, and following Him."

Luis, 5th Grade - "**RISE** means to come back from something and continue on. The Gospel gives a chance for people to live and be in Heaven through Jesus' dying on the cross and taking our sins. We can believe He is almighty, the Lord, and King of Kings."



We are also renovating multiple areas in the building! (*See pictures at left*) The four main bathrooms have been restored. We replaced many old walls in hallways. Also, nearly every surface of the large cafeteria/gym is being revamped, from floor to ceiling. We are so appreciative to have the ability to make some old spaces new again, and we would love to have you come and see!

Ultimately, all of this newness is for the benefit of our students and families. God has a plan for our children! What an amazing, beautiful, buoyant truth! We at HPCA count it an honor and privilege to be a part of their lives and God's great work. We warmly welcome you to be a part of our life-giving community as we mark the beginning of the 17th year of Hunting Park Christian Academy. God bless!



WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$483,700.
- *Business Owners:* Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC
- Join our *Acts 2 Legacy Circle* by including HPCA in estate planning
- Join our prayer team
- Send us your Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and used ink cartridges
- Use goodshop.com! Designate HPCA to receive a percentage of your online purchases.

Mission Statement: Hunting Park Christian Academy's mission is to provide an affordable, quality, Christian education that celebrates a diverse community and leads children to know and serve the Lord.

4400 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140 • 215-324-9180 • www.hpcaphilly.org • jen@hpcaphilly.org



HPCA_

Like us:



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

This year, we are excited to award special scholarships to three students who have shown strong leadership potential and/or academic excellence.

Lisa Weidman Scholarship, Rosmid and Adonaya (6th grade)

This scholarship was created by the Weidman family in honor of Lisa Weidman. She loved helping people use their gifts to serve God, so the award was given to students who displayed potential in this area. Adonaya wants to start Project Welcome to help newcomers adjust to HPCA. Rosmid wants to help younger students learn Spanish and wants to help translate after school for students who need extra help.



Andrew Heyer Scholarship, Luz (8th grade)

This scholarship was created in honor of Andy Heyer, a former board member who served as both Treasurer and President. This award is given to the top-performing math student in eighth grade. Luz has attended HPCA since pre-kindergarten. She loves that she is able to talk with any staff member about personal problems. She desires to be a pediatrician because she loves being with kids and wants to help them feel better.



PRAYER TEAM

We firmly believe that our ministry needs prayer! We currently have a team of about 100 people committed to praying for HPCA each month. On the first of each month, the prayer team is e-mailed a prayer letter with specific prayer requests of HPCA, focusing on different staff members, students, and families.

If you are interested in joining this team, please e-mail Jen Deane, Director of Development, at jen@hpcaphilly.org, or fill out the form on the 'contact us' page on our website and check off that you are interested in joining the prayer team. You can also use the enclosed response card to commit to being an HPCA prayer partner. Thank you.

PRAISE

Thanks to your support, we were able to exceed our budgetary goal and raise about \$584,000 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU!!!

We received nearly \$4,800 in school supplies donated by City Line Church, Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Langhorne Presbyterian Church, Spirit and Truth Fellowship, Telecom Pioneers Chapter 132, and Thirty-One Gifts. What a blessing to start out our school year with a fully-stocked supply cabinet!



RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL

Each newsletter this year will focus on a different aspect of our theme. This month, we are happy to share a testimony that displays a family responding to the Gospel.

Hello. My name is Jen Santos, a mother of two students at HPCA. I have known the Lord for many years, but I truly believe the Lord used my son, Georgie, along with some difficult circumstances, to bring his father to Christ. When Georgie began at HPCA, I was attending Spirit and Truth Fellowship, but my husband, George Sr., was not. My husband wasn't able to help my son with his Bible homework or memory verses because he wasn't very familiar with the Bible. Because of this, he started asking more and more questions, and began going to church with Georgie and me once in a while. By the time our second son was born, he was attending much more frequently, and he even spoke with our pastor about having one-on-one meetings.

A couple of months later, I became very sick. George Sr. and I were really scared, and he started relying on a few people he was getting to know at our church. One person in particular came to most of my surgeries and stayed with George Sr. for comfort. George could not believe that someone who barely knew him would care about us so much. It was through these times that George wanted a much more intimate relationship with the Lord, and during one of his meetings with the pastor, he decided to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

George Sr. and I are now deacons at Grace and Peace Community Fellowship. I work at Esperanza Health Center where I get to pray with people and share who Jesus is. My husband is also a school board member at HPCA.

It has truly been a blessing for us to have both of our boys at HPCA. I'm amazed by both the education they receive and the knowledge of the Bible they have. I'm very thankful to HPCA!



Our 2015-2016 HPCA Staff

