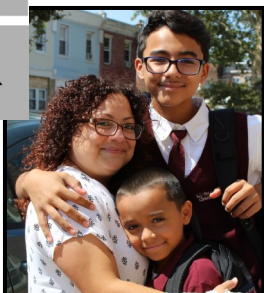




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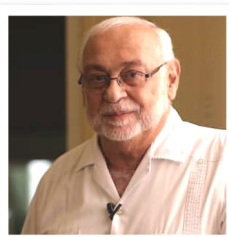


Transforming Hearts and Minds

Reaping a Harvest, *by Tanya Figueredo, Assistant Principal*

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them. Psalm 126:5-6

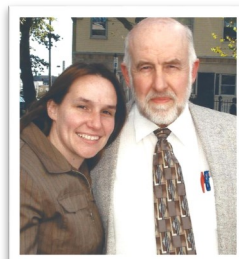
This year, our school-wide theme is Sowing and Growing. As a school, we have been blessed to have examples of servants of the Lord, who tirelessly worked to reap a great harvest.



Dr. Manuel Ortiz was a visionary who looked at 4400 N 6th Street and saw a school. He looked at a 24-year-old social worker and saw a principal. He looked at everyone in the church as vessels to fulfill the work of the Lord. In May of 1999, he gathered people to start a school, which opened four short months later. He helped me see and understand that all things are possible with Christ who gives us strength. He inspired those God sent him to store up treasures for

themselves in heaven and work wholeheartedly for the Lord. He spread the word about the school to everyone who crossed his path.

Randy Baker literally helped build the school, helping put together the floor plans, working with L&I, building walls, and hanging doors. Randy continued to serve the school in many different capacities, even helping with teaching middle school math when we needed a teacher. Whatever difficulty we faced, he was a person we could call. A true servant of the Lord, he was a frequent visitor and encourager of everyone at the school.



It was Randy who called Ken Tanis and invited him to help by finding supplies and school furniture. Ken Tanis then brought his wisdom and experience to the board of HPCA, and he served on the board for 18 years. Ken served as a mentor for me, as well as for Kevin Deane, demonstrating grace, a kind heart, and a level head.

Though Manny and Randy have gone on to be with the Lord, and Ken is now stepping down from the board, the efforts of these men have reaped a great harvest. Hundreds of students have heard about and experienced the love of Jesus through the ministry of HPCA. We are so grateful to these founding fathers of HPCA. We honor them by trying to emulate their passion for Jesus, their servant hearts, and their love for others, and by teaching our students to do the same. As we approach our 20th year, we recognize these great men who came before that have empowered, mentored, and loved us, so that we can now sow as the Lord sees fit with the same Spirit that moved them.

Save the Date

20th Year Celebration

Saturday, November 3rd, 2018

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$500,000
- *Business Owners:* Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- Join our e-mail prayer team
- Be a Special Runner in the Race for Education
- Volunteer by helping with the Race for Education

Upcoming Events...

Easter Program
Thursday, March 22nd
7:00 pm

Race for Education
Wednesday, April 25th

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.

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New Reading Program

by Molly Sovocool,
Reading Specialist at HPCA

It has been a joy to begin a new role as the reading specialist at HPCA. Each day, I have the privilege of providing reading intervention to K-5 students. I typically work with 6-8 students at a time in a small group, but I also have the opportunity to work with several students one-on-one. I love being able to individualize my instruction and target students' needs.

This year, we launched a new independent reading program with American Reading Company, and we are already seeing an impact! Thanks to many generous donors, we were able to purchase hundreds of diverse, leveled books that span across many genres; each grade now has its own leveled classroom library! Teachers have worked with each of their students individually to assess their independent reading level. Students now read for an additional thirty minutes a day and are given the opportunity to choose books that interest them and that match their reading level. As the class is reading, teachers daily conference with students one-on-one or in small groups to provide focused reading instruction. Additionally, students bring books home to read each night. Families have been thrilled to have access to rich texts at home!

We are so excited to see the great growth in our students as a result of increasing their daily independent reading, individualizing instruction, and providing student choice. It is our hope that students continue to become more proficient readers while also developing a deep love for reading!



CAREER DAY



In November, we held our 11th Annual Career Day for our middle-school students. The purpose of the day is to expose our students to many different career paths and for them to see how people are able to glorify God through their everyday jobs.

Students were able to hear from a clinical psychologist, a lawyer, a college soccer coach, a fire equipment sales specialist, a dietician/personal trainer, and a human resources consultant/motivational speaker. Our guest presenters visited the classrooms, gave a presentation, and then had a time for students to ask questions.

We are so thankful that God has provided willing people each year to share with our students. We pray that each of them would learn to trust God with each step of their futures.



HPCA PHOENIX BASKETBALL

Basketball season has officially begun, and we are off to a great start! Our team of middle-school students competes against other local Christian schools. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches, Eric Moore, Richard Rivera, and Davon Mandy. Go, Phoenix!!!

