



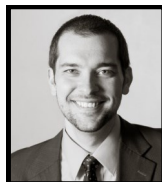
# HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## Transforming Hearts and Minds



by Kevin Deane,  
Principal

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*  
-John 15:5

Greetings, HPCA Friends and Family.

Welcome to a new school year at HPCA, where our school-wide theme is **"Sowing and Growing."** The Spirit of God gives growth - we are alive and Jesus continues to cultivate us. What a beautiful truth! At Hunting Park Christian Academy, we want our students to know and believe this. God gives growth corporately as well. He is growing Hunting Park Christian Academy! Here are some terrific examples:

- An HPCA alumna, Nathalie Nuñez, is now our kindergarten teacher! She graduated from HPCA in 2007, went to Charter High School for Architecture and Design, and then earned her degree from Eastern University. She is now teaching five-year-old students at HPCA! (See "New Faces" on back)
- We have continued to add positions and programs to better meet the needs of our students. Grant Hofman returned as our school chaplain and middle school Bible teacher, and we added Molly Sovocool as our new reading specialist! Molly has been very busy developing our reading intervention program and strategies, leveling our classroom libraries, coaching teachers, and meeting with students.
- This year, we added a new reading program from the American Reading Company to help assess and address reading needs of individual students!
- Thanks to many blessings, we are able to continue with our building improvements, including 18 new windows (and 10 reinstalled), 17 sleek new classroom doors with viewing panels, and a new intercom and bell system.



Praying before her  
first day teaching



New classroom  
doors

To get the true impact of all this growth, it is best to see it in person. We would love to host you! You are welcome any time, or you can attend a scheduled tour during a school day. Be on the lookout for specific tour dates. If you cannot be here physically, there are still many ways that you can be a part of HPCA. Would you prayerfully consider how you might partner with us to produce even greater growth in our community? Thank you!

## UPCOMING DATES

**Career Day**  
Wednesday, November 29th

**Christmas Program**  
Tuesday, December 19th  
7:00 PM at HPCA

## YANKEE CANDLE® HPCA FUNDRAISER

We're so excited to kick off our Yankee Candle fundraiser! Here's how you can join us:

- Browse the online store. Enter our group number **#990102963** and begin shopping.
- In addition to candles, you will also find gift wrap, games and toys, home décor, and more.
- Items will ship directly to you!
- HPCA receives 40% of the purchase price. That's \$8 for each medium candle!
- The online store will remain open through January 10, 2018, so you can support us with your holiday shopping.

**Ready to shop? Visit:**

[yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://yankeecandlefundraising.com)  
Group #990102963

**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 Faces at HPCA



## Nathalie Nuñez, Kindergarten Teacher

Nathalie holds an A.A. in Community and Human Services and a B.A. in Social Work from Eastern University. She's also the first HPCA alum to be hired! She has been active with our students through the after-school program. She is ready to see what God has planned for this stage of her life at HPCA!



## Joyce Crosscombe, 2nd-Grade Teacher

Joyce received her B.A. in Elementary Education and teacher's certification from Eastern University. She attends the church which meets in the HPCA building and has been very active in urban ministry. She is enthusiastic about incorporating her faith through lesson plans and in social situations with her students.



## Sara McDonel, 5th-Grade Teacher

Sara graduated from Cairn University with a major in Social Work and minor in Urban Ministry and Bible. She is looking forward to using her experience working with children with trauma histories in the community here in Hunting Park. She is excited to bring her passion for art and creativity into the classroom!



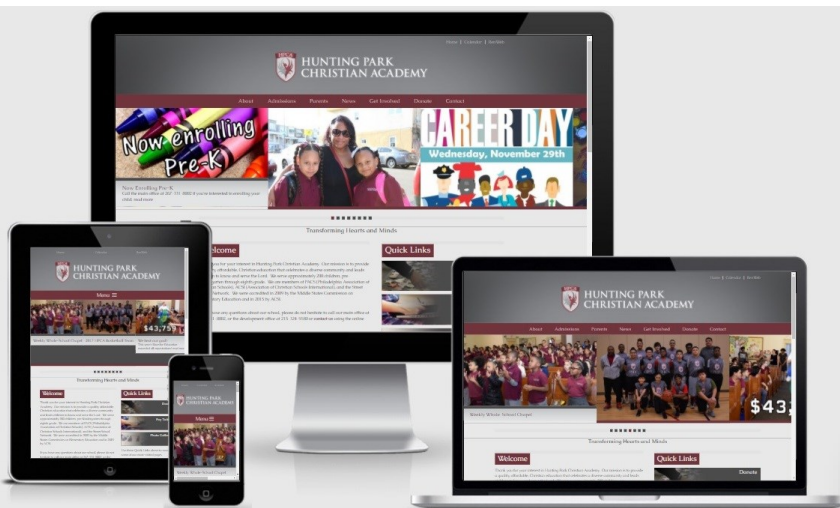
## Ruth Rineer, Music Teacher

Ruth holds a B.S. in Bible from Cairn University, with a minor in Elementary Education. She has experience working with children academically and as a musician. She is a pianist, organist, and ukulele player and loves letting students express themselves musically through movement, singing, and playing instruments.

## PRAISES

- Thanks to your support, we were able to exceed our budgetary goal and raise about \$511,000 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Thank you!!!
- We received \$5,100 in school supplies, funds for supplies, or gift cards thanks to generous gifts from Langhorne Presbyterian Church, Telecom Pioneers Chapter #132, & individuals.
- Praise God for all the hard-working volunteers who participated in our back-to-school work days! We had 65 people painting, cleaning, weeding, and fixing up our building to prepare for the upcoming year. Thank you!

## NEW HPCAPHILLY.ORG



Our website just got a makeover! It is now responsive, so you can comfortably view and navigate it on any device. You will still see many of the same features, such as our photo galleries, The Giving Tree, parent pages, and donation pages. Teachers can now create their own pages for parents and students to view to find announcements and helpful links. We hope you enjoy the fresh new look of hpcaphilly.org!

## Our 2017-2018 HPCA Staff



## Student Council

Congratulations to our new student council, comprised of 3rd-through 8th-grade students. Their duties include running the school store and planning various student activities.

