



# HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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**RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.**



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*The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. — Psalm 147:11*

On Friday, June 5th, we celebrated an all-time HPCA great, as 1st-grade teacher, Barbara Wire, is heading into retirement. We had a wonderful time reminiscing and honoring her great work. Ms. Wire utilized her 21-year HPCA career to serve hundreds of students and families, often going above and beyond to help those in need. (See the article on the back of this newsletter for more about Barb).



Ms. Wire's retirement brings to mind endings and new beginnings and how we tend to find ourselves in these transitions often as we walk through life. Some are more cyclical in nature - the school year ends, and we prepare for a new one; seasons begin, end, and come back around next year. Some carry a starker finality - graduation; moves to new cities, jobs, and homes; retirement. Some are positive, and others, not so much. Whether we welcome transitions or they strike us with unforeseen difficulty, we will encounter them, and they bring with them varying levels of discomfort or excitement - some sort of change.

Change can sometimes unsteady or even upend us. Thankfully, before, during, and after transitions (even the most dizzying), we have access to a dependable foundation. **Through Scripture, we are invited to orient ourselves on the bedrock of God's steadfast care and concern for us.**

HPCA's final monthly memory verse this year is a beautiful promise found in Psalm 147. Verse 11 says, "The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." God not only possesses unfailing love. He also invites us to hope in that unfailing love, which is a pretty great deal. It keeps getting better. This Scripture also says that the Lord delights in those who fear Him and put their hope and trust in His love. **We are accepted with favor and He takes pleasure in us.** Another great deal.

Ms. Wire is retiring. HPCA 8th-graders are graduating. How about you? Do you find yourself in some sort of life transition? Do you feel unsteady or even upended? Psalm 147:11 encourages us. The Lord delights in us through it all as we hope in His unfailing, steadfast love.

One school year ends, and another is on the horizon. **Thank you for your continued support of the work that the Lord is doing in Hunting Park!** We could not do this without the work of the Body of Christ. Blessings to you.



**Saturday, August 15th &  
Saturday, August 22nd**  
9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Help us get HPCA ready for the next school year! We will be doing general cleaning, painting, moving furniture, and small maintenance jobs. Please contact Jen Deane at [jen@hpcaphilly.org](mailto:jen@hpcaphilly.org) if you are able to come or have questions.

## WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$930,000!
- **Pay Taxes in PA?** Donate to our scholarship fund and receive a **90% tax credit!** Ask us how.
- Join our email prayer team.
- Organize a donation drive for back-to-school supplies or donate gift cards to teachers.
- Join our team! Check our website to see the current employment opportunities.

Contact Jen Deane, Director of Development, at 215-324-9180 or [jen@hpcaphilly.org](mailto:jen@hpcaphilly.org) for information.

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## Thank You, Ms. Wire!

After 21 years of teaching at HPCA, our beloved 1st-grade teacher, Barbara Wire, is retiring. Ms. Wire has dedicated - and we use that word "dedicated" very intentionally - the entirety of her life to instructing children. Instructing them in sight words and subtraction problems, certainly, but far more so in the way of Jesus. Walking into her classroom during the school day, it is more than likely you would catch her leading the class in an interactive project (that often made us wish, as adults, we could be in her class), opening up Scripture to tell God's unfolding story for her students, or passionately encouraging her students on their road to literacy. Stopping by after school, you would most likely still see her with students, spending extra time with anyone in need of support, giving them homework help and a tasty snack. The whole of Ms. Wire's life has been given, first and foremost, to Jesus, and, very quickly after, to her students. She is the type of person who will ask about an update to a prayer request you forgot you had ever mentioned, who will go to all lengths to make sure her students are well-educated and cared for, and who looks to her Lord to sustain her in all of it. While we will miss Ms. Wire's thoughtfulness, humor, and passion filling our halls each day, we know that these things will all continue to reside deeply in the hearts and minds of the hundreds of students she has taught. Thank you, Barb, for being a loving co-worker, a dedicated teacher, and a kind friend. We, and our students, look more like the Savior because of you.



## 2026 RACE FOR EDUCATION



On April 24th, we held our 21st Annual Race for Education! After switching to our rain date, we ended up with a beautiful, sunny day to race! The students had great attitudes. We also had twelve alumni volunteer this year, which was a huge help!

All the money raised goes directly to our scholarship fund, helping HPCA remain affordable for each of our families. **This year, we raised an incredible \$73,200!!!** Praise God! Each year, we are amazed by God's provision and are thankful for your support!

Because we surpassed our goal, Mr. Deane had to face the gauntlet of mud pies and the human car wash powered by HPCA students. It was such a joy-filled day, and the staff and students loved watching Mr. Deane make his way through the water sprayers, sponges, pool noodles, mops, and buckets of water. Thank you for your part in making this year another wonderful success!

Check out more pictures and videos of the Race for Education and the Human Car Wash at [hpcaphilly.org](http://hpcaphilly.org)!

