



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.



by Kevin Deane,
Head of School

*I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
- Psalm 118:17*

I have never claimed to be wise. At a staff meeting in early 2006, we were told that HPCA would be holding a jog-a-thon as a fundraiser. I was a fourth-year teacher, and I remember saying to a coworker, "This will never work." (Oh, young Kevin, ye of little faith.) Despite my misplaced certainty, the

Lord has made the Race for Education an unbelievable success and a huge piece of the HPCA experience. Alas, 2006 Kevin lacked wisdom and foresight (as this, the earliest known Race for Education picture of me, seems to confirm).



It is now 20 years later, and our 2026 Race season has begun. Our aim is to raise \$65,000(!) in scholarship dollars. HPCA scholarships cover 80% of our students' tuition, and your Race donations help us provide for our families. If we reach our goal, I will have to face a challenge, as usual. This year, I will face a gauntlet of mud pies followed by a student-powered human car wash. I do not know why I keep agreeing to these (yes I do - they are super fun!). Again, I have never claimed to be wise.

The mud and car wash may be challenges that I have to face, but they are not real struggles. When we do endure actual suffering, where do we turn? King David faces major distress in Psalm 118, as he is surrounded by enemies. However, the Psalm mainly focuses on the Lord's enduring love, proclaiming that He is our refuge, defense, and salvation. In the middle of the chapter, the psalmist writes, "I will not die but live," and credits God, saying, "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things." Of course, this is still true today - it is God who is our refuge, defense, and salvation. It's all Him.

The Lord is strong enough to use whatever He wants - including the community of saints (foolish and otherwise) whose lives have been redeemed. I have the joy of witnessing His provision at HPCA, mostly through the wonderful relationships that have been built through this combined good work at HPCA. I thank you for your support and friendship!

During this annual Race season, I ask you to consider helping us reach our goal of raising \$65,000 in scholarship funds to help us continue to meet the needs of our students and families. I am acutely aware that, if you help us reach our goal, I will be subject to the Race punishment, but I have come to terms with it. The psalm says that, because of Him, "I will not die but live." Even we who are not wise - we will live. So, even though I may face the silly consequence of mud and the human car wash - and though we will encounter more serious challenges - we will live.

RACE FOR EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 22ND, 2026

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!**
- Join our monthly email prayer team.
- Help us reach our Race for Education goal by being a **Special Runner or sponsoring a student!**
- Be a Race for Education volunteer. We would love you to join us on Race Day!

Contact Jen Deane,
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STUDENT-LED CHAPEL

Last month, Ms. Bee, our wonderful middle-school science and social studies teacher, orchestrated a fully student-led chapel service. Our student choir, which she directs, as well as our 8th-grade class, sang out God's praises. Two student leaders gave meaningful messages from Scripture about making space to meet with God, who is constant in His love toward us. It was a beautiful time hearing the Good News spoken and sung by our gifted students!



LOVING GOD & LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

To celebrate Valentine's Day, student council ran a "Loving Our Neighbor Event," in which they offered a \$1 dress-down day and sold candy grams for students to show their love to friends and family. All the proceeds from this special day went to a homeless shelter and an orphanage, allowing our students to tangibly express the love of Jesus to our neighbors. Thank God for His love that is high and wide and deep and long!



DONATE STOCK



HPCA can now accept stock donations! Donating appreciated securities is a great way to maximize your impact. A direct gift allows you to increase your donation by avoiding capital gains tax. The gift is also fully tax-deductible.

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