



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Transforming Hearts and Minds



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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.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- Support the mission of HPCA with a financial gift. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.
- Volunteer in the classroom or for a building project.
- Send us your used inkjet cartridges and cell phones for recycling.
- Collect BoxTops and Campbell's Soup labels.

Scholarship Need

This year, we need to raise \$70,000 in scholarships for our most impoverished students. This is in addition to the \$190,000 we need to raise for general operating costs. If you would like to give to the scholarship fund, please make a check payable to HPCA, with "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

Dear Friends and families of Hunting Park Christian Academy,

Praise the Lord! **We are celebrating our tenth anniversary!** As I have reflected on the journey we have taken, I am compelled to thank everyone for teaming with us and supporting our school. I know we could not have developed and grown over the years without the support of individuals, churches, and corporations who decided to care about our students. I truly appreciate you.

We have strived every year to provide affordable, quality, Christian education. We have begun this year with a full staff, committed to the growth of our students spiritually, mentally and physically. **Though our community is struggling economically, we have 199 students and once again have a waiting list in most classes.** This summer we had to say good-bye to a dearly cared-for staff member, our secretary, Ms. Liz. As a result, I have taken on her responsibilities, and have been blessed to be greeted each day with parents who are so grateful for the family they have found in Hunting Park Christian Academy. Even this morning, one of our new parents said that he already sees a difference in his children's attitude toward education. He said they love coming to school.



Our new teachers (left to right):
Rebeca Gonzalez, 5th grade,
and Sarah Gates, 2nd grade

Each year we have tried to grow in different ways by improving curriculum, providing quality training for our teachers, and implementing a social curriculum that helps children consider the consequences of their actions. This year we wish to continue growing in the area of technology. We have begun a computer lab, and have purchased, through state funding, a computer program called K to the 8th power that develops computer literacy and applied technology skills, while practicing age-appropriate reading and math skills. We are training two more teachers in the economic literacy program so they can teach our students entrepreneurial skills, as well as helping them handle money wisely and helping them learn how to invest in the stock market. Jen Deane, our development director, has renovated our website, and we encourage you to browse through it to learn more about our school.

Though we have much to celebrate and be thankful for, we entered the school year with a deficit of \$25,000. We have revisited and stream-lined an already minimal budget, but we are asking you to consider giving to the school at this time to help us continue providing affordable, quality Christian education. Thank you again, and God bless you.

Tanya Figueiredo, Business Manager

Why are you excited to be back in school?



David, Pre-K

I like going to school and talking about school. God brought me to this school. My teachers teach kids everything to do. We dance, play games, and make friends.

Gabriella, Kindergarten

I'm excited to be in kindergarten because I'm a big girl. We don't go to sleep in kindergarten. I like when we color.



Isaiah, 1st Grade

We learn a lot of different things at HPCA, like what we want to be when we grow up, how to write in cursive, and how to do math. I learned that God has no start and no end.

Siani, 2nd Grade

I'm excited to get to read Junie B. Jones books. 2nd grade is very fun and we get to do a lot of work in math. My new teacher lets us color and have recess in the classroom.



Melinda, 3rd Grade

I'm excited to be back, see my friends, and have a new teacher. She's pretty nice and gives me hugs. People are nice at HPCA.

Lariq, 4th Grade

I've been here since pre-k and I just really like this school. I'm excited to learn about division. Every year, there are new colorful things on the walls when we come back to school.



Samara, 5th Grade

I get to see all of my favorite teachers and friends again. This school is unique because every teacher is special in a different way and they welcome new students.

Serena, 6th Grade

I'm excited to learn more about math. I'm in an older class now and learning harder things. HPCA is a good place because we have nice teachers and staff members.



Rasheed, 7th Grade

I'm excited to learn with the nice teachers and have fun with my friends. I also get to wear the blazer which symbolizes growth.

Robert, 8th Grade

I'm excited to meet new friends, and get an education with teachers who communicate with you. It's fun here because the teachers and staff are cool. I like having Pre-K buddies in chapel.



Hunting Park Christian Academy

HPCA has updated our website at www.hpcaphilly.org!

Some of the features of the new website:

- View pictures of our first two days back in school. Check back often for new pictures throughout the year.
- Download past and current newsletters
- Discover ways you can get involved with HPCA! Check out current supplies we need.
- Watch our school video.
- Donate online through PayPal.

Join our Prayer Team

We firmly believe that our ministry needs prayer! We currently have a team of about 40 people committed to praying for HPCA on a specific day each month. On the first of each month, the prayer team is e-mailed a prayer letter with specific prayer requests of HPCA.



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 of our website and check off that you are interested in joining the prayer team. You can also check off that you would like to partner with HPCA by committing to prayer on the enclosed response card.

Our 2009-2010 HPCA Staff

