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Transforming Hearts and Minds



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Principal

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

Hello, HPCA Friends and Family. Welcome to a brand new year at Hunting Park Christian Academy! The year has begun with such tremendous energy and life – my hope is that you will be able to experience some of it through this power-packed newsletter.

Our school-wide theme is “Made in God’s Image.” All year, students will focus on what it means that **they have been created, formed, and purposed by a dynamic God**. The beauty in God’s creativity is that He continues to refine us and make us more like Him. He is also continuing to refine and improve HPCA. Here are some of the changes we’re most excited about:

- **New windows** – Thanks to an amazing gift, we are looking forward to installing new windows in the basement and in some classrooms! This will be the first step in a larger building improvement project.
- **Amazing work days** – Many folks (churches, parents, students, board members, teachers, and supporters) worked tirelessly to get the building ready for our students to return in September!
- **Committed staff and faculty** – God has blessed us with a terrific 22-person team of talented, loving folks.
- **New positions** – We have been able to add some new positions to help us accomplish our mission, including an assistant principal!
- **The OKA House** – This year, HPCA’s art and music classes will be held at the Orange Korner Arts house. This wonderful collaboration will provide a perfect space for our students to create, and the house is well-stocked for our art teacher.
- **Additional scholarship** – This year, we have given out \$100,000 in scholarship (in addition to the \$300,000 in financial aid). This is a 47% increase in scholarship given over last year!

I simply do not have the space here to share with you all of what Jesus is doing. To really see and experience it, I happily invite you to come for a visit. If you cannot make it during a school day, this year’s Fall Gathering will be held at HPCA in November – it will be a great opportunity for you to see and get to know us, our mission, and our students.

God continues to shape His creation. He is definitely still forming HPCA, as well. I encourage you to consider how you might partner with us (whether you have been with us for 15 years or if this is the first time you have heard of HPCA) as God works in and through us to provide a quality, affordable Christian education!

FALL GATHERING VISION TO REALITY

Saturday, November 15th

10:00 am–11:00 am:

Refreshments, silent auction, Giving Tree, and interactive school tour

11:00 am–12:00 pm:

Program featuring student, staff, and parent testimonies

at HPCA

4400 N 6th St.

Philadelphia, PA 19140

Please RSVP to Jen Deane
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WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year’s fundraising goal of \$361,000
- **Business Owners:** Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- Join our Acts 2 Legacy Circle by including HPCA in estate planning
- Join our monthly prayer team
- Send us your Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and used ink cartridges
- Use goodshop.com! Designate HPCA to receive a percentage of your online purchases.
- Organize a donation drive for Good Stuff Thrift

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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Free Breakfast and Lunch

We're excited to announce that we are now providing breakfast to our students. In addition, because we added the breakfast program, each of our students is now eligible to receive breakfast and lunch free of charge, regardless of income!



This program is made possible under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision, which makes all students in districts that have predominately low-income students eligible for free breakfast and lunch. In the Philadelphia School District, 80% of students currently qualify for free or reduced lunch. The program is subsidized by federal and state funds.



So far, we are serving between 60–90 students breakfast each morning. A typical breakfast consists of a bagel or cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Parents are enthusiastic about the change and an average of 4-7 parent volunteers are helping out each day. We're excited that we are able to offer a healthy start to each day for our students!

SCHOLARSHIP NEED

HPCA is committed to remaining an affordable, quality school for our families. Our total cost to educate each child is \$3,400 per year. However, after an initial grant, parents are asked to pay \$2,100 for the first child, \$1,300 for the second, and \$1,000 for each additional child. Parent payments cover approximately half of what we need to operate.

In addition to low parent payments, some families require additional aid for their children to attend. This year, we have increased our additional scholarship from \$68,000 to \$100,000, because we have 15 more families who need extra financial aid.

We are excited to have each of these students here. Please consider making a donation to help fund the extra scholarship amount needed this year. Thank you!

PRAISES

- Thanks to your support, we were able to exceed our budgetary goal and raise about \$359,000 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Thank you!!!
- Langhorne Presbyterian Church donated \$17,000 to replace our basement windows and some classroom windows. Many thanks!
- We received nearly \$2,125 in school supplies donated by Grace and Peace Community Church, Langhorne Presbyterian, Spirit and Truth Fellowship, and Supplee Presbyterian.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

This year, we are excited to award special scholarships to three students who have shown strong leadership potential and/or academic excellence.

Lisa Weidman Scholarship, Caleb and Angel (6th grade)

This scholarship was created by the Weidman family in honor of Lisa Weidman. She loved helping people use their gifts to serve God, so the award was given to students who displayed potential in this area. Angel wants to serve others when they are sad, mad, struggling through work, or when they are in trouble. Caleb wants to help people and make them laugh. He also wants to teach his classmates about GMO's and the dangers in certain foods.



Andrew Heyer Scholarship, Josiah (8th grade)

This scholarship was created in honor of Andy Heyer, a former board member. Andy served as both Treasurer and President. This award is given each year to the top performing math student in eighth grade. Josiah has attended HPCA since pre-kindergarten. In addition to being strong academically, Josiah is learning to play piano and is enrolled in A Better Chance, which is a program designed to help prepare students and assist them in getting into high-quality high schools.



Our 2014-2015 HPCA Staff

