



# HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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



by Kevin Deane,  
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We just finished up our 24<sup>th</sup> school year at HPCA, and (don't stop me if you've heard this one before: what a unique and unprecedented year! In recent history, it seems that we have all grown accustomed to characterizing the events of our lives using similar descriptors - unique, unprecedented, challenging, difficult, etc. **And, in line with recent history, this year was no different...by being wildly different.**

It is no secret that the educational landscape shifted during the pandemic, and many educators departed the field altogether. HPCA was not immune to this phenomenon, but, because of it, we have participated in and witnessed a Godly striving, the very Body of Christ pulling together to meet our mission. **And we were privileged to watch as Jesus continually showed up.**

Throughout my relatively brief time and experience on Earth, I have learned that God is God all the time. Scripture reveals His consistent provision and presence, whether in good times or bad, despair or celebration. God sent life-saving help to Elijah, who was emptied of all hope in Judges 19. He gave miraculous provision to the widow in 1 Kings 17 who was preparing a last meal for herself and her son. He was present with Gideon, who said, "If God's so great, why has He abandoned us?" In the very middle of Gideon's despair, God provided victory in His way, so that Israel would not boast against Him, saying "My own strength has saved me."

**This year, He presided over HPCA in a way that forces us to say, "It is God's strength that saves us." The Lord stretched us while providing; that is not a very comfortable place to be, but it is holy and lovely.** We celebrate what He has done and who He is. This year, we were able to graduate one of our larger 8<sup>th</sup>-grade classes (see the insert in this newsletter). We experienced the return of weekly in-person chapel services as well as the packed-out Christmas and Easter programs. Basketball was able to start up again, many parents participated in our VIP (Very Involved Parents), and we had our most successful Race for Education ever. All good gifts, worthy to be celebrated. Personally, the most notable reason to celebrate is the way our staff pulled together, supported one another, and bore each other's burdens, and this is a testament to our Father and the unification of the body of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

**God is God all the time.** He was near to Elijah, the widow, Gideon, and countless others in desperation, but He also provides during the good times. At a wedding in Cana, Jesus famously produced wine (the choice, best wine) for the celebrants. According to John 2:11, this celebratory provision was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory. So I know, whether we are striving along our missional road or celebrating in the light of His glory, God is God all the time.



**Saturday, August 19th &  
Saturday, August 26th**  
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 \$710,000!
- **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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# FIELD TRIPS

For the first time in years, fields trips came back in full force! This year, a generous donor funded field trips for each and every class. This was such a tremendous gift and it blessed everyone at the school. Some of our younger students had not yet experienced field trips, and our older students had been anxiously waiting for them to return.

Students, families, and teachers were delighted to explore the Philadelphia area and beyond. Our younger students participated in hands-on learning at the Please Touch Museum and the Philadelphia Zoo. Older elementary students watched the Bible come to life at Sight and Sound Theatre as they took in the stage production of Moses. Middle school students had fun being active together in a variety of recreational activities, including Top Golf, bowling, and a trip to the beach. As we know, these joyful memories will remain with our students long after their time at HPCA ends. We are extremely thankful for this gift which provided such wonderful, enriching opportunities for our students!



## 2023 RACE FOR EDUCATION



On April 26th, we held our 18th annual Race for Education! We had a chilly, at times rainy, day at Team Vick Field in Hunting Park. That didn't stop our runners from doing their best and running with smiles on their faces!

All the money raised goes directly to our scholarship fund, helping HPCA remain affordable for each of our families. **This year, we raised an absolutely incredible \$67,797, making this the most successful Race for Education ever!** Praise God! We continue to be amazed by the generous support of our community each and every year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a successful Race!

Because we reached our goal, Mr. Deane and Mr. Ross traded places for an entire day. Mr. Ross cut his hair and wore pants for the first time in 13 years, and he taught middle school. Mr. Deane drank extra-sweet coffee, told everyone they were awesome, and walked ten long miles to Willow Grove Mall!

Check out more pictures of the Race for Education and Trading Places Day at [hpcaphilly.org](http://hpcaphilly.org)!

