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HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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by Kevin Deane,
Head of School

THE END THAT IS NOT AN END

On June 14th, we completed our 25th school year at Hunting Park Christian Academy. **Finishing each year is no small feat, and it takes dozens (even hundreds) of individuals to accomplish.** Teachers have completed their lessons and assessments, some for the 10th, 17th, or 19th year at HPCA. Students are off on summer vacations or attending HPCA's summer reading and math classes. The graduating 8th graders are preparing to take those first tentative steps into high school in the fall.

Even with all of these markers, it is not an ending for all of us - well, **not a true ending.** Each year has a way of spilling into the next. We finalize grades, produce report cards, craft a summer program, and more as we work throughout the summer to prepare for the next school year.

This always reminds me of the "running the race" scriptures written by Paul and other authors. Endurance is often highlighted and always required. The writer of Hebrews says in 12:1-2, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Where do we find ourselves in our race? Are any of us weak and weary? Are we struggling with endurance? **Scripture's prescription is that we throw off sin and any hindrance and that we, instead, look to Jesus, who endured the cross by knowing the joy that was coming.** He knew the true ending, and though His race was difficult in a way that we will never know, He endured for us - for the joy at the end. When we find ourselves weighed down in the race marked out for us, may we look to our Savior, our beginning and true end.

Still, while we continue to run the race, we celebrate this particular marker, the culmination of the 2023-2024 school year. I am thankful for the HPCA staff and for the countless, tireless hours they poured out to bless our students and families. I am thankful for the hundreds of HPCA supporters - for your prayers that buoy and lift us to God, your time that you give so freely, your generosity that allows us to do the work, and especially your hearts that are in accord with our own. **Mostly, I am thankful that the Lord is at work in the Hunting Park community of Philadelphia and that He continues to invite us into His work of restoration.** What a miracle to be called to run this race! May we, at the true end of it all, say, as Paul does in 2 Timothy 4:7, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*



**Saturday, August 17th &
Saturday, August 24th**
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 if you are able to come or have questions.

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$700,000!
- **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 for information.

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Alumnus Spotlight: Tyler Frisby, Class of 2020



Congratulations to Tyler, who recently graduated from Girard College! He was awarded the Posse Scholarship and will attend Centre College in Kentucky with a **four-year, full-tuition scholarship!** What an amazing achievement! Tyler was gracious enough to share this about the impact of HPCA:

“Attending HPCA changed my life in so many ways. **The supportive community and caring teachers helped me build a strong relationship with God, teaching me to trust Him completely.** With this faith, I gained the confidence to apply for the Posse Scholarship. Thanks to the guidance and encouragement from HPCA, I was awarded a full-tuition scholarship to Centre College, where I hope to grow both academically and spiritually. At Centre, I plan on studying physiology and business. **With this education, I aim to give back to the community and serve God,** using my knowledge and skills to make a positive impact in the world.”

HPCA RUNNING CLUB

This year, we started our first Running Club at HPCA for students in 2nd–8th grades! Under the leadership of Mrs. Wambua, Mr. Peña-Hofman, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Smith, students trained weekly at the Hunting Park track. Students ran in cold and heat and learned what it means to run with perseverance. Through their consistent training, students learned to pace themselves and increase their endurance. Many running club members received a trophy in our Race for Education by running the most laps in their class! It was amazing to see the growth in their total laps this year—with some students increasing 5 laps from last year! We are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of our staff members who committed to running each week. Great job, Running Club!



2024 RACE FOR EDUCATION

On April 24th, we held our 19th annual Race for Education! We had a gorgeous day to race! Students had great attitudes and many had their highest lap totals ever (especially those in Running Club, *see above*)!

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 \$73,000, making this the most successful Race for Education ever!** Praise God! We continue to be amazed by God's provision each year and are so thankful for your support!

Because we reached all of our goals, there were many different “punishments” this year. Students got to defeat teachers with silly string; our middle-school teachers had to face the dunk tank; and “Bowser Deane” was eventually defeated by slime after his sinister plan of sliming Princess Peach failed. Thank you for helping make each of these events possible through your giving!

Check out more pictures of the Race for Education, silly string, dunk tank, and sliming event at hpcaphilly.org!

