



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.

VICTORY



by Kevin Deane,
Head of School

*It was not by their sword that they won the land,
nor did their arm bring them victory;
it was your right hand, your arm,
and the light of your face, for you loved them.
- Psalm 44:3*

Change. Unforeseen circumstances and situations. Difficulty. Defeat. We all have experience with these truths. Sometimes their impact is mild, and sometimes they alter who we are and how we see the world around us. HPCA has been no stranger to them. During a year of constant change, we suffered the loss of our beloved Mrs. Miriam Nesbitt, 19-year veteran, worship leader, and “mom” to hundreds of students.

Victory. Thankfully, we are all also familiar with this truth. Miriam’s death impacted us deeply, but the ultimate victory that she is experiencing is part of our great hope. When we are faced with change and difficulty, whether caused by the decision-making of others or ourselves (or the Lord), where is the victory? **What do we do?**

Scripture tells us to remember. To remember the Creator and His good deeds. So, we take time to recall how He has been an ever-present help to us, a fortress in times of trouble, a faithful provider for HPCA, and how His steadfast love has carried and shaped us.

Scripture tells us to wait on Him, whether situations are calm or messy. “Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her,” said Jesus when Mary chose to sit at the Lord’s feet, listening to what He said. In waiting, we listen, we learn, and we “be.”

Scripture tells us to recognize that He himself is the victory. “It was not by their sword...nor did their arm bring them victory.” Everything belongs to the Lord. The land, HPCA, the victory - everything. Yes, He asks us to be faithful and be good stewards. At the same time, we can remember that it is not our sword or strength that will win the day. It is His right hand, His arm, and the light of His face (for He loves us, HPCA family!) that bring the victory.

So that’s what we do. We wait on the Lord and lean into communion with Him. We also move in accordance with his Spirit. We trust him as we move, not just individually, but as HPCA takes steps corporately. **This fall, we are taking a step to increase staff salaries - raising the budget 22%, while once again not raising what we ask parents to pay.** This is not the victory, but it is movement in accordance with the Spirit of the victor. We trust in Him, not in our “sword or strength.” We wait and we move and we move and we wait. The victory is His.

Thank you for the part you have played during our first 23 years as a school. HPCA could not be where we are without our generous, faithful partners. I thank God for incorporating you into His work here in Hunting Park, and I pray that you might continue to wait and move with us. God bless you.



**Saturday, August 13th &
Saturday, August 20th
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 \$582,000!
- **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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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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In Memory of Miriam Nesbitt

In April, our beloved teacher and sister, Miriam Nesbitt, went to be with her Lord and Savior. Since 2002, Mrs. Nesbitt blessed the lives of countless students and staff members during her time at HPCA, where she began as a first grade teacher, then middle school science and social studies. Whether teaching lessons, praying over her classes, sharing her humor, quietly checking in on students' needs, or loudly singing a song of praise for chapel, Mrs. Nesbitt's voice was faithful and steadfast. She was a cornerstone of the HPCA community, but always used her position to point us to the ultimate cornerstone upon which her life, and ours, is built: Jesus Christ. Mrs. Nesbitt will be missed terribly, but because of her belief in the good news of Jesus' resurrection, we look forward to the day that we will see her with a newly healed body and hear her singing loudly with the heavenly choruses. The day where God will wipe every tear from our eyes, and there will be no more mourning, crying, or pain. The day where death will be swallowed up with life, and God will make all things new.



2022 RACE FOR EDUCATION



On April 27th, we held our 17th annual Race for Education! We had a chilly, but sunny, day at Team Vick Field in Hunting Park. It was wonderful to finally have our students, families, and Special Runners race together on a single day. There was a great turnout!

All the money raised goes directly to our scholarship fund, helping HPCA remain affordable for each of our families. **This year, we raised an incredible \$59,464, making this the most successful Race for Education ever!** Praise God! We are continually amazed by the generous support of our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a successful Race!

Because we reached our goal, Mr. Deane kept his promise and Faced His Fears! He visited HPCA's attic at night, dressed in a unicorn costume while belting "Let It Go," climbed a tall ladder, and even ate a few bugs (flavored only with a little salt). The students loved it and Mr. Deane survived!

Check out more pictures of the Race for Education and Face Your Fears Day at hpcaphilly.org!

