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HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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The Mystery of a Crooked-Way-Making God

"This snowstorm will cripple the city." We've heard it a thousand times. Warnings lead us to rush to the grocery store for milk and eggs, batten down the hatches, and, in my case, cancel school. Sometimes these warnings are completely warranted. Sometimes, however, the weatherperson does not get it quite right. And that's okay! As humans, we do our best to predict what is coming in order to prepare well. As with all predicting, however, we cannot fully see the future because we lack what is required: a clear, straight view.

The Teacher in Ecclesiastes speaks of this briefly. In the middle of chapter seven he plants a truth that I have been contemplating for weeks. *"Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made crooked? ... Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future."* I typically think of our God making rough places smooth and crooked paths straight, so verses 13-14 in chapter seven struck me as different. And interesting. Our God makes mystery! His purposefully crooked weavings, like switchbacks on a mountain pass, keep us from seeing and knowing our future. So what do we do with this mystery? **We could fret and worry, or we could lean into the Lord, learning to trust Him more.**

HPCA is currently finalizing our re-accreditation self-study, where we analyze the school from all sides and are asked to look into the future by planning for improvement. All good things. **By reviewing the school from all angles through the accreditation process, it has been wonderful to observe HPCA's successes, accomplishments, and growth.**

- We have a solid foundation, built upon the Lord and his call on our lives. This is evident at the board, administration, teacher, and staff levels.
- **Over the past decade, we have nearly doubled our budget, but we have left parent tuition payments nearly untouched.** This is thanks to our committed, generous donors.
- New programs and supports have been added consistently, like the before- and after-school programs.
- We have countless memories of watching our children grow in knowledge and in the love of the Lord.

The list of past and present blessings goes on and on. As I mentioned, another part of the accreditation process asks us to plan for the future. Yes, we will work to position HPCA to grow and improve - a good, worthwhile practice. Goals are good! Striving to improve is good! As I reflect on the words of the Teacher in Ecclesiastes, though, I am reminded that our God has hidden our future. So, what are we to do? **Even as we plan for the future, we will choose to embrace the mystery by leaning into the Lord, learning to trust Him more, and seeking the beauty and strength of His presence.**

We invite you to come alongside HPCA as we live out the will of the Lord - even, and especially, the mystery. **Would you consider partnering with us through prayer, financial support, or by contributing your talents?** Thank you all for your support, and may the God of crooked paths bless you.

20th Annual Race for Education

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 30TH, 2025

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$850,000!
- **Pay Taxes in PA?** Donate to our scholarship fund and receive a **90% tax credit!** (see back)
- Join our email prayer team.
- Help us reach our Race for Education goal by being a **Special Runner or sponsoring a student!**
- Be a Race for Education volunteer. We would love you to join us on Race Day (April 30)!

Contact Jen Deane,
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MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

We are so thankful to provide a variety of electives for our middle school students. These electives allow our students to develop their gifts and learn new skills in different areas of interest. These special classes take place each full-day Friday, and students always look forward to them. We are currently offering the following electives:

- Debate Team
- Health and Wellness
- Praise and Worship
- Digital Drawing
- Photography

It has been wonderful to see our students using their gifts to serve the school. Our digital drawing students have helped create backdrop art displays for our holiday programs. Praise and worship students help lead our worship time during weekly chapel services. All the pictures of the electives in this collage were taken by our photography students during their first class!

We praise God for uniquely gifting each student at HPCA and pray that they will use their gifts to glorify Him each day!



SPORTS CORNER



HPCA Soccer Team

It has been a busy year in HPCA sports. In the fall, our soccer team finished second place in their tournament. We

also let others join the fun with alumni, staff, and family soccer games. Our running club is happening for the second year with students training each week at the track. A few students even competed in various 5K and 8K races around the city! Our basketball team is in the middle of their season and giving it their all each week. Praise God that our students are growing together through sports and playing with honor and integrity!



Members of Running Club



Basketball Co-Captains

Pay Taxes OR Give a Scholarship?

You have a choice in where your tax dollars go!



If you pay \$3,500 or more in PA taxes (shown on line 12 of your PA-40), you can divert your PA tax bill into a scholarship for students at HPCA!

Individuals can receive a 90% state tax credit through the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit by joining an approved Special Purpose Entity. For example, a \$5,000 scholarship gift would only cost you \$500 out-of-pocket!

100% of our students receive some form of scholarship through affordable tuition, sibling discounts, and/or need-based financial aid. We serve a diverse student body, consisting of students with different socio-economic statuses, races, ethnicities, and faiths.

Our desire is to serve every family that wishes to attend HPCA, and we strive to keep the cost of tuition from becoming an obstacle. **To make this possible, we need you!** The process to participate in the program is simple. If you would like to take advantage of this tax credit, please contact us for more information.

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