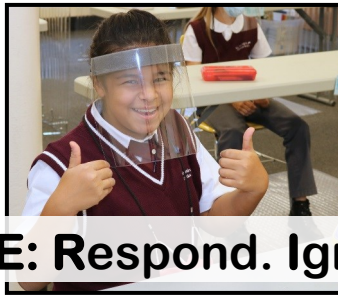


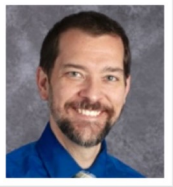


HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

MARCH
2021



RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.



by Kevin Deane,
Principal

Boy, I wish you could be here. I wish you could see what is happening each day at HPCA. I wish you could see what I see. You would see the work of the Lord. Not the ethereal, “harps playing in the clouds” variety. The real, gritty, hard work of the Lord. And it is happening thanks to the tenacious work of his saints. More on that in a moment.

The past 12 months have been a lot of things - uncertain, difficult, scary, sad. **And what do we do in the middle of all of this? We are called to remember the works of the Lord, to remember His promises, to lean on His everlasting arms and cast our worries upon Him.** In the first half of Psalm 77, the psalmist is weak from a difficult life. He asks whether God’s unfailing love and promises have failed and if God has forgotten his mercy. Those questions reveal being in a hard place. But, the psalmist does not give up, and he instead chooses to remember. In verses 11 and 12, he writes:

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. - Psalm 77:11-12

When we face struggles and hardships, like so many have in the past 12 months, we are invited to remember God’s good deeds. So, which works of the Lord would you call to mind? Maybe Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac? Or the parting of the Red Sea? Perhaps it would be the Lord’s whisper to Elijah. Or Jesus healing the ear of high priest’s servant. Maybe the cross? No matter what miracle you recall, you cannot go wrong.

By being at HPCA, I am reminded how blessed we are to be witnesses of the Lord’s continued good deeds! The teachers and staff of HPCA, the very body of Christ, pour into students here at HPCA.

- ◆ Teachers are teaching in person and virtually - at the same time.
- ◆ Children are learning and growing academically. They are running and playing. They are engaging socially with friends. We would have called these “basics” a year ago, but they are near wonders now.
- ◆ Breakfast and lunch are served daily, with more food going out the door each afternoon.
- ◆ Students are participating in amazing special events and celebrations. (See page 2 of the newsletter for more.)
- ◆ Despite the hardships, God’s people are still working for His Kingdom.

These are some of the continued works of the Lord that I wish I could show you. I wish you could be here. Hopefully, you will be able to see for yourself again sometime soon. For now, my recounting will have to do. Feel free to add these to your list of “remembrances” of the Lord’s good works. Thank you for helping make this possible. God bless.

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year’s fundraising goal of \$563,000!
- **Pay Taxes in PA?** Donate to our scholarship fund and receive a **90% tax credit!**
- Join our email prayer team.
- Help us reach our Race for Education goal by being a **Special Runner!**
- Be a Race for Education volunteer! We could use help with mailer folding (March 22nd —March 26th) or on Race Day (May 5th and 6th).

Contact Jen Deane,
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at 215-324-9180 or
jen@hpcaphilly.org if you
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about these ways to help.

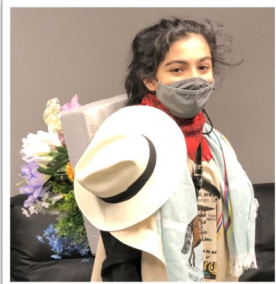
Mark Your Calendar...

Race for Education
Wednesday, May 5th
&
Thursday, May 6th

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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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



Here at HPCA, one of the core elements of our mission is to provide a Christian education that "celebrates a diverse community." This stems from our desire to seek God's Kingdom, where justice will rule and people from "every nation, tribe, people, and language" will worship together before His throne. We do not see this as merely an idealistic future vision, but, through Jesus, we believe that we have the opportunity to experience this exciting reality here on earth as it is in heaven. One of the special gifts God has given us through our Hunting Park neighborhood is that we do not have to go far to find such diversity. He has already gathered a beautiful, multi-cultured, multi-colored body of people right around us.

One of the rhythms that we keep as a school to make sure we intentionally celebrate God's work of creating such a colorful community is to have one day dedicated to exploring different countries and cultures around the globe. Since we could not gather in the school building for our usual "International Night" due to the pandemic, we invited students to prepare personal "Loving Your Neighbor International Presentations" instead. We encouraged them to present aspects of their ancestral culture or their own home to their classmates. Students introduced their heritage through an array of activities: reciting poetry, cooking traditional foods, wearing traditional outfits, sharing family values and holiday rituals, and more. It was a wonderful opportunity to get a greater glimpse of our God, who delights in diversity, and to learn to love our neighbors more deeply and thoughtfully. We are so grateful to have you join in this celebration with us!

DEBATE TEAM

The debate club at HPCA is thriving despite the new realities of COVID learning. This small-but-true team has moved their written and oral arguments, practices, and tournaments completely online. They meet on Zoom twice a week to prepare cases and speeches to face other public and charter schools in Philadelphia, like Masterman, Greenfield, and CW Henry. The current topic they are researching and preparing arguments for is immigration reform in the U.S. Our past topics have included animal testing, first amendment free speech online, and, most recently, the rising cost of college. The four veteran debaters, having begun three years ago in 6th grade, are graduating 8th grade this year. Isaac, Victoria, Reina, and Amya are leaving big shoes to fill as they will move onto high school. We are looking for new debaters and coaches to volunteer to make the debate club even stronger each year. Please reach out to Shin Lin at shinl@hpcaphilly.org if you are interested in getting involved!



HARVEST FESTIVAL



CHRISTMAS PAJAMA DAY



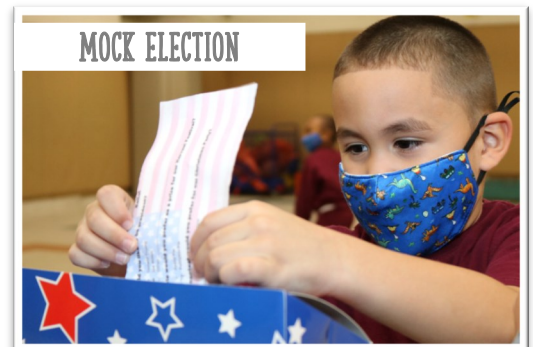
BLACK HISTORY ART PROJECT

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

We are so happy that we get to be together this year. Despite facing difficult limitations, our students still get to experience wonderful events and celebrations. Thank you to the hard-working faculty and staff for providing engaging opportunities for our kids!

So far this year, students have gotten to vote for a future president in the mock election, thank God for His provision during the Harvest Festival, dress cozily during Christmas Pajama Day, and celebrate Black History Month with a hands-on quilt project.

We are blessed to be a part of such a loving community!



MOCK ELECTION

