



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.



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Has this ever happened to you? You find yourself overly frustrated or irritated (maybe to the point where you can feel the furrow of your brow etching itself into permanency), and the sight of something stunning snaps you into a healthier state of mind. If not, let me paint you a picture in as few words as possible.

Picture it. Morning rush hour. Philly. Roosevelt Boulevard. Tense muscles. Spiking brakes.

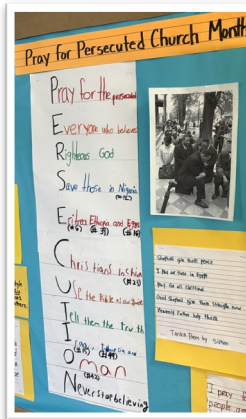
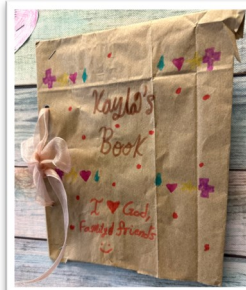
You directing other drivers with grumbles that they will never hear nor heed. Ok, are you there? Now picture turning and seeing... a striking sunrise. Impossibly vivid pinks, oranges, and blues. Your brow and shoulders relax, and you can breathe deeply again, like Saul soothed by the music of David.

This has happened to me. At the moment of transformation, I was stung briefly by the sin of my initial state of mind, but that was quickly consumed by awe. God is a master who creates beauty out of absolutely nothing. Our Lord is a creative God, and I am thankful that He formed creative humans.

His handiwork leads to ours. Every day, HPCA students are brilliant examples of this truth. They are continually creating. I have included pictures of just a few examples. There is the "Thankfulness Tree" project, where students examine their lives to discover the areas for which they give thanks. Multiple projects celebrating Black history line the walls at HPCA. One class made individual poetry books, stuffed with student-crafted poems. Another class studied and prayed for the persecuted church, creating acrostic poem prayers.

Our creative students were created to do good works, as stated in Ephesians 2:10 - *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* They were created by and for the Lord, and our prayer is for their continued growth and for deeper "good works" as they learn to live out the Gospel.

Accomplishing HPCA's mission takes countless loving workers - teachers, support staff, parents and families, supporters, and donors. It takes a village of like-minded residents to truly impact our children. Thank you for partnering with us and for being part of our HPCA village. Thank you for caring about the youth in Hunting Park. They are creative, and these pictures are just a taste. To experience it all, please stop by and visit!



RACE FOR EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 24TH, 2024

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!**
- 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 11 —March 14) or on Race Day (April 24).

Contact Jen Deane,
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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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Alumnus Spotlight: Troy Hall, Class of 2006

Greetings! My name is Troy Hall Jr., and I am a 2006 alumnus of HPCA. **I made the decision to enroll my son, Troy, at HPCA because of the school's emphasis on instilling a foundation of Christ in both the home and academic environment.** Furthermore, the faculty's evident love for all students was a significant draw. During my time at HPCA, every teacher displayed love, even if I didn't have any classes with them. As stated in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." Amen.

As my son attends HPCA, I hope he encounters the challenges of becoming a better student and a better human being for society's good, all for the glory of God. **I hope my son makes the most of the opportunities that HPCA offers and meets the obligation to be more responsible academically and spiritually.** 1 Corinthians 13:11 states, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me." Amen.

As soon as your child enrolls in HPCA, they become part of a large, happy family. **The school's staff genuinely cares for all students, extending themselves beyond school hours to ensure every student achieves their full potential.** Guided by God's hands, the school is committed to making disciples of Christ and serving the community. As a parent and HPCA alumnus, I thank God for this school and the love it exudes. I pray that God continues to bless this school for years to come. May God bless you, and I love you all for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Father and son



Coaching HPCA basketball

HPCA PHOENIX SOCCER

Congratulations to our HPCA Phoenix soccer team for winning our first PACSAC championship!!! The league is composed of other Philadelphia-area Christian schools. HPCA had a tremendous season, finishing undefeated with a 10-0 record!

As the team headed into the playoffs, HPCA encouraged and celebrated the team by throwing pep rallies. At the first rally, we unveiled our new Phoenix mascot! He has quickly become a fan favorite. For the second rally, the students and staff secretly gathered in the chapel and outside the front door, surprising the team as they headed off.

Under the leadership of Coach Matt, Coach Harry, and Coach Ross, our students learned to work together as a team and reflect Jesus during their play. In his championship speech, Coach Harry reminded students that while winning first place was great, a transforming relationship with Jesus was more important. This sentiment was reflected in the league-wide memory verse, 1 Timothy 4:8—"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both present life and the life to come." Pray that our students can continue to live this out! Go Phoenix!



Worship Team

We love when our students help lead worship in our weekly, whole-school chapel services!



This year, our middle-school students have been able to use their gifts and abilities to lead worship alongside Mrs. Figueiredo and Mrs. Lin. It is amazing to see our students use their gifts to bless the body of Christ and be an example for our younger students.

