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Transforming Hearts and Minds

The 76ers, The Apostle Paul, HPCA's 19 Years....and YOU!!!



Kevin Deane,
Principal

Joel Embiid, 76ers' big man, missed the final shot in a playoff loss to the Celtics on May 9th. The basket could have extended the 76ers' season - a season that exceeded all expectations. After the loss, teammate Ben Simmons went up to Embiid, showed him his hands, and said there are going to be a lot of championship rings on their fingers.

This reminds me of Paul's note to the Philippians: "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." (Philippians 3:12). Now, in fairness, Paul is speaking about fully knowing and becoming like Christ, ending with our participation in the final resurrection - NOT about an NBA championship. Paul is also not commenting on Hunting Park Christian Academy, but the verse provides a pertinent lens with which to survey HPCA.

In late August 2018, HPCA will begin its 20th year (with a 20th-Year Celebration on November 3rd!). I can easily testify to the growth and blessing God has provided during our first 19 years, and, if you have been connected with the school for even a couple of years or more, I am sure you see it, too. The Lord has decided to sustain and bless us, and we, in turn, do our best to bless our students and families.

Sometimes it is difficult to see the impact we have on students. Sometimes the effect reveals itself years later. In a recent social media post, some former students, who have since graduated from high school, lauded HPCA teachers. Here are some of the quotes (completely unsolicited, by the way!):

"Soaked up so much from them about life! They tried their best to make sure we would succeed not just in school but in life! And they kept it so real, sharing their own testimony."

"Yes! And for some reason I clearly remember some educational lessons and lessons about God and life more than I ever did in high school. I just feel HPCA set me up for life ahead, whether I realized it or not. Sometimes I'll catch myself and be like, 'YO. My teachers told me this would happen!'"

"Yes! HPCA had the best teachers, man!"

I love knowing that we are making a real impact! And yet, God still challenges us, because He has more for us. Whether to reach more students and families, or to increase our impact on our community, the Lord reminds us that the race is not over. We have not "already obtained" everything.

What does the Lord have in store for us in year number 20 and beyond? How will He continue to grow and shape us to impact His Kingdom in Hunting Park? **I invite you to pray and envision with us - we are excited to be on this mission together!** Would you consider how you might participate in what God is doing through HPCA? Join with us as we run the race and press on toward the goal. With how God has worked over the past 19 years, I cannot wait to see what He does next!

Upcoming Events...

Kindergarten Graduation
June 12th, 10:00 am

8th-Grade Graduation
June 13th, 10:30 am

Back-to-School Work Days
*Saturday, August 11th
& Saturday, August 18th*

20th-Year Celebration
Saturday, November 3rd

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$500,000
- *PA Business Owners:* Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit) and receive a 90% tax credit
- Join our e-mail prayer team
- **Participate in Back-to-School Work Days (see above)**
- Organize a donation drive for back-to-school supplies or donate gift cards to teachers. See website for a list of needed supplies.
- Join our team! Check our website to see our current employment opportunities.

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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2018 RACE FOR EDUCATION



On April 26th, HPCA held its 13th Annual Race for Education in Hunting Park. Our students and special runners raced for one hour with the support of their sponsors.



Together, participants ran a total of 2,556 laps (639 miles). We also added seven new special runners this year, including some from as far away as Virginia and California!

The total amount of contributions (including pledges) is \$35,482 making this our second highest Race for Education ever! All the funds raised will go directly to our scholarship fund, allowing HPCA to remain affordable for families in our community. We are grateful for your generosity and support!

We would like to thank our dedicated volunteers and business sponsors, including Chick-Fil-A at Northeast Tower Center (for providing lunch for our volunteers), Coca-Cola (for donating bottled water), our special runners, parent supporters, and a generous donor who blessed us with awesome Race shirts.

Check out more pictures and updated totals at hpcaphilly.org!



2018 PACSAC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our basketball team, who earned HPCA's first league championship! We are so proud of their hard work and determination. Great job!!!



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

On Thursday, February 15th, families had the opportunity to tour the world at HPCA.



Each classroom represented a different country and had displays featuring various aspects of the culture, including clothing, landmarks, and special artwork. Student guides also shared about each country.



While touring, parents participated in a friendly scavenger hunt for a chance to win a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

"Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples." -Psalm 117:1

