



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.



by Kevin Deane,
Head of School

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. - Psalm 27:4

I lock my door every night. I bet you do, too. We are compelled by wisdom - the good judgement that comes with experience - and it is a good thing. But what is safety? How confident can we be in the protections that we craft, whether they are physical, financial, or otherwise? I mean, we did invent the seatbelt, antibiotics, and life

insurance plans (two out of three ain't bad), but do these produce pure, complete confidence in our safety?

I have recently been diving into Psalm 27, in which David utters exceptionally bold statements in the face of knee-knocking, deadly situations. **Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident." (v. 3).** Was David's panic-free response based on his own strength or that of his friends and family? Not at all. The source of David's assurance is found in the very next verse. What does he ask for in the face of such terror and danger? He seeks to dwell with God in His own home and gaze on the beauty of the Lord. **That's the "one thing" that fuels David's calm and confidence - being with and gazing upon the Lord.** Through many perilous situations, being face to face with seeming guaranteed death, David has learned the wisdom of simply seeking the face of the Father, and he knows that the result will be safety and shelter, in God's sacred tent, high upon a rock. Separated and safe in the presence of the Lord.

David's "one thing" ask is bold - to dwell in the house of the most high God - but it is exactly what Jesus wants from us and for us. So, it is what we want to do and teach here at HPCA each year. This year (our 25th!) is no different. **Our desire is that our students and family come to know and seek the Lord while they simultaneously work to receive a solid education.** In the midst of this desire and work, God continues to provide. We welcomed three new staff members (see the story on back), including two teachers. Donors, volunteers, and our prayer team have continued to support our students. More folks have learned how to increase their financial gift tenfold (literally) - see the back for that story as well. God is present and active.

Our theme for the 2023-2024 school year is "One Way. One Truth. One Life." What a map for us to use. It is a call for us to look to Jesus as the path that leads to the presence David talked about. We seek Him together at HPCA. Here, we want to dwell in the house of the Lord forever, to look deeply upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek Him in His temple, and we know this will lead to safety and confidence, as He keeps us safe in the shelter of His sacred home, high upon a rock.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The tuition at HPCA is \$6,350 per year, but no parent pays that amount! 100% of our families receive a grant-in-aid that lowers their payments to \$2,400 for the first child, \$1,600 for the second child, and \$1,100 for every other child in the family.
- Parent payments only cover 28% of HPCA's total operating costs!
- In addition to affordable tuition scholarship and sibling discounts, we also offer income-based scholarship to help our lower-income families.
- To make sure HPCA is affordable for everyone, we also offer hardship scholarships to families who need extra help.
- This year, we need to raise \$733,000 in total contributions to keep HPCA affordable. Also, individuals and businesses in PA can receive a 90% tax credit by donating scholarship funds. See article on back to find out more.

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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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NEW FACES AT HPCA



JULIA FERNANDEZ, LUNCH ASSISTANT

Julia is a mother of three HPCA students. She is excited for the chance to be close to her children while also being able to serve other children at the school. She is a member of In the Light Ministries where she is involved with the children's ministry. She loves how HPCA cares for her children and their education and that her kids actually love going to school!



MARKITA JONES, MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE

Markita is an HPCA alumna, and we are thrilled to have her as a teacher! She has her B.A. in liberal studies from Wesley College and is working toward her masters in early childhood education. She was serving as director of an early childhood development center but felt God pulling her to apply to HPCA, so she answered the call. We are thankful she did!



STEVEN SMITH, MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Steven attended Muhlenberg College and has a B.A. in psychology with a minor in creative writing. He worked with middle school students in Baltimore through afterschool clubs, assistant teaching, mentoring, and providing behavioral support. He most recently worked with preschool students and is excited about this transition to middle school language arts.



OUR 2023-2024 HPCA STAFF

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 now 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!

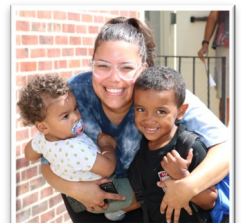
100% of our students receive some form of scholarship through affordable tuition, sibling discounts, and/or need-based financial aid. We serve a diverse student body, consisting of students with different socio-economic statuses, races, ethnicities, and faiths.

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 the 2023 tax credit, please contact us soon for more information.

For more information, please contact:

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Find more information at: hpcaphilly.org



CONGRATULATIONS



ROMAN

The Andrew Heyer Scholarship is given to the top-performing 7th-grade math student. This year's recipient, Roman, enjoys math, especially creating pictures using functions. He also loves discovering new novels. He has been at HPCA since pre-k and

feels like everyone here is warm and welcoming, just like family. He is active in sports at HPCA, where he enjoys being competitive while getting to be with his friends. In the future, he would love a career in basketball or in the field of technology.