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HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.



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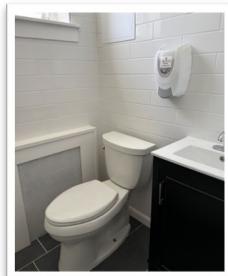
The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

- Psalm 37:23-24

Picture it: a winter wonderland. Rolling hills, long fields, and cozy homes all blanketed in four or five feet of thick, sparkling snow. Our small town, which lies 35 miles inland from Lake Erie, had been bombarded overnight, and my school called a snow day - a rare occurrence. I was in fifth grade, and my brothers and I did what we were supposed to do. We bundled up in layer upon layer of winter garb and played in the snow for hours. We came upon one tantalizing opportunity - a steep, 10-foot drop-off leading to incredible mounds of unspoiled snow. Just perfect. I was first. I ran as fast as I could and launched myself off the edge. I soared. Then, thwump. I found myself up to my chin in snow, with no ground beneath my feet. As I tried to kick footholds to climb and escape, I sank another inch. Then another. I was scared. I decided to stop moving and wait for help.

Perhaps you feel like that sometimes, the feeling of not having solidity under your feet for one reason or another. It could be due to uncertainty, strained relationships, loss or a thousand other reasons. Finding that firm foundation in the midst of those situations can be challenging, especially when we do not have a grasp on what to do. Scripture's answer in Psalm 37 seems almost irrational: delight in Him. In the middle of struggle and with uncertain steps, how do we delight? On that day in 5th grade, I was not delighting, but we have a unique opportunity as followers of a loving God. We can simply draw near to Him. When we do, and we slow down enough to listen, we can know His heart and know the love He has for us as sons and daughters. **We can delight in Him because He first delights in us.**

We can also delight in God by telling of His good work, and we are thankful that He is still at work in Hunting Park. HPCA is full of committed, caring staff, showering our students and families with love. We have a new crop of students and gracious families to welcome to our school. Our after-school program is larger than ever. Also, thanks to a generous donation, we renovated six bathrooms this summer (*see right*), and they are amazing!



We are so thankful for all of the wonderful work that is being done for HPCA students through the body of Christ. **Would you consider how you might partner with us to help students delight in Him (which is our theme this year), whether through prayer, volunteering, sharing our vision, or giving a financial gift?** The work at HPCA continues because of great relationships and partnerships in the Spirit of the Lord.

As for the end of the snow story? It includes more danger, a frantic mother, the police, and a sewer. Feel free to drop by the school or give me a call, and I would be happy to finish it for you. (Spoiler alert: it all worked out.) Thank you again for your support!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The tuition at HPCA is \$8,400 per year, but no parent pays that! **The average amount per child is \$1,210!**
- 100% of our families receive a grant-in-aid that lowers payments to \$2,400 for the first child, \$1,600 for the second, and \$1,100 for every other child in the family.
- In addition to the above discounts, we offer hardship scholarships for families who need extra help and income-based scholarships to help our lower-income families.
- Parent payments only cover 20% of HPCA's total operating costs!
- This year, we need to raise \$930,000 in total contributions to keep HPCA affordable.
- Individuals & businesses in PA can receive a 90% tax credit by donating scholarship funds. Email jen@hpcaphilly.org for more information.

We would love to have your support!

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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.

THANK YOU, ELMC!

This summer, we received a huge donation from Eternal Life Mission Church of 150 backpacks, one for each of our students! The backpacks were stuffed full of school supplies they would need throughout the year. They also included personalized notes. One read, "Hello. We hope you are blessed with these new school supplies! God always loves you and watches over you. God bless!"

Our students were absolutely delighted to choose their own backpack from the wall. One excited third-grade student declared, "I was not expecting this at all! God bless the people that did this for us!"

We are so thankful for ministry partners that tangibly show God's love to our students and their families.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our newly-elected student council! Comprised of students in 5th through 8th grades, they are responsible for planning student activities and fundraisers throughout the year. Roselyn, treasurer, is looking forward to sharing her own opinions and ideas for different events like the annual Fall Festival. Kayla, secretary, served on student council last year and enjoys helping out in different areas around the school. Edmary, vice president, expresses creativity through decorating and researching new ideas. We are thankful for this group of talented, enthusiastic students who are excited to use their gifts to serve God and other students. We are looking forward to seeing the amazing things they do this year!

CONGRATULATIONS



The Andrew Heyer Scholarship is given to the top-performing 7th-grade math student. This year's recipient, Gloria, enjoys the challenge that math offers. She says it causes her to question things and grow. She would love to become a teacher because she has a heart to teach kids about God and be a good example of

what they can be when they get older. She is thankful for the supportive environment at HPCA. She is grateful to HPCA and its donors for helping her grow as a student and helping her strengthen her relationship with God. Congratulations, Gloria!

