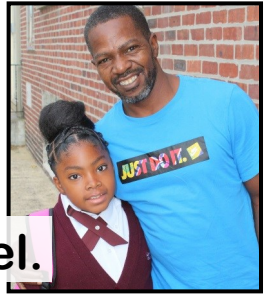




# HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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**RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.**



by Kevin Deane,  
Principal

*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. - Psalm 25:5*

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a brand-new year at Hunting Park Christian Academy! We are so thankful for your partnership and the part that you play in God's work in North Philadelphia. **Our theme for 2019-2020 is "The Foundation of Truth."** We know that Jesus Himself is our foundation, and our goal is to live out this truth with our students, their families, and our entire school community.

God and the church established HPCA in 1999. The Lord has sustained us for 20 years, and we are blessed to continue to grow. We just finished renovating the pre-k room, and we are about to add lockers for middle school. **Also, we are excited to announce another way to give financial gifts. Individuals who pay PA state taxes are eligible to divert those taxes directly to HPCA as scholarship!** Check out the back of this newsletter (and feel free to contact Jen Deane) for more information!

How has the Lord sustained HPCA for 20 years? Through His Spirit and power and mighty hand, yes. But He has also used the sacrifice of families, teachers, supporters, and donors to lift up and build this Kingdom work. HPCA provides significant scholarship for our families (\$580,000 last year alone), and the funds that fulfill those scholarships come directly from people like you - **God's sustenance through your sacrifice.** Our families are so grateful, as you can hear in their own words:

*"My family has survived many hardships over the past years. HPCA teachers and staff have helped my family heal and look forward to goals and dreams. Facing economic hardship can be overwhelming and the scholarship provided a way to have some relief. To be able to receive this education with the help of the scholarship has brought hope to our lives. Thank you for giving. We hope you are encouraged to see the positive changes impacting the families of HPCA. Thank you for helping HPCA educate our children and change a community." - HPCA Parent*

*"As a single mother, I feel comfort knowing that my child is in a safe, nurturing environment with a staff that is whole-heartedly committed to her education and, more importantly, her eternal well-being. The affordable tuition made it possible for the transition from public school to HPCA. The money I saved allowed me to send my daughter to the after-school program, which is invaluable to me as a mother who works full-time. God bless all who make this education available to parents. It has truly changed our lives." - HPCA Parent*

*"I want to say thank you again to the donors, because my family was going through a hard time; we did not have enough money. I was supposed to go to another school, but now I can have a better education." - 6th Grade Student*

What a blessing to be a part of this good work! If you would like to learn more, we would love to talk with you or even show you around some time. Thank you for the part you play in the lives of children and families in Hunting Park.

## YANKEE CANDLE® HPCA FUNDRAISER

We're so excited to kick off our Yankee Candle fundraiser! Here's how you can join us:

- Browse the online store. Enter our group number **#990102963** and begin shopping.
- In addition to candles, you will also find gift wrap, games and toys, home décor, and more.
- Items will ship directly to you!
- HPCA receives 40% of the purchase price!

Ready to shop? Visit:  
[yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://yankeecandlefundraising.com)  
Group #990102963

Text  
**HPCAGIVE**  
to 44321

Donate to HPCA  
using the  
text code above

**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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## Q&A WITH MS. KIM



We are excited to welcome Lauren Kim as our 5th grade teacher! She graduated from Loyola University Maryland with a degree in Elementary Education. Here is a brief interview to help you get to know her!

### Why did you feel drawn to teach at HPCA?

I really love and believe in the vision of HPCA - R.I.S.E. (*Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel*). We are trying to equip these children to go into the world, not just to be good citizens, but to be sharers of the Gospel and to live that out. I also thought it was an awesome opportunity to combine my faith with what I love doing.

### How has God prepared you for teaching?

During my sophomore year in college, I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Mexico to teach art for 1st through 6th grades. It was a good experience to see what it was like to manage my own classroom. It was amazing to couple missions with a passion for teaching. I think God has been revealing to me His heart for education and for building up the next generation.

### What has excited you about teaching this particular 5th-grade class?

They are very avid learners. They crave learning and excel in so many different ways. I love that because it adds depth to what they're learning. I have a really good bunch!



## 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 a student at HPCA!

**Individuals are now able to receive a 90% state tax credit** by joining an approved Special Purpose Entity (SPE).

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 of different socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, 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!**

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You can also find more information at:  
**hpcaphilly.org**



**OUR 2019-2020 HPCA STAFF**

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Introducing our 2019-2020 student council! Led by our assistant principal, Tanya Figueiredo, these 3rd- through 8th-grade students are responsible for planning and running student activities including the school store, Harvest and Christmas festivals, and Theme Fridays. Congratulations!

