

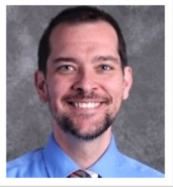


HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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RISE: Respond. Ignite. Serve. Excel.



by Kevin Deane,
Principal

Possible and Impossible

So much has gone into HPCA's 2020-2021 restart, it really is not possible to communicate it all to you in one letter. Every single aspect of our operation had to change. In some moments, it felt impossible. **The fact is, ours is a God who works in the midst of the impossible. It is His artistic medium.** Examples of miracles and promises are threaded throughout scripture: water drawn from a stone, a virgin giving birth, sight given to the blind, the Spirit raising our Savior from the dead, Jesus giving that life to us. All of it is impossible, it seems. Yet this is where the Lord works. The difficulties related to HPCA's reopening are transformed in God's hands, and we are called to work with the Lord in the impossible. The restart took everyone lifting at once, and I am proud to share what I've seen so far.

I cannot fully communicate to you how proud I am of **our team at HPCA**. Let me try, though.

- They continually create and recreate three new, simultaneous learning environments: In-person students, at-home learning days, and full-time virtual students.
- The LOVE that they have for our children and families flows like a mighty fountain. I witness this love constantly as I walk the halls.
- They have remained flexible even as the administration constantly shifts EV-E-RY-THING, including classroom setup, locations, safety protocols, schedules, expectations, and, basically, job descriptions.



Likewise, it is wholly impossible for me to communicate to you how proud I am of our **HPCA parents and students**. Here is my best attempt.

- They have remained flexible, as no one's schedule is as it used to be.
- Parents continue to work with students, helping with online logins, testing, tech issues, and so much more.
- I am always amazed by the resiliency of our children. They have had to constantly learn and adjust to new expectations and a wildly new learning landscape, all while actually concentrating on school work!



Finally, there is no way on Earth that I could communicate to you how proud I am of **our supporters and donors**. But here goes.

- We have received numerous notes of encouragement. So many have prayed for us, lifting us to the God of the impossible.
- Some friends donated necessary PPE as we prepared to open.
- We had many volunteers help us by moving furniture and sanitizing.
- Supporters have donated financial support at the most needed time.



And this is just an overview. Together, we continue to build the bridge as we cross it. Support is much appreciated and still very much needed. With all of the changes and additional expenses, we anticipate needing to raise an additional \$100,000 dollars this school year. **Would you consider supporting us in any way you are led – prayers, financial gifts, notes of encouragement, or whatever the Lord puts on your heart?** Thank you to everyone who has aided our reopening this year. We work with you and alongside our God, the One for whom all things are possible.

SPECIAL EDITION Giving Tree



\$11,454 RAISED

The Special Edition Giving Tree is a way to support HPCA by helping cover some of the extraordinary expenses related to reopening.

Thank you for your support! These funds were used to purchase supplies, Chromebooks, thermometers, fans, and other needed items. Donations also provided funds for scholarships to help our families who are struggling financially during this time.

If you would still like to contribute, visit our website:

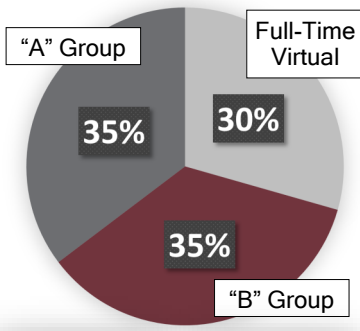
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Mission Statement: Hunting Park Christian Academy's mission is to provide an affordable, quality, Christian education that celebrates a diverse community and leads children to know and serve the Lord.

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A Glimpse of Our Reopening in Action

In-Person ("A" & "B" Groups) and Virtual Students



There have been many changes at HPCA this year. We are excited to share what is happening with you!

- ◆ In order to ensure proper distancing, we reopened utilizing a hybrid schedule with students in person two days a week and distance learning for three days. Families could also choose a full-time virtual schedule if that fit their needs better (see chart for breakdown of students). In-person students sit at least six feet apart, wear face shields/masks, and are separated by plastic barriers.
- ◆ Teachers have a new tech setup to make streaming their lessons through Zoom to virtual students more effective, including two webcams, a microphone, and a mobile computer cart. We hired Mrs. Lin as our virtual learning facilitator to oversee full-time virtual students, make sure they are logged in for Zoom meetings, troubleshoot tech issues, answer questions, and coordinate supply pickups. This has been a tremendous help to our teachers.
- ◆ We have been hard at work to purchase more Chromebooks for our students. We are close to providing a Chromebook for every student to have their own!
- ◆ There are four assigned entrances for students where they are welcomed, have their temperature taken, and get hand sanitizer before heading to class. Our middle school classes are now located across the street at Joy in the City, owned by Spirit and Truth Fellowship.
- ◆ Breakfast and lunch are also provided for students on their at-home days.
- ◆ Fridays are for building community. Chapel is streamed on YouTube and Facebook at 9 am (you can join us!). After that, classes have whole-group Zoom lessons and team-building games.

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!**

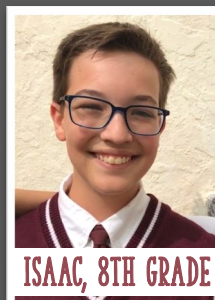
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You can also find more information at:
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CONGRATULATIONS



The Andrew Heyer Scholarship is given to the top-performing 7th-grade math student. This year's recipient, Isaac, finds joy in solving math problems. Now in 8th grade, he is excited to take a high school level algebra course. He has been at HPCA since pre-kindergarten and loves the encouraging, helpful community of teachers, students and volunteers. When he is older, he would love to become an engineer, teacher, or architect.