

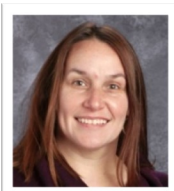


# HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER  
2021



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



by Tanya Figueiredo,  
Principal

Dear Friends of HPCA,

The Lord is good and has shown us His great love in many ways. This year, we are considering our future and discovering what the Lord wills for us. Our theme is “**Kneeling, We RISE,**” and our emphasis is on the importance of prayer. Kevin Deane is leading by example in this posture of prayer, taking a sabbatical from his former role as principal in order to prayerfully discern what God’s desires are for our school in the years to come. During this time of retreat, I will be stepping in as principal, and Kevin will return in January as head of school.

We have already seen the fruit of prayer and know that the Lord is truly at work in our school. We have seen how much our children were able to grow in a difficult year last year. We have had an influx of new students—22% of our kindergarten through 8th grade students. Though many of our new students are struggling after a year of virtual learning on Zoom, the Lord has brought us wonderful teachers who already found creative ways to work with struggling students. It is a blessing to see how our teachers put forth every effort for our students.



We have new teachers on our staff, which is a tremendous answer to prayer in this complex year. Randy Caro (*pictured left*), one of our own alumni, is our full-time substitute teacher for middle school social studies and science (filling in for one of our teachers who is battling cancer), and Angel Barfield, who is our 2nd grade teacher. Both teachers have shown great dedication to their students already. We have also hired Janira Bremner as our art teacher. We are blessed to have a loving staff that nurtures our students.

Please, continue to keep us in prayer, especially our new families. Pray also for the health and safety of our children. We thank you for all the support you give to Hunting Park Christian Academy. We are looking forward to a great year. May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Figueiredo  
Principal

## PRAISES

- Thanks to your support, we were able to exceed our budgetary goal and raised over \$664,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We are thankful for your generosity that helped us through such an unusual year. Thank you!!!
- We received \$3,650 in school supplies, funds for supplies, and gift cards for teachers thanks to generous gifts from Langhorne Presbyterian Church, Telecom Pioneers Chapter #132, Trinity Presbyterian Church & individuals.
- Praise God for all the hard-working volunteers who helped get our building ready over the summer! We had youth, HPCA alumni, HPCA parents, and church volunteers all pitch in to make sure our building was ready for our new school year.
- Praise God we were able to return to a 5-day, fully in-person program this year! It has been wonderful to have the building full of students again. Continue to pray for safety and health!

**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



## ANGEL BARFIELD, 2ND-GRADE TEACHER

Angel received her B.A. in Psychology from Shippensburg University. She has experience working with youth of all ages, from toddlers to teens. She is excited to help her students discover their talents, gifts, and purpose to become who God created them to be. She is thankful to be in a place where she can grow close to God and guide her students closer to God, too.



## RANDY CARO, MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE (LONG-TERM SUB)

Randy is an HPCA alumnus who met his wife here in the first-grade classroom! He is a youth ministry leader at his church, serving ages 12–21. He recently moved back to the Hunting Park neighborhood and is excited to serve God in a community that society often neglects. His background is similar to his students, which has helped him connect in a special way.



## MIRNA ROMAN, KINDERGARTEN AIDE

Mirna holds a Masters in Education from Eastern University. She has had nearly 20 years of experience in the public school system both as a classroom teacher and a substitute teacher. Both of her sons, now in their twenties, graduated from HPCA! She loves using her creativity to decorate new bulletin boards and being with her kindergarten students each day.

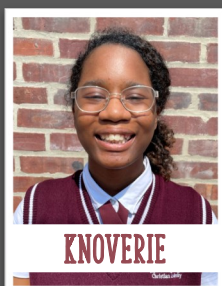


OUR 2021-2022 HPCA STAFF

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



## CONGRATULATIONS



The Andrew Heyer Scholarship is given to the top-performing 7th-grade math student. This year's recipient, Knoverie, says math is her favorite subject because it is both engaging and challenging. She appreciates that her math teacher, Mrs. Soto, makes

math fun and is constantly helping her if she gets a question wrong. Her favorite memory of HPCA was going to the Franklin Institute. When she is older, she would like to pursue a career as a fiction writer.



Part of our mission is to “celebrate a diverse community,” out of our belief that God also celebrates the diversity of people He created. While this is something we commit to year-round, we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage month in September through a variety of classroom activities. In middle school, our students are reading works by Hispanic authors, studying Spanish vocabulary, studying the Puerto Rican musical traditions of Bomba and Plena, and even sampling some food!



In elementary, the 1st grade class is making drums in celebration of Obiní Batá, the first group of Cuban women to break barriers of gender by playing the Bata drum professionally. Our 2nd graders are working on projects in which they will present Latinx dances, clothing, and stories. It is a tremendous gift to have such a range of ethnic backgrounds present in our school, staff that honors and reflects that diversity, and supporters like you who have chosen to join the celebration!

