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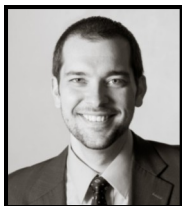
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Transforming Hearts and Minds



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2 Samuel 22:47 *The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!*

Hello, HPCA friends and family! The above verse is our final memory verse for this year's theme, "Standing Firm." We praise God that He has seen us through another year and that the school is still **Standing Firm** after 15 years!

To get a fresh perspective about what Hunting Park Christian Academy is all about, I decided to ask students what they think about our school. Their responses humbled and encouraged me. Far and away, the most common replies focused on three areas: **Jesus, our teachers, and a challenging education.** How wonderful that what the students most appreciate mirrors our greatest goals and purposes! I am very excited to share a few of them below.

"This is the best school ever! It is safe and Christian. We learn about Jesus, about how He died on the cross for us and how His love never stops."

-New 2nd grade student

"I love learning about God at chapel. I like to sing to God and learn about Him. I learned to not put yourself back under the yoke of shame – just be free!" -2nd grade student

"The teachers do nice things for us. They provide a snack and math tests and help us learn." -1st grade student

"The school helps us know about God and know Him better by reading the Bible in class and chapel. The teachers are helpful and polite. Teachers always stay with me after school and help me if I need help or I'm missing something." -4th grade student

"I feel protected. I feel comfortable. Everyone is friendly and teachers aren't pushy. I am being challenged and am learning. In my old school, I got honor roll all the time. Here, it's a big challenge." -7th grade student

"This school is different. It's harder and challenging, and we learn more. We go beyond the basics, but it's fun. The teachers aren't regular teachers – they're more like friends." -New 7th grade student

I am awed by the work of the Lord at HPCA. Thank you for taking interest in what God is doing in Hunting Park! We know that without the Lord providing supporters, students would not be able to have testimonies like the ones above.

As we look toward an exciting future, I encourage you to consider how you can help. **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.

Upcoming Events...

Kindergarten Graduation
June 17th, 10:00 am

8th Grade Graduation
June 18th, 10:30 am

Back-to-School Cleaning
Saturday, August 23rd
& Monday, August
25th

Annual Fall Gathering

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$319,000
- *Business Owners:* Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- Join our prayer team
- Consider including HPCA in your estate planning
- Send us your Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and used ink cartridges
- Volunteer at HPCA (tutor, help with building work, teach a special lesson, lead a chapel)
- Participate in our Back-to-School Work Days (see above)
- Organize a drive for back-to-school supplies

Theme Week

In May, HPCA held its annual "Theme Week," designed to provide fun, school-wide activities for students. It is always fun to see students and teachers connecting through silly activities outside of their normal routines. The week consisted of:

Crazy Hat and Hair Day: Students wore their craziest hairstyles, wigs, and silly hats. It was amazing to see what the students and parents created!

Teacher Appreciation Day: Teachers were given notes of encouragement from students, parents, and supporters. They were also treated to a catered, extended lunch period.

Kickball Day: Classes competed against each other throughout the day in kickball games played in nearby Hunting Park.

Indoor Camping Day: Classes brought the camping experience indoors with stories by the "campfire," tents, s'mores, and camp songs and games.

Talent Show Day: Students showed their unique talents, including piano playing, stepping, breakdancing, singing, and magic.



HPCA in New York

On May 23rd, middle-school students visited Manhattan to learn about the history of America's most populous city. The day began at the reflecting pools at the 9/11



Memorial. Because the students are too young to remember 9/11, the chaperones shared their experiences with them.

Students then visited Top of the Rock, where they walked through a gallery detailing the history of Rockefeller Center and then went to the observation deck where they had a panoramic view of NYC.



Their tour guide, who was a teacher at a performing arts school, then took them through the neighborhoods in Manhattan, sharing their history and showing famous landmarks and



2014 Race for Education

On May 2nd, HPCA held its 9th annual Race for Education on the newly-renovated Team Vick Field in Hunting Park. Pre-K through 8th grade each ran for one hour with the support of their sponsors. We were thrilled to have 13 "special runners," adults who ran alongside our students and raised money for HPCA. A story about our Race for Education also appeared on NBC 10 news!

Together, participants ran a total of 2,820 laps (705 miles). **The total amount of contributions (including pledges) is \$23,215!** Thank you!

Many thanks to our volunteers and business sponsors, including Chick-Fil-A Whitman Square, Pepsi, our special runners, parent supporters, and a generous donor who blessed us with Race for Education t-shirts!

Check out the pictures and video at

