



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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One-a-Day Prayer for HPCA: 2021-2022 School Year

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Greetings from HPCA! As most of you know, today was Giving Tuesday – a day following Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday where people are encouraged to give to their favorite non-profits. This morning for our staff devotions, Miss Wire, our first-grade teacher, challenged our staff to have a “Giving Praise to God Tuesday.” She focused on Psalm 66 and specifically on the word “*Selah*,” which some Bible scholars believe means “pause and praise.” She challenged us to take moments throughout our day, no matter how chaotic, to pause, focus on Jesus, and praise God for something. After she shared, our staff took turns sharing praises for things that God is doing in each of our lives. It was so encouraging to see what God is doing at HPCA! What a wonderful practice and reminder that we can always give God praise!

“All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.” Selah. Psalm 66:4

Staff Highlight for Decemeber: Doris Arroyo, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

This is Doris’ **14th year (!)** teaching pre-kindergarten at HPCA. She does such an amazing job getting her students adjusted to our school and excited for learning. She is delighted to come to school each day and see “her babies” and watch them learn new skills. We are so thankful to have her on staff and for her passion for the Lord. Below are her requests:



- Pray for the health of the students and families of HPCA, staff, and myself.
- Pray for my assistant, Mrs. Aponte. Pray that God would guide her in all her decisions she has right now.
- Pray for my church, Philly Harvest Church. We are currently in the process of purchasing a new building.
- Pray for my church family, as we are all mourning a few losses. Pray especially for the Pumajero family who lost their 12-year-old child.
- Pray for Mrs. Aponte’s father’s health. He has recently been in and out of the hospital. Pray for healing.
- Pray for my continued spiritual growth.
- Feel free to e-mail Doris. Her email address is dorisa@hpcaphilly.org.

Memory Verse for December:

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

-Matthew 21:21-22

Calendar of Events

Wed., Dec. 1st – 2nd Term Begins

Thurs., Dec. 2nd – Vaccination Clinic

Thurs., Dec. 9th – Annual Staff/Board
Christmas Party

Fri., Dec. 10th – ½ Day Dismissal

Fri., Dec. 17th – Day of Prayer; Virtual
Christmas Program (PK, K, 6th – 8th)

Wed., Dec. 22th – ½ Day Dismissal

Wed. Nov. 24th – ½ Day Dismissal

Thurs., Dec. 23rd – Tues., Jan. 4th –
No School for Christmas Break

Praise Report

- Praise God for the tremendous response to The Giving Tree! So far, over \$24,200 has been raised in general funds, scholarship funds, and materials and equipment that help our teachers and students. This is such an amazing blessing and we are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our supporters!
- Praise God for a wonderful Harvest Festival! It's always fun to have a special event to look forward to and students enjoyed decorating pumpkins, doing harvest-themed relay races, and learning about how being a Christian is like being a pumpkin ("Farmer Matt" can explain this 😊). Praise God for all the work Mrs. Figueiredo did in planning the festival!
- Praise God that many students returned from Thanksgiving Break saying that they missed school and couldn't wait to come back!

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- Continue to pray for new students to feel welcomed, safe, and loved.
- Pray for students who are battling anxiety and depression.
- For health, safety, and protection, especially over Christmas break.
- For students facing instability at home to know God's peace and presence in their lives;
- For close bonds to be created with teachers and that they would feel comfortable talking with them;
- For new students who are struggling academically to not be discouraged and to persevere;
- For students to truly understand what Christ's birth means in their own lives;
- For students to attend a local youth group. Mrs. Figueiredo and Miss Lee lead an in-person youth group in the neighborhood that many middle school students and high school alumni attend.
- For our students to see Christ in our staff and to come to know Christ as their personal Savior;
- To daily kneel before God.

Pray for our teachers:

- Pray for abundant, sustaining rest during Christmas break.
- Pray for creativity, flexibility, and patience.
- To establish good relationships with their class and that they would learn how to meet the individual needs of each student.
- That they would give any anxious thoughts over to God and be able to rest in Him.
- For teachers to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's direction, even when it doesn't fit in with the lesson plan;
- Pray that the classroom technology continues to work!
- For teachers to remain in prayer and seek God's guidance, strength, and renewal each day.
- To daily kneel before God.

Pray for our students' families:

- To be open to hearing and receiving the Gospel;
- To connect to a local church;
- Pray that our families would feel comfortable speaking to our teachers and staff about things going on in their lives and support they may need at home.

- Continue to pray for families going through financial hardships, especially during the holiday season. Pray that they would ask for help if they need support.
- Pray for wisdom, peace, and support for parents feeling overwhelmed by parenting.
- Pray for safety and wisdom in holiday gatherings.
- To daily kneel before God.

Pray for our administration:

- For Kevin: Pray for continued rest in his sabbatical. Praise God for the wonderful gift this sabbatical has been! Pray as he plans his transition back to HPCA in January.
- For Jen: Praise God for our supporters! Pray for continued opportunities to spread the word about HPCA to new people.
- For Cynthia and Melissa, our receptionists: Pray that Cindy and Melissa would be a light to each parent and student.
- For Tanya, our principal: Pray for continued endurance and strength as she takes on extra responsibilities from her new role. Pray for rest during Christmas break.
- To daily kneel before God.

Pray for our general needs:

- For continued provision of funding for this school year.
- For provision of individuals to donate to our scholarship fund through the tax credit program.
- For wisdom in strategic planning for the future (budget decisions, building decisions, expansion planning, new administrative organization).
- For God to lead us to businesses to support our scholarship fund through OSTC.
- For continued direction for our board of directors. Pray for wisdom as we seek to expand our board.
- That HPCA would be a blessing to the Hunting Park community.
- Pray for opportunities to support parents.
- That HPCA will be a place where Christ continually abides.***

Thank you again for your prayers. Thank you for blessing HPCA so that we can be a blessing!

God bless,

Jen Deane
Director of Development