



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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One-a-Day Prayer for HPCA: 2018-2019 School Year

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Greetings from HPCA. I wanted to highlight a major request that has been heavy on all of our hearts this week. The adoptive mother of two HPCA students (5th and 8th grade) passed away this week. She had been in hospice care for at least a month. The students started out the school year in separate homes and are currently still in separate homes. We have tried to find ways they can be together during the day sometimes (special lunches), but I know it's still very difficult.

Please pray for comfort for them during this incredibly hard time. Pray that they would come to know Christ in a tangible way and feel His presence and peace over them. Please pray that they would be able to be placed in a home together soon. Pray for our staff to be sensitive to their needs and to support them in a meaningful way.

Thank you so much for joining with us in prayer for this ministry. We're so thankful for your part in our work in Hunting Park!

Staff Highlight for October: Stephon Walker, 5th Grade Teacher

This is Stephon's first year teaching at HPCA. Originally from Baltimore, he taught for 7 years in Baltimore before moving to Philadelphia, where he taught for 2 years. He was looking for a school where he was able to share his faith and have a community with the staff. We're so thankful to have him. Below are his requests:

- Praise God that I'm in a school where I'm able to share my faith!
- Pray for academic growth in my students who are struggling. Pray that they would work hard and study.
- Pray for my health, especially during this time when many students are getting sick.
- Pray for my spiritual growth. Pray that I prioritize time with the Lord and that I would seek Him in each step.
- Please pray that I continue to connect with the kids in my class to make this a successful school year. Pray for wisdom in how to interact with each child.
- Pray that I could minister to families who are struggling.
- Feel free to e-mail Stephon. His e-mail address is stephonw@hpcaphilly.org.



Memory Verse for October (Theme: By the Power of the Holy Spirit We are Included)

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. – Ephesians 1:13

Calendar of Events

Fri., Oct. 5th – RSVP deadline for 20th Year Celebration

Mon., Oct. 8th, 7 pm – Board Meeting

Thurs., Oct. 11th – Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fri., Oct. 12th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
(1 pm dismissal)

Wed., October 17th – 1 pm Dismissal

Fri., Oct. 26th – No School for professional development

Tuesday, October 30th – Picture Day

Wednesday, October 31st – 1 pm Dismissal

Praise Report

- Praise God for the kick off of our 1st-5th grade reading program, the 100 Book Challenge. The children are so excited and have been enthusiastically reading!
- Praise God for the wonderful response for the 20th Year Celebration. We have many former staff members and alumni who will be joining us to celebrate!
- Praise God for our alumni teachers. It's such a joy to watch them teach and continue to see God working in their lives.

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- For students (especially new students) to be receptive to discipline and direction and to recognize that it is out of love and care for them;
- For classes to continue to grow together and that cliques and divisions would disappear;
- For students facing instability at home to know God's peace and presence in their lives;
- For new students to feel welcomed, safe, and loved;
- For close bonds to be created with their new teachers and that they would respect and obey them;
- For students to feel comfortable opening up to someone on staff about hard things going on in their lives;
- For our students to see Christ in our staff and to come to know Christ as their personal Savior;
- To see the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

Pray for our teachers:

- Pray for continued energy and endurance as the first few months can be very draining.
- Pray for positive parent/teacher conferences. We switched to a trimester system this year, so the conferences are mid-term conferences instead of report card conferences. Pray that teachers would be able to encourage parents in how to effectively help their children with school.
- For teachers to remain in prayer for their students and seek God's guidance each day.
- To establish good relationships with their class and that they could identify and meet the needs of their students.
- Praise God that our teachers are able (and encouraged!) to share their faith with their students each day.
- To see the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

Pray for our students' families:

- To be open to hearing and receiving the Gospel;
- To connect to a local church;
- Pray for a great turnout for the parent/teacher conferences and that parents would see it as an opportunity to partner with their child's teacher;
- 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.
- Pray for families going through financial hardships.
- To see the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

Pray for our administration:

- For Kevin: Continue to pray that he is able to support new teachers and equip them to do their jobs effectively.
- For Jen: Continue to pray for energy and creativity in planning our 20th Year Celebration on November 3rd. Pray that I don't get overwhelmed in the little details, but can celebrate what God has done in Hunting Park for 20 years! For more information, visit <http://www.hpcaphilly.org/news/20thyearcelebration.cfm>.
- For Cynthia and Melissa, our receptionists: Pray that Cindy and Melissa would be a light to each parent and student.
- For Tanya, our assistant principal: Pray that she remembers to pray with students, especially when they are sent for discipline. Pray for her as she works with student council and teaches music for 1st through 5th grades.
- To see the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

Pray for our general needs:

- For continued provision of funding for this new school year;
- For wisdom in strategic planning for the future (budget decisions, building decisions, expansion planning)
- 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