



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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One-a-Day Prayer for HPCA: 2019-2020 School Year

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Greetings from HPCA. This week in our staff devotions, we looked at the topic of rest. This is always a tough topic, because we all feel like we should be doing more and it is hard to make space for true rest. We discussed how lack of rest can make us lose sight of why we love our work, make things feel like a chore, and we can have a hard time hearing God's voice and seeing where He wants to lead us.

"My soul finds rest in God alone." Psalm 62:1

"Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields them all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders." Deuteronomy 33:12

"Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you." Psalm 116:7

Pray that we, as Christ's body, are able to honor God through intentional rest. Pray that we are able to be a part of what God has called us to in Hunting Park, while recognizing the need to rest in Him.

Staff Highlight for February: Anna Wambua, 3rd Grade Teacher

This is Anna's 12th year teaching 3rd grade at HPCA. 3rd grade is always a tough transitional year as students start working independently. She does a phenomenal job helping students through this transition. She is passionate about discovering her students' individual gifts and helping them grow in those areas. She is also someone to watch out for at our Race for Education, often getting the most laps! Below are her requests:

- Pray for salvation for my students and families.
- Pray for my students struggling with behavior problems. Pray for God's wisdom as I try to teach them to make correct choices.
- Pray for my students' parents to be able to balance their time between work and family.
- Pray that I spend time in the Word so I have wisdom to deal with daily challenges.
- Pray that I may love the students and parents as Christ loves us.
- Feel free to e-mail Anna. Her email address is annaw@hpcaphilly.org.



Memory Verse for February:

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

– Ephesians 2:21-22

Calendar of Events

Mon., Feb. 3rd – Art classes begin

Mon., Feb. 10th – 7 pm – Board meeting

Wed., Feb. 12th – 1 pm dismissal

Thurs., Feb. 13th – 7 pm - International Night

Mon., Feb. 17th – No school - Presidents' Day

Wed., Feb. 19th – Career Day

Wed., Feb. 26th – 1 pm dismissal

Sat., Feb 29th – 9 am – 12 pm –
Registration opens for new families

Praise Report

- Praise God for a wonderful start to our before- and after-school program! The first month went very smoothly. It's been wonderful to see our staff come together as a team to create a quality program for our students. It is also great to have a more relaxed atmosphere to get to know our students and families better.
- Praise God for His abundant provision. Last year was a difficult financial year. This year, we have seen tremendous generosity through our supporters responding to the need. It is exciting and humbling to see God at work in this way. Thank you all for your prayers!
- Praise God that we hired our third alumni! Randy Caro (who is married to our 2nd grade teacher) is the new after-care receptionist!

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- For new students who will be enrolling this month;
- For our basketball team to grow together as a team and support each other;
- For our students to learn about God as our Creator as they student different countries in preparation for International night;
- For students to be inspired by our Career Day presenters. Pray that they would learn to trust God's leading throughout their lives.
- For students to attend a local youth group;
- 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 be rooted in a foundation of truth.

Pray for our teachers:

- For teachers to remain in prayer for their students and seek God's guidance each day;
- Pray for Meredith Soto as she begins teaching art. Pray that students adjust quickly.
- For creativity and energy as teachers prepare for International Night.
- Pray for health for our teachers. Many are battling colds, coughs, and sinus infections during these season.
- Praise God that our teachers are able to share their faith with their students each day.

- To be rooted in a foundation of truth.

Pray for our students' families:

- Pray for new families that will be registering for the 2020-2021 school year. Pray that they come to registration, even if they feel like they might not be able to pay full tuition.
- To be open to hearing and receiving the Gospel;
- To connect to a local church;
- Pray for families going through financial hardships, especially during this time of year.
- Pray that there is a good turnout for International Night and that they are able to see the greatness of God through the work displayed.
- To be rooted in a foundation of truth.

Pray for our administration:

- BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE:*** Thank you so much for your prayers for this! We received a large donation that lifts the financial burden of this program for this year. Pray for our planning as we look toward next year with the program.
- For Kevin: Pray for direction and guidance in creating the 2020-2021 budget. Pray for him in his new role of before-school teacher.
- For Jen: Praise God for our committed Career Day presenters! Pray for the upcoming Race for Education preparations.
- For Cynthia and Melissa, our receptionists: See above. Pray that Cindy and Melissa would be a light to each parent and student. Pray for Cindy in her new role as after-school teacher.
- For Tanya, our assistant principal: Continue to pray for Tanya as she balances her new role as after-school coordinator with her assistant principal responsibilities.
- To be rooted in a foundation of truth.

Pray for our general needs:

- For continued provision of funding for this school year;
- For wisdom in strategic planning for the future (budget decisions, building decisions, expansion planning, before- and after-school program)
- For God to lead us to businesses **and individuals** to support our scholarship fund through OSTC. Praise God that we just received our first OSTC scholarship donation!
- 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! Have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

God bless,

Jen Deane
Director of Development