



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! I'm sending out January's prayer letter a little early this month. We are heading out of town to northwestern PA to visit family and may have limited internet, so I wanted to be sure to get this out now. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
– John 1:14

Praise God that we know this truth and that we are able to share this truth with our students and their families each day! Thank you for joining us in prayer for this ministry. We're so thankful for your part in our work Hunting Park!

Staff Highlight for January: Nathalie Rodriguez, Kindergarten Teacher

This is Nathalie's fifth year teaching kindergarten at HPCA. It has been a blessing to watch Nathalie grow from a student at HPCA into a wonderfully caring kindergarten teacher. She and her husband, Ermer, are also expecting a baby boy in March! We are so excited to see her family grow. Below are her requests:



- Pray for my students to excel academically in school this year.
- Pray for the health and safety of all students of HPCA and the sense of peace over every HPCA family.
- Pray for my small family and a healthy pregnancy this year.
- Pray for God to keep guiding me and molding me, as I wait for His promises.
- Pray for unity and great teamwork with all students, parents, and families this year under God's grace and love.
- Feel free to e-mail Nathalie. Her email address is nathalier@hpcaphilly.org.

Memory Verse for January:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Calendar of Events

Wed., Jan. 5th – 1st Day back after Christmas Break

Mon., Jan. 10th – 7 pm – Board Meeting

Fri., Jan. 14th – ½ Day Dismissal

Mon., Jan. 17th – No School for MLK Jr. Day

Tues., Jan. 18th – MAP Testing begins

Fri., Jan. 21st – Day of Prayer

Thurs., Jan. 27th – ½ Day for Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fri., Jan. 28th – ½ Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Praise Report

- Praise God for our amazing teachers! They have done a tremendous job being flexible with their plans while switching back and forth from in-person to virtual and back again. We praise God for their adaptability and joy in living out the mission God has called them to in Hunting Park!
- Praise God for our secretary, Cindy Moore! She has been a superstar this month, adding COVID testing students to all her other duties. She has done such a tremendous job and we are so thankful!
- Praise God for our virtual Christmas program! The pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and middle school students did a wonderful presentation of the meaning of Christmas. You can view it on our YouTube channel, HPCA At-Home.

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- Continue to pray for new students to feel welcomed, safe, and loved.
- For students to be calmed who are feeling anxious about COVID and for protection from COVID.
- For our 8th grade students as they make decisions about high schools this month. They are supposed to get acceptance emails (from Philadelphia public schools) on Jan. 28th and they have a week to decide.
- Pray for students who are battling anxiety and depression.
- 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, even about hard things going on in their lives;
- For students who are struggling academically to not be discouraged and to persevere;
- 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:

- Continue to pray for creativity and flexibility as our teachers are constantly having to adapt their teaching to meet their changing classes if students suddenly need to quarantine.
- 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 communicate lovingly and effectively to parents during progress report conferences;
- Praise God that our teachers can share their faith with students each day!
- Pray that the classroom technology continues to work. And praise God for Matt Lin, our IT Support Manager, for all his work this year!
- 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.
- Pray for the health of families with COVID. Pray for healing.
- Continue to pray for families going through financial hardships. Pray for provision of employment.
- Pray for a strong turnout for parent/teacher progress report conferences.
- Pray for wisdom, peace, and support for parents feeling overwhelmed by parenting.
- To daily kneel before God.

Pray for our administration:

- For Kevin: Praise God for his return to HPCA in his new role of Head of School! Pray for wisdom in the transition back and guidance in the shaping of his new position. Pray that he can keep the lessons learned during sabbatical as resumes responsibilities of leading the school.
- For Jen: Pray for continued health and peace. Pray that reconciling goes smoothly for year-end receipts. Pray for wisdom in planning the Race for Education. Pray for the adjustment as Kevin begins taking a more active role in development.
- 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 continues to take on extra responsibilities from her new role. Pray for her as she and Kevin work together to develop their positions.
- 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