



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! We are two full months into the school year and things have begun to get tougher. Students are getting more comfortable, which also means office visits are increasing. The strain of switching back and forth from in-person to virtual and back again is showing. However, the staff is still very much focused on prayer and hope. Many of our devotions have been filled with examples of perseverance. We have spoken of Moses in Hebrews 11:27: "By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible." We studied David's pattern in the Psalms of getting in the pits and getting out again – specifically Psalm 40:1-3. We looked at Luke 21:18-19 which says, "But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life."

I'm so thankful to be working in an environment where our staff can lift one another up when circumstances become stressful. Thank you for also being a part of this. We are encouraged to know that there are others supporting us in prayer each day. We are so thankful for you. God bless.

Staff Highlight for November: Shin Lin, 4th Grade Teacher

Our highlighted teacher for November is Shin Lin, our 4th grade teacher. Shin has been involved in many different roles at HPCA since 2000 and is always willing to serve wherever needed. Shin has two boys who attend HPCA and a daughter who recently graduated from HPCA and now attends Northeast Magnet. Her husband, Matt, is our IT support manager and serves on our board. They are also very invested in our community as leaders of a local church, One Hope Community Church. We are so thankful for Shin and all the gifts she brings to the classroom and community! Below are his requests:



- Pray for an "attitude of gratitude" (our classroom rule #1) both personally and for students to practice being consciously thankful to God and others.
- Pray for protection and wisdom navigating the world. There is a lot of exposure to violence and students often mimic trends on social media without understanding what they're doing. Pray for protection of the students when they are online.
- Pray for the daily gun violence in this city.
- Pray that there would be no more COVID cases in the school and that the families would be kept healthy and safe.
- Pray for the staff's energy and health; that we would have joy and strength in Christ daily.
- Feel free to e-mail Shin. Her email address is shinl@hpcaphilly.org.

Memory Verse for November:

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. – Matthew 5: 7-8

Calendar of Events

Wed., Nov. 3rd – Individual Picture Day

Fri., Nov. 5th – ½ Day dismissal

Mon., Nov. 8th – 7 pm – Board Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 11th – No School
(Veterans Day)

Fri., Nov. 12th – No School
(Professional Development)

Fri., Nov. 19th – Day of Prayer

Wed. Nov. 24th – ½ Day Dismissal

Thurs. and Friday, Nov. 25th & 26th –
No School for Thanksgiving

Praise Report

- October 19th marked 100 days since Miriam Nesbitt's bone marrow transplant. She just did a bone marrow biopsy and received the news that she is CANCER FREE!!! Praise God! Thank you so much for your prayers. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. She has not had an appetite and needs to eat to build up her strength and muscle mass. Please continue to keep her son, Ethan, in your prayers as well.
- Praise for flexibility to operate both in-person and virtually. Last month, we had to have classes virtually for a week and a half because of student COVID cases. We're so thankful for the technology that allowed classes to continue. We are also thankful that we have onsite rapid testing that allowed us to test many students and staff members and respond quickly and effectively to the situation.

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- For new students to feel welcomed, safe, and loved. Some are still having a hard time adjusting.
- For our 8th grade students who are beginning to apply to high schools. Pray for wisdom in their decisions.
- For health, safety, and protection; for students to be calmed who may be anxious about COVID.
- For students facing instability at home to know God's peace and presence in their lives;
- For close bonds to be created with new 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 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 times of rest and refreshing.
- Pray for creativity and flexibility as our teachers are constantly having to adapt their teacher to meet the needs of their students, especially students who are struggling.
- 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 for 8th-grade parents who are beginning to navigate the high school selection process.
- 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.
- Pray for wisdom, peace, and support for parents feeling overwhelmed by parenting.
- To daily kneel before God.

Pray for our administration:

- For Kevin: Pray for true rest in his sabbatical. Pray that he would be free from worrying about daily life at HPCA and trust God. Pray as he begins to think about transitioning back to HPCA in January.
- For Jen: Praise God for our supporters! Praise God for His provision for HPCA for so many years. Pray for more opportunities to spread the word about HPCA.
- 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 endurance and strength as she leads our staff this year in this new role. Pray for energy and peace.
- 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