



HUNTING PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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One-a-Day Prayer for HPCA: 2020-2021 School Year

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Wow! What a crazy back-to-school time! Our school building has been fairly empty since mid-March. Now, it's been full of staff and volunteers, busily working together to make this a safe, welcoming environment for our incoming students. Our first day of school is Wednesday, with some students attending 2 days in-person a week and others choosing the full-time virtual option. While there is such excitement in getting to see students in our classrooms again, there is also a lot of anxiety that comes with the preparations. Please keep faculty and staff in prayer. Even with all the preparations, there are still many unknowns. We feel blessed to be able to provide in-person learning for these students, but we also feel the deep responsibility of not only educating them but keeping them safe.

This year, our theme is “**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.**” What a powerful image that we have God's powerful, everlasting arms to lean on when we feel overwhelmed and uncertain. Our prayer is that our students, our families, and our staff would remember that we have an eternal, powerful, loving God that welcomes us into His arms.

Thank you for being a part of the work of HPCA. We are so thankful for each one of you and for your continued prayers for our ministry in Hunting Park!

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

We are so thankful to have Doris on our staff as she begins her **13th year** teaching pre-kindergarten. She is thrilled to have “her babies” back in the classroom again. Because her class size is small enough to allow for proper distancing, her students are going to be able to attend 4 days a week. Pray for these students as they begin their time at HPCA in such a unique environment. Below are her requests:



- Pray for God's guidance throughout this year so that I can teach to the best of my ability.
- Pray for God's protection during these uncertain times.
- Pray that my hunger for more of God grows more and more each and every day.
- Pray for all of the students that will be entering our school this year. Pray that they will be safe and learn and grow more in their relationship with God.
- Pray for our admin team and staff. Pray that God continues His protection and pray for renewal of heart, body, and soul.
- Feel free to email Doris. Her email address is dorisa@hpcaphilly.org.

Memory Verse for September:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

Calendar of Events

Wed., Sept. 2nd – First Day of School
("A" Group)

Thurs., Sept. 3rd – First Day of
School
("B" Group)

Mon., Sept. 7th – No School
(Labor Day)

Mon. Sept. 14th – HPCA Board
Meeting

Praise Report

- Praise God the many volunteers who have helped prepare our building for the return of students. Volunteers helped assemble mobile cards, hang white boards, assemble plastic dividers, move furniture around the building, and clean. We are so thankful!
- We are so thankful for the financial support we have received through our Special Edition Giving Tree. Many people have donated money to help us with purchases or donated specific items we need – like face masks and face shields.
- Our staff was reunited in-person for staff training and we are so thankful to be together!

General Prayer Requests:

Pray for our students:

- For new students to feel welcomed, safe, and loved;
- For students who attend virtually to feel included in the HPCA community;
- For students to be calmed who are feeling anxious about COVID;
- For students to readjust quickly to school after an unprecedented amount of time out of the classroom;
- For students facing instability at home to know God's peace and presence in their lives;
- 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 daily lean on God's everlasting arms.

Pray for our teachers:

- Praise God that all our teachers returned for another year!!!**
- Pray for peace in the middle of the beginning-of-the-year craziness. Pray that they prepare their hearts spiritually to grow close to God and serve Him with their lives.
- 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.
- For grace for themselves as they learn to teach a class in-person while also attending to the at-home learners.
- Praise God for His provision of mission-minded teachers. Pray that they would feel the assurance of God's calling and know that He will equip them for this year of uncertainty.
- Praise God that our teachers are able (and encouraged!) to share their faith with their students each day.
- Pray that their classroom technology works!
- To daily lean on God's everlasting arms.

Pray for our students' families:

- To be open to hearing and receiving the Gospel;
- To connect to a local church;
- Pray that parents would not be overwhelmed with the return of school. It can be a crazy time to readjust to uniforms, school supplies, homework, packing lunches, etc. Pray for peace and that they have support.
- Pray for families as they support students during the at-home days. Pray that they reach out for support if they need it.
- 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 opportunities to engage parents this year. We are not allowing parents to enter the building, so we will need to make extra efforts to create relationships with them.
- Pray for families going through financial hardships.
- To daily lean on God's everlasting arms.

Pray for our administration:

- For Kevin: Pray for peace in this uncertain and busy time. Pray that he can take the weight of planning this year and put it in God's capable hands. Pray that he can support the teachers and help them excel this year. Continue to pray for wisdom in planning. Pray for good relationships with new students.
- For Jen: Praise God for His financial provision during the 2019-2020 school year. Pray for energy and creativity in this upcoming school year.
- 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 for her as she helps plan details for the year. Praise God for her dedication to this ministry and for her hard work.
- To daily lean on God's everlasting arms.

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