



# Holmesburg Christian Academy

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Dear School Family,

Linda Lewis  
Head of School

*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.*

Acts 20:24

It hardly seems possible but we are already busy preparing for the 2019-2020 School Year. The budget has been approved, new programs are developing, and God's moving hand continues to be revealed in the life of Holmesburg Christian Academy. As we patiently wait upon the Lord He unfolds His plans for HCA as an organization and as individuals in His time.

Mrs. Leigh Kelly, a faithful servant of the Lord, after much prayer has been led by the Lord to retire from HCA at the end of this school year. Mrs. Kelly and her husband plan to begin a new ministry together, serving the Lord. I share this news with you having mixed emotions. Mrs. Kelly is a dear friend and I will miss her deeply, as I know you will also. But, I'm excited and happy for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly as they move into a new chapter of their lives. Many will be blessed by their loving hands and kindness as they move along the path God has planned for them together.

We will never be able to replace Mrs. Kelly but will begin now to consider applicants for her position. Applications and job descriptions will be available on our website soon if you know of someone who may be interested and qualified to meet our needs.

Also, retiring in June after 31 years of teaching is Mrs. Beverly Liken. Mrs. Liken has been our first grade teacher for two years. She is unsure of what the Lord has for her next but she knows that His plans will *testify to the good news of God's grace*. We are thankful to God for bringing her to us for two years and for allowing her to retire as a member of the HCA family.

We covet the partnership we have with each HCA family member. We look forward to continuing that relationship as together we develop a biblical worldview and strong academic success in your child. As we plan for the upcoming school year now is the time to register your child for next year. Re-registration is open; as a current school family you are entitled to discounted registration through February 14th. Complete the forms sent home earlier this week or go online and complete the re-registration forms; return the paperwork with your registration fee to guarantee your child's seat for next year. Call the school office if you have any questions about the forms, fees or funding for next year.

In Christian Love,

Linda C. Lewis  
Head of School

## Praise and Prayer Request

- Praise Him for a successful Open House Week.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders as they make decisions for high school.
- Cleanse the school from illnesses that seem to be lingering among our students and the staff.
- The ES Science Fair, may students stay focused and work hard for God's glory. May they realize the importance of working hard and finishing well.
- New Students for the 2019-20 school year.
- Restore health to Mrs. Solt's father

## LOOKING AHEAD



March 1 - Mid Quarters Distributed  
March 2 - Open House with Meet and Greet 9:45-11:00am  
March 12- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Program 7pm  
March 13 -3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Program in Chapel 9am  
March 15 - 11:30 Dismissal - Staff Development - FD/SD Normal Schedule  
March 29 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends  
March 30 - Test New Applicants

## Student of the Month

### JANUARY

**K** – CALLEN DUTILL

**1<sup>ST</sup>** –AVIEL JOSEPH

**2<sup>ND</sup>** – ABIGAIL LATORRE

**3<sup>RD</sup>** – CAITLYNN YOUNG-JACKSON

**8<sup>TH</sup>** – BECCA DAKA

**4<sup>TH</sup>** –MAURICE COOKE

**5<sup>TH</sup>** – ASHLIN ANDERSON

**6<sup>TH</sup>** – ERIC BROWN

**7<sup>TH</sup>** – NICHOLAS DAVIDO

## RACE FOR EDUCATION

Our major fundraiser for the year will soon be upon us. Volunteers are needed to help with the process from now until the Race, April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to help us with this important fundraiser, please see or call Leigh Kelly. This is a good opportunity for those who must donate hours to fulfill scholarship obligations.



### PICTURES ARE NEEDED FOR THE YEARBOOK

Please share any pictures you have taken over the past year of class trips, plays, retreats, sporting events, Spirit Day, Race for Education or any other pictures you would like to submit for consideration in this year's yearbook. Please submit pictures by e-mail to Elizabeth Waltz as soon as possible at ewaltz@holmesburgchristian.org

## **RE-REGISTRATION**

### **Re-Register By February 14 to Guarantee Your Child's Seat in 2019-2020.**

It is time to re-enroll for the 2019-20 school year. Registration fees remain the same and we continue to offer current school families a discounted re-registration fee between now and February 14, 2019. During this time, individual student registration remains at \$105 with a family cap of \$300. Take advantage of this discount and reserve your child's seat for next year.

New applicants will be considered after February 14. After February 14 the discounted registration period ends and re-registration fees increase to \$160 per student with no family cap.

#### **To guarantee your child's seat, you need to do the following by February 14:**

1. Complete and submit all enrollment forms, either online or paper forms that were sent home.
2. Return your signed *Financial Computation Schedule* form along with the appropriate re-registration fees.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Included in this edition of the Paw Print is a listing of scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible to receive. If you have any questions about the process, or need help with the forms please see Mrs. Kelly in the office. Most scholarship organizations will soon close their window of acceptance. Do not miss your opportunity to be considered for scholarship funds.

## **School Parking Reminder**



Parking is not permitted on Charles Street between the two driveways at the beginning and end of the school day. These spaces need to be reserved for the buses. Also, please do not block the driveways to the school parking lots or the funeral home across the street. Thank you for your cooperation. For the safety of your child, cars will not be permitted to enter or exit the parking lot between 8AM and 8:30AM and again between 2:45PM – 3:30PM.

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2019-2020

## THE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF PHILADELPHIA

The Children's Scholarship Fund of Philadelphia is currently accepting applications for 2 different scholarships from low-income Philadelphia families interested in obtaining scholarships to send their children to private elementary schools in September.

Their traditional 4 year scholarship program has a deadline. Winners are selected by lottery.

**Deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2019.** Only the first 10,000 applications received will be entered into the lottery, therefore it is important to act promptly. Apply online at [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org).

The second scholarship they are offering is a 4 year (As funding permits) Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit. The guidelines are the same, but you **MUST** fill out both forms to apply for both scholarships. **Deadline for submission is March 1, 2019.** Apply online at [www.csphiladelphia.org/scholarships/ostc](http://www.csphiladelphia.org/scholarships/ostc). If you are selected for both lotteries CSF will choose the one you receive. **(FORMS AVAILABLE NOW IN OFFICE)**

## OSTC SCHOLARSHIPS

Go to the following website: [www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/os](http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/os) and click on the List of Opportunity Scholarship Organizations. On this list are schools and Scholarship Foundations (ex. Bravo Foundation). Go to the Scholarship Foundations websites and apply for any scholarships available. Guidelines and deadline dates vary depending on the Foundation.

## HCA IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

HCA-In-House Scholarships are available to those who meet strict guidelines. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2019.

## FAITH FIRST

[www.faithschoice.org](http://www.faithschoice.org) or 215-870-9454

Applications Distributed at the Parent Engagement Meetings held in January and April.

## FAMILY CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Click the EITC Program and the contact us link. Available K-12

[www.pafamily.org](http://www.pafamily.org)

## BRAVO FOUNDATION

[www.thebravofoundation.org](http://www.thebravofoundation.org) or 1-717-214-2200 (K-12) (Must meet Income guidelines and be a PA resident)

## BRIDGE FOUNDATION

[www.bridgeedu.org](http://www.bridgeedu.org) or 1-717-214-6797 (PK-12)

Must send a formal request letter for scholarship, available on the website.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE



## **EXCITING NEWS! WE RECEIVED OUR RE-ACCREDITATION!**

After more than a year of very, very hard work, led by Mrs. Beth Daka, our Middle School Dean and Learning Center Director, we have been re-accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools. The accreditation process examined every aspect of our school organization, leadership, teaching staff, curriculum, policies and procedures, technology, student growth, and parental involvement. The approval of our re-accreditation shows the strength, hard work, and quality of our school and school community and recognizes the efforts we make to ensure our students succeed. This is something of which we all can be very proud!

**Introducing the...**

# PIC

**Parent Involvement Credit**

**TEN = \$200**

**Volunteer Hours**

**Tuition Credit**

New for the 2019-2020 school year, we are offering a Parent Involvement Credit to our families with children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. When you volunteer at school events or in your child's classroom, you will earn hours towards this credit. When you have accumulated 10 hours, you will receive a \$200 credit certificate that you can use towards any tuition payment. Information about tracking hours for the program and how to use your credit will be available in September. (Because of our multiple child discounts, there is only one Parent Involvement Credit per family, per year.)

Studies show that students whose parents are involved in their school have better grades, better academic skills, and report better satisfaction and well-being in school. Your participation in school life makes a HUGE difference in the success of the school and the success of your child.

## Raise Up Your Child...

"Have our ambitions for our children been shaped by the kingdom of the world or by the Kingdom of God? . . . Though our culture pushes our children to focus on excelling and climbing the ladder to success academically, athletically, and socially, Jesus calls them to come down from that ladder to serve the needs of others." - Nancy Guthrie - The Gospel Coalition

### What are your ambitions for your child?

**Shoparoo** - download the free app and begin supporting HCA with every purchase you make. Our school will come up as Holmesburg Baptist Christian Academy. It is simple, easy and costs you nothing. Just snap a picture of your receipts and you earn HCA cash. Shoparoo makes a donation for every receipt you submit.

Shoparoo supporters have grown to 29 and we have 71,910 points. HCA receives \$50 for every 25,000 points.

**Share Shoparoo with your friends.** There is strength in numbers. The more supporters we have the more we earn.

Top Snappers for January are:

Ginger Patterson

Leah Santos

Shirley \_\_\_\_\_

## PTF NEWS



### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> PTF WILL BE HAVING A "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY". STUDENTS MAY WEAR RED, PINK, WHITE OR HEARTS. ANY DONATION OVER \$1.00 WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN!



### HOT LUNCH

OUR HOT LUNCH FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>. WE WILL BE SERVING HAMBURGERS.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## HIGH HONORS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

CELEB BARCUS  
PAYTON HENDRICKS  
AMARIS JOSEPH  
ALAN KILBRIDE  
ALEXIS MASIH  
JORDAN WOZNYJ

### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

EMILIA DELVA-ALONZO  
ELIANNA PERRIN  
DECLAN SHARKEY  
DEVON STEWART  
TAIJHMEAR WASHINGTON

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

ASHLIN ANDERSON  
SYLVIA DEXTER  
SOPHIA KILBRIDE  
DYLAN MCCLAIN  
DAVI OLIVEIRA

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

JADA DRUMMOND  
ERIN FAULK

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

VINCENT ALTOMARI  
NICHOLAS DAVIDO  
AUDRINA GARGES

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

BECCA DAKA  
TAMILIA FRANCIS  
TIMOTHY THORPE

## HONORS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

GREGG FORTUNE  
ARI LEE  
LOUIS RICHETTI  
CAITLYNN YOUNG-JACKSON

### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

HASON GREGORY  
DANIEL LATORRE  
KIMBERLY POPE  
MACKENZIE SMITH  
SETH SMITH  
ASKIA FERRELL

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

AMANI CLAYTON  
CARINA ORTEGA  
VIRGINIA SAYEGH  
JORDAN SMITH  
EDWIN THOMAS  
REBECCA TORRES

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

JASON LIN

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

GABRIEL FORTUNE  
CHRISTIAN MCCLAIN  
MICHAEL ROSS  
GREGORY THOMAS

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

ANIAH ATIF  
JOSEPH GRASSO  
PAIGE KINZEY

