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This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

Hebrews 6:19

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of HCA.



We live in troubled times. Unrest plagues our world; natural disasters, reports of terrorism, corruption at every level of government and daily reports of violence in our city and nation pull at our mind and spirit filling us with unrest. During these times we need an anchor, a solid rock to stand on and place our hope. Our children need these things. Sadly, their young impressionable minds are being pummeled with what is going on the world. They hear news, or read the news feeds on their phones that cause distress. Some display signs of anger over circumstances they have no control over; others may withdrawal into themselves and avoid talking about what is happening in our society, but they are more aware of what is going on than we want to believe. Our children are in need of an anchor, a hope that is sure and steadfast.

Within the Christian school classroom at H.C.A we do not play on the unsettled conditions of this world nor do we avoid an honest, and age appropriate, discussion about what is going on. Looking at all things through a biblical worldview allows us to claim the promises from God and apply them to our lives and the circumstances of today. The trials we face are not new. Since sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, mankind has had to live through difficult times. While the rest of the world is seeking a solution, grasping at futile hope for the future, and searching for something to hold on to, Christians have the answer. This is what we share with your children. This is what you should be sharing with them as you sit around the dinner table, drive in the car or walk along the park trail. When we connect God, the history of His people, and Jesus with current events and the place of God in all history it gives our children the understanding that God is present and very real today. He was with us yesterday, getting us through our trials. He is waiting for us tomorrow and will be there for all eternity, if we belong to Him.

At H.C.A. our staff utilizes every opportunity to tell our students that God has not lost control of what may seem like out of control situations. We remind them that even as adults we may not always understand all His plans; yet He loves us, comforts and surrounds us with His loving arms. He promised that! He also promised us in Romans 8:28 "that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." We also pray with and for your children, our students, about their fears and the unrest in their young lives. Many of our children are carrying more than a young child should have to bear. Many are dealing with issues and concerns that are difficult for adults to comprehend. But we know that God is still in the business of answering prayers.

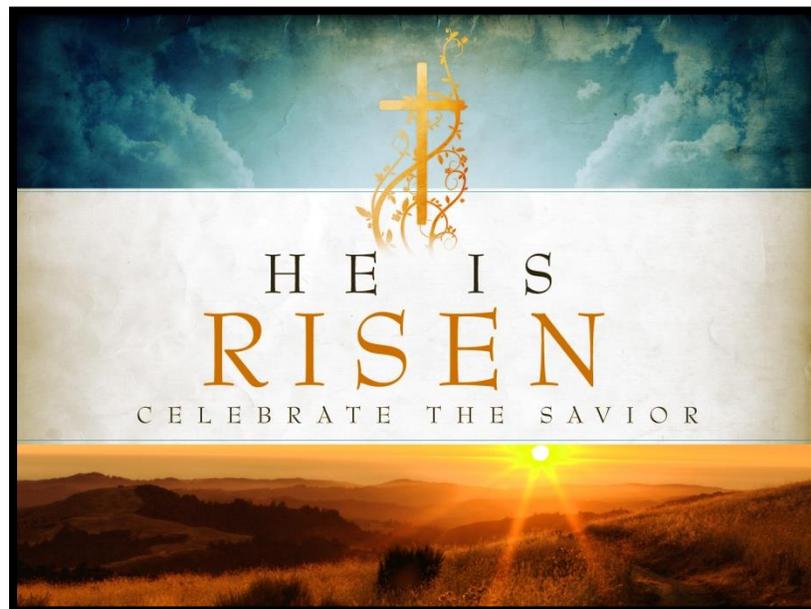
Parents and guardians your children need you. You have placed them in a Christian school and we do our best to love and nurture them but, they really need you. Do not miss the opportunity of a lifetime to talk with your child. Tell them about how you live, what you think and in whom you believe; who is your anchor in

the storm. Together we must build for their future and their eternity. As Christians we are given the unique opportunity to comprehend the violence, the disasters, and the unrest that surrounds us without losing sight of the course we are following. It is a difficult task but with God as our guide we can do it. We must do it for our children.

As we move through this Lenten Season, remember Jesus' death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Use this as an opportunity to engage in conversation with your child about why Christ had to die. The sinful nature of man that has existed since Adam and Eve and sent Jesus to Calvary will end with His coming again to claim His children. Preparing for His return should be the true meaning of *No Child Left Behind* for all Christian schools and families.

Wishes for Holy and Joyous Easter,

Linda C. Lewis
Head of School





Prayer Requests and Praises

- Praise God for sending us His Son
- Travel safety for those traveling over Easter
- Wisdom for the school board
- Staffing needs for the 2019-2020 school year
- Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year; may God direct whom He would have join the HCA family.
- A successful and safe *Race for Education* and *Spring Fair Day*.
- Esther Miller, former teacher and parent, recovering from surgery with additional procedures to come.
- Successful Open House on April 6th



LOOKING AHEAD

May 2 & 3 - 5th Grade Outdoor Education - Camp Sankanac
May 3 - Middle School Trip
May 8 - Mid-Quarters Distributed - Alerts Only
May 9 - PTF Spring Dinner - 6:30PM
May 13 - All Day Play Rehearsal
May 15-17- Middle School Play
May 24 - PS Closing Ceremony and Graduation - 9:30AM
May 27 - No School (PS -8th Grade) - Memorial Day
May 29 - Spring Music Recital - 9:00AM
May 30 - Athletic Banquet - 6:30PM
May 30 & 31 - Middle School Review Days



Standardized Testing

April 8-12, 2019

Students in grades first through eighth will take their standardized test during the week of April 8th. During the week of April 1 they will take a short practice test to familiarize them with the format on the tests and hopefully improve their performance. Please help us help your child be successful. Students should have a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast each morning. Students need to arrive to school on time each morning. Encourage them to do their best but do not make students anxious, especially younger students. These tests are particularly important for the older students. High Schools generally request scores from 6th and 7th grade test results on applications.



HOLMESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH is turning 190 years old on April 22, 2019. We invite our HCA family to join in the celebration! All you can eat pancakes, side of sausage or bacon, breakfast cake, orange juice, coffee or milk. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children, children under 6 are free! Call 215-338-1775 to make your reservation. Breakfast will be served between 8am-11:30am, you can pay at the door. We are also having a 190th Anniversary Community Celebration Day on May 11th so please mark your calendars! Hope to see you on 4/13.

Shoparoo - download the free app and begin supporting HCA with every purchase you make. 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.

Load Shoparoo onto your phone then select our school. For some reason they have listed our previous name Holmesburg Baptist Christian Academy. No worries, we will still get the credit.

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Employment Opportunities at H.C.A.

If you feel the Lord is calling you to serve in a ministry why not consider Holmesburg Christian Academy. Several vacancies have opened for September 2019. Visit our website for more information and to download an application. Share the openings with Christian friends you may know who are looking for employment in a Christian environment. Contact Mrs. Lewis for specific job descriptions, qualifications or other questions regarding employment at 215-335-4323.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT FAIR

Plan to visit us on Thursday, April 4 at 7pm for the Middle School project fair; exhibits will be on display. Winners from each grade will be announced. All middle School students are required to attend. Sixth grade are to wear their historical figure costume. Seventh and eighth grade students are to dress in their uniform. Students should be prepared to answer questions about their project if asked by guests.

HCA's Got Talent!

**SHARE IT WITH US!!
FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019
1:30 PM**

Holmesburg's Student Council is sponsoring a Talent show on Friday afternoon, April 5, 2019. Students in 3rd - 8th are encouraged to participate. All grades are invited to attend the show.

Performances will be limited to 15 and acts must be no longer than 4 minutes long. Students who wish to be considered must have completed an application, and have turned it in by Friday, March 29th. Applications will be accepted for approval by the date they are received.

The Student Council will be selling snacks during the show for purchase. Prices will range from \$.50 to \$2.00.

Parents are invited to join us for this event.



RACE FOR EDUCATION

Mark your calendar now for Friday, April 26, 2019 (rain date - April 29, 2019). Plan to come out and cheer our children on as they walk, run, hop or skip laps to raise funds for our school. Your help will also be needed by PTF as they plan to make this a fun day with enjoyable activities throughout the day for the students. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the race. Many hands make the work light.

Re-Registration and Open Enrollment

We are now accepting applications from new families who are not currently enrolled at HCA. If you have not re-registered your child and your intentions are to return, please do so immediately to avoid being placed on a waiting list. Registration fees are now \$160.00 per child for K-8th.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Holmesburg Baptist Church and Holmesburg Christian Academy have been busy planning a wonderful summer for children of different ages. Opportunities will include Preschool Camp for children ages 3-5 and Church camp for older children. Camp programs begin the week of June 24th. ART CAMP is for children who have completed grades K-8th, camp dates are the weeks of 7/15 and 7/22 from 10:00AM until noon. ART CAMP gives children the opportunity to explore their creative side, age appropriate setting, under the direction of Mrs. Winter. Our doors will be wide open this summer. Stop in or call for additional information or forms.

Art Camp 215-335-4323 - Preschool Summer Camp 215-335-4323 - Church Camp – 215-338-1775



Tuition Reminders

It is important that your tuition obligations are kept current. Excessive tardiness and unpaid balances may result in your child not being accepted for next year (**#10 of the Financial Policy**). All Tuition and late fees must be paid in full before any academic records are released (**#8 of the Financial Policy**). Eighth Grade student accounts must be current for student participation in 8th grade activities. All financial obligations are due to HCA by May 1st. If you have questions in regard to financial obligations call Leigh Kelly at 215-335-4323.

PTF NEWS



Crazy Hat Day - April 5th



Hot Lunch – Wednesday, April 24th – Meatball Sandwiches

