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Friends of HCA gathered for an evening of fun and fellowship at our 16th annual HCA Banquet. Read more on pages 6-7.



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A WORD IN SEASON

THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8





Head of School

I've heard it said that the reason Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac when he was 12 was that it wouldn't have been a sacrifice once he was a teenager! Growing up as one of four noisy boys, I often saw people glaring at us. I vision is filled with you! And, He sees His image don't know why; we were simply "frisky colts."

When I think about the mistakes I've made. the turns in the wrong direction (either out of ignorance or stupidity), it's hard for me to believe that, like the prodigal son, leaving and returning (sometimes daily), God continues to welcome me with open arms. Why? Here's what He says about His children:

For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance... He shielded him and cared for him: he guarded him as the apple of his eye Deuteronomy 32:9-10

We know how God sees us. I am the apple of His eye. You are the apple of His eye. With all the trouble we've given Him, all the failures and disappointments, He still sees every one of us as the apple of His eye.

The Hebrew expression "the apple of your eye" is literally "the little man" in the eye,

having reference to the pupil, where the object focused on is reflected (Expositor's Bible Commentary). As the apple of God's eye, you are the center of His focus. His field of reflected back to Him. Somewhat imperfect, it is nonetheless His image. He sees in us all that He hopes for us, all that He knows we can be. He loves us so much that He is continually making us into sons and daughters that look more and more like Him. Creator God sees us as we are, yet sees all of our potential.

What do your children see in your eyes? Can each one of them say that they are the apple of your eye? Will you see in each of them God's image; imperfect but unmistakably His? Not necessarily what they are, but what God, and we at HCA, hope them to be? As I often tell students, "He loves you just as you are, but He loves you too much to let you stay that way!"

As we cherish the image of being the apple of God's eye, let's reflect His nature by working to make every person we meet feel the same, both in God's eyes as well as ours. As we connect with each one, let's pray quietly, "Lord, make this one the apple of my eye."

HCA HIGHLIGHTS

CAMPUS FEATURES

HCA has been buzzing with exciting events and activities this season!

COUNCIL **ROUND-TABLE**

HCA's Student Council held their inaugural Round-Table event on March 5. Our student leaders wanted to create an opportunity to gather with councils from other local schools in a collaboration that would mutually benefit all parties. The event had four purposes:

- 1) To share ideas: Students tackled relevant issues, answered tough questions, and generated new ideas with their fellow leaders.
- 2) To gain a sense of a greater community: Students widened their perspectives and learned that they are a part of something bigger than themselves.
- 3) To understand that they are not alone: Students learned that other leaders at other schools face similar struggles and share common strengths.
- 4) To develop an opportunity for **networking:** This event provided the initial introduction which will create more opportunities to connect in the future.

HCA was joined by student leaders from Eastern Christian, Hawthorne High School, and Midland Park High School. The Student Council advisors from each school also met during this event. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and plans for a follow-up event are already being discussed.



A PANEL OF PASTORS

Five local pastors joined HCA students and faculty at our high school chapel on January 30. These five church leaders were selected to participate in a panel discussion addressing relevant issues faced by teens and young adults today. The panel was presented with questions formulated by the Chaplains of each class, as well as Head Chaplain, Christine Pelliccio. Their questions delved deeply into faith, feelings, hardships, giftings, and much more. All present were amazed by how well the pastors inspired and related to the high schoolers. Their insightful and thought-provoking answers sparked deep thought and discussion among students and faculty alike.

"Any gift that you have belongs to God. Praise Him for giving you that thing to use to bring glory to Him."

-Pastor Steve Hawthorne, Emergence Church

"You need to learn to doubt your doubts and focus on who God is."

-Pastor Richard Jones, Bridgeway Community Church

"Faith is not just an emotional response to something or just an intellectual belief. It's choosing to rely on Jesus Christ."

-Pastor Jake Minnema, Hawthorne Gospel Church

"The Word of God should rule and reign over all that we think and feel."

-Pastor David Noel, Grace Redeemer Church

"Our relationship with the Lord is a covenant. We sometimes break covenant, but God never breaks covenant."

-Pastor Dan Rainville, Bethany Church

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

ADVANCING THE MISSION OF HCA

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Sandy Vasquez-Chong Director of Advancement

The theme of this year's annual Banquet was we are surrounded by the love and support "Intentional." It's a common word with a of amazing people who helped to organize rudimentary meaning, but a true application and run an event we won't soon forget. We can be a bit difficult. As I reflect on the must take a moment and be intentional incredible night we had, it's easy to be thankful about letting people know exactly how much for a myriad of things: the delicious food, they're loved, and how much they mean to the beautiful voices of Servants of the King, us. Be intentionally thankful for the place we the amazing turnout (of over 350 people), the community fellowship, and the inspiring testimonies from our speakers (especially loving Christians who serve a great God, and seniors Benjamin Maura and Kali Burres).

We don't often need to be intentional about giving thanks to God for moments like these because it comes naturally. But underneath it all, we must be intentional and be thankful for the things that can be easily overlooked - such It's not too late to help us maximize the as the fact that we can come together as a community to enjoy food and fellowship and of \$400,000! Please consider giving to the freely worship our Lord in a safe environment, that we have the means to come together and support each other and our HCA students, that

drop our kids off every day, where we know they're being nourished with the Word, by that they're safe and strengthened as young believers. Whatever it is, be intentional today, and every day, about being thankful for the blessings God has given to us, and intentional about bringing His mission to the world.

incredible opportunity to match a donation Defender Fund. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).





For what HCA needs **now**

Programs & necessities



For what HCA needs later

Future stability & security



UPCOMING EVENTS

DESSERT THEATRE

Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13, 2019

JOG-A-THON

Friday, May 3, 2019

LS SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, May 16, 2019

MS/HS SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

GALLERY WALK & CONSERVATORY

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

MS GRADUATION

Thursday, June 13, 2019

HS GRADUATION

BANQUET & AUCTION 2019

INTENTIONAL!

HCA family and friends gathered at Macaluso's to enjoy delicious food, beautiful music, and inspiring messages.



STUDENT SPEAKERS

"We need to be a church that gets alone in a room when no one else is looking and communes with the almighty God...Let's be **intentional** to take every thought captive and make it obedient to what Christ has said and called us to."

Benjamin Maura (12) Intentional in Faith

"May we remember Jesus' prayer:
'I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one,' and may we ask the Lord to show us how we can be **intentional** in every moment we are given. Let us be the 'glue' in our communities, and especially in the family of Christ."

Kali Burres (12)
Intentional in Community

2019 THEME: INTENTIONAL

Good Intentions (noun) – ideas that you **plan** to carry out Living Intentionally (verb) – to **act** with a deliberate purpose

"Intention" is a noun; "Living Intentionally" is a verb. Anyone can have good intentions. But what good are intentions without actions behind them? Living intentionally takes deliberate actions to carry out a purpose.

So what does living intentionally really mean?

- 1) Being intentional means being intentional about being intentional! That is to say, we have to intentionally ask God to open our eyes to the opportunities He will provide for us to be intentional.
- 2) Being intentional means doing things we wouldn't do naturally. If we naturally did the things we wanted to be intentional about doing, there would be nothing to be intentional about. Intentional living requires proactive effort and decision-making. Being intentional doesn't come naturally; we need the Lord's supernatural help.
- 3) Being intentional means being willing to be made uncomfortable. In stepping out and doing things we wouldn't do naturally, we may be stepping outside of our comfort zones. Being intentional may stretch and challenge us, and at times even make us a little uncomfortable.

Good intentions are just that – good. But they are useless unless we put actions behind them. We invite you to join us on our journey to be more intentional about that which the Lord has called us to.









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Rebecca Vanderbeck

ADVANCEMENT TEAM:

Sandy Vasquez-Chong Meaghan Barracoso Judith De Boer Lisa Kudisch Ellen Pelliccio Tina Tatum

DISTINGUISHED ALUM DR. ANDREW WALSH ('96)

Andy Walsh, author of "Faith Across the Multiverse," is the Chief Science Officer at Health Monitoring, a health software company. He has developed tools to: track pandemic influenza, Ebola, and opioid overdoses; monitor the health and safety of visitors to significant events, such as the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and Super Bowl; and visualize the impact on healthcare from severe weather, like hurricanes and polar vortexes. Andy's credentials include a PhD in molecular microbiology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University and a computational biology postdoc at Carnegie Mellon.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

MODEL UN

HCA's AP Comparative Government and Politics class joined 5,000 students from 60 countries in NYC for the National High School Model United Nations. The Model UN is designed to simulate the experience of serving on a UN committee, wrestling with complexissues and discussing potential solutions. Each school researched and represented a specific country. Participants spent twenty-two intense hours over two days debating and drafting resolutions on their committees. As the only school representing Nigeria, HCA met at Nigeria House to consult with the actual diplomats who serve Nigeria in the UN.





NNJCSA BIBLE CONTEST

HCA hosted the NNJCSA Bible Competition on February 5, 2019. HCA's Lower School took second place out of six competing schools. Alyssa Ng placed second in 3rd grade, Analia Ochoa placed third in 3rd grade, Aaron Hanna placed third in 4th grade, and Anne Guanga placed first in 7th grade. Other participating HCA students were: Edward Hwang (3), Jed Cha (4), Kezia Gunawan (4), Elias Atekpe (5), Emma Hartung (5), Olivia Sheen (5), Marica Hoyt (6), Hugh Ryan (6), Joel Walker (7), Nathaneal Gunawan (8), Joanna Mehara (8), and Luke Mitchell (8).

HONORABLE MENTIONS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Rachel Eelman (12), Carson Guingon (11), Kristina Hickey (11), Rachel Rypkema (12), and Kaylyn Wang (11).

Twenty-three students were inducted into HCA's (12), Zoe Higby (11), Elizabeth Joseph (12), Bethany chapter of NHS this year: Justin Awad (11), Kali Burres Kudisch (12), Angela Lovato (11), Charlene Manipon (12), Christian Cabral (12), Gianna D'Amato (11), Aileen (12), Benjamin Maura (12), Joshua Meharg (11), Abigail del Puerto (12), Taylor Dublin (12), Philip Duncan (11), Ng (12), Emily Oh (11), Abigail Palacios (12), Ava Rainey



STOCK MARKET GAME

HCA's 12th grade Selected Topics math class researched and selected stocks to invest in for the national and regional Stock Market Game competition. Students learned to be good stewards of their money and of their other giftings and abilities. Their investments produced record-breaking gains, including alltime highs for two chosen companies. The class donated all profits generated by their excellent stock selections to the HCA Defender Fund! Their donation (made in two installments) totaled \$1,631.56, which became \$3,263.12 thanks to our generous donor match.

POSTER CONTEST

HCA's 4th grade class participated in the 2019 Passaic County Poster Contest, competing against hundreds of students from around the county. Madelyn Van Dyk was one of only twelve students chosen to have their artwork featured in the 2019 Passaic County Clerk Calendar. Sophie Arrieta and Kezia Gunawan also received honorable mention. The student artists were honored during an awards ceremony at the Passaic County Police Academy. The calendar, along with a poster of honorable mention winners, will be distributed to Passaic County schools, government offices, libraries, and other public places.



NEW & INTERESTING

1ST GRADE READERS' THEATRE

In celebration of their character study unit in reading voices. They invited some very special guests to hear workshop, our first graders hosted and performed a their stories, including HCA faculty and administration, Readers' Theater. Students learned to put themselves as well as our kindergarten classes. The audience was in their character's shoes; they had to become a impressed with the growth and courage of the first character and act out their feelings solely by using their graders, and their laughter indicated a job well done!

STOP, DROP, ENROLL!

ALL ABOUT ADMISSIONS

Stop what you're doing. Drop everything. Enroll at Hawthorne Christian Academy!

INTERACTIVE OPEN HOUSE

Invite your friends and family to join us for our upcoming all-school Interactive Open House! Attendees will have the opportunity to get a sneak peek into the life of an HCA student, as they sit in on live classes taught by HCA teachers. Tour our beautiful campus, hear from current HCA students and faculty, and fellowship with the HCA community. Parents of students in preschool through grade 11 are welcome. This exciting event will be held on April 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

RFFFR-A-FRIFND PROGRAM

HCA families are encouraged to take advantage of our Refer-A-Friend Program! Program details:

- 1) Current HCA families will receive a \$500 tuition credit in the month of May 2020 for each new, full time, lower school or upper school student (entering kindergarten-grade 11) they refer to HCA who enrolls and attends for the full 2019-2020 school year.
- 2) To be eligible for the Refer-A-Friend credit, the new family must clearly identify the family who referred them to HCA on their application for admission. If no family is listed on the application, no credit can be applied. As the referring family, a member of the admissions staff may contact you to solicit your help in the admissions process for the prospective family.
- **3)** New students of current HCA families are not eligible to be identified as a Refer-A-Friend. The admissions staff will approve all Refer-A-Friend eligibility.
- **4)** All new students must meet HCA admission standards, make satisfactory academic progress, and meet financial obligations in order for the tuition credit to be applied to the referring family.

APPLY ONLINE!

As we strive to keep up with the constantly evolving technological times, we are excited to announce that we have transitioned our student application process to an online portal (current families, there is nothing for you to worry about here; continuous enrollment has you covered)! New and inquiring families can now submit all application documents, including recommendation and health forms, completely online. Our goal is to be continually evaluating how we can facilitate the admissions process for our prospective families while maintaining the same rigorous qualifications for admission. We are ever thankful for the blessing it is to partner with you in fostering a Christ-centered education for your child.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS Online Application Recommendations Transcripts INTERVIEW TOUR/SHADOW DAY TOUR/SHADOW DAY TOUR/SHADOW DAY TOUR/SHADOW DAY TOUR/SHADOW DAY TOUR/SHADOW DAY TEST/SCREENING

WORLD IMPACT

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

HCA is committed to inspire and challenge our students to **impact the world** for Christ.



MISSIONS TRAINING

Over the weekend of February 15, HCA students participated in a three-day Missions Training program at Camp Shiloh. The training was provided by Touch the World (TTW) for students and group leaders attending the Greece and Guatemala missions trips over spring break. TTW's goal for this training was to empower teams to have the maximum impact on both their own transformation and on the communities they will be serving. This weekend retreat fully prepared the together as a unit, engaged in teambuilding exercises, learned practical tips, and gathered for worship.



UN STUDENT PANEL

Senior Christine Pelliccio was selected to represent Concepts of Truth (COT) in a student panel at the UN's 57th Session of the Commission for Social Development. In alignment with COT's theme, "Social Protection through Education," Christine spoke on the personal, spiritual, and social dangers of pornography.



PATERSON TUTORING

Every Monday afternoon, HCA high schoolers gather to participate in our Paterson Tutoring Program. The students minister at an after-school facility in Paterson, where they tutor elementary students. HCA faculty and students also lead a Bible study for the students after providing academic tutoring.

ACADEMY ATHLETICS

GO DEFENDERS!

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31a

WINTER VARSITY AWARDS

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

JJ JOBSON (11)

2nd Team All League

SHANE LITTEL (11)

1st Team All League Honorable Mention All County

BENJAMIN MAURA (12)

1st Team All League Honorable Mention All County

ANDREW PELASCHIER (12)

Honorable Mention All League

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

JAIDYN COMER (11)

Honorable Mention All League

LYDIA JACKSON (12)

2nd Team All League Honorable Mention All County

CHARLENE MANIPON (12)

Honorable Mention All County

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

PHILIP DUNCAN (11)

1st Team All League Honorable Mention All County

KAYLYN WANG (11)

2nd Team All League Honorable Mention All County



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

HCA's varsity boys basketball team experienced a season worthy of celebration this year. They completed the season with a commendable final record of 14-11, finishing strong by winning six out of their last nine games. Junior Justin Awad broke HCA's single-season 3-point record with a total of 62. Several student-athletes also received accolades on both the league and county levels. A season highlight was the Defenders' home game against Cresskill. The team showcased their strong defense as they held the other team to only ten points during the first half and won the game by 14 points. Throughout the season, the team worked together as a unit and demonstrated good sportsmanship. They grew as basketball players, as athletes, and as young men of God.

ALUMNI NEWS

his high school career.

2018 BFFFSTFAK

HCA alumnus, Christian Silos The HCA Athletic Department (valedictorian 2018), earned his hosted its third annual Defender first collegiate start for Stevens Beefsteak at The Brownstone in Institute of Technology on Paterson on November 6, 2018. February 23. He went 2-3, with Guests heard testimonies from a double as his first-ever college HCA students and faculty, and hit versus William Paterson. Chris an inspiring message from guest was an all-star athlete in HCA's speaker Jerry Palmieri, all while baseball program throughout enjoying a delicious feast of tender beef and crispy fries.

DEENDERS



HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

It was a year of rebuilding for HCA's high school bowling team. The graduation of three seniors last year left only one returning member for this season. Junior Philip Duncan led the team with excellence, not only making First Team All League, but also earning the highest bowling average in HCA history. Each of this year's five HCA bowlers showed dramatic improvement throughout the season. Their hard work and dedication have positioned them for an even more successful season next year.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

HCA's Lady Defenders basketball team made great strides this year, improving on last year's record and displaying major growth from the beginning of the season to the end. Despite low numbers and season-ending injuries, the girls pulled through with a final record of 5-18 and two league victories. Senior Lydia Jackson led the team with 192 points and 311 rebounds. Over the course of the season, the team improved their defensive strategies and contributed the energy and momentum necessary to make this season one of growth and accomplishment.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Both middle school basketball teams showed outstanding improvement, dedication, and skill this year. With strong eighth graders at the helm, the teams grew in their basketball abilities and in their knowledge of the game. They consistently showed great progress as the season went on. Middle school boys had one of the best seasons HCA has seen in the last few years, finishing with an exciting win. The girls finished their season with a winning 8-5 record and a celebratory outing. All of these achievements were team efforts, led by players with team-first mentalities.





MUSIC NOTES

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

HCA's student-musicians have accomplished great things while preparing for a busy spring season.



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Four HCA students were selected from over 1.000 auditionees across New Jersey for the 2018-2019 All-State Chorus. All-State selects the most talented students across the state to participate in an intensive choral experience with internationally acclaimed conductors. Abigail Ng (12) and Philip Duncan (11) performed with the Mixed Chorus at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City and at NJPAC in November, and Maeve Barclay (11) and Bethany Kudisch (12) were part of the Women's Chorus that performed at NJPAC in February. Congratulations to these talented students!

Soprano Abigail Ng (12) has received the prestigious honor of being named to the National Association for Music Education's 2019 All-Eastern Choir. Student-musicians selected for the All-Eastern Choir were chosen from twelve different states, and are considered to be among the top high school musicians in the Eastern United States. Congratulations, Abby!

DESSERT THEATRE 2019

HCA's 11th annual Dessert Theatre will be presented on April 12 and 13 at 7:30 PM. More than 90 high school students will participate in this evening of music, drama, laughter, and delicious desserts! In this year's student-written show, a Jukebox Genie guides a widowed father on a magical journey to help him rediscover his passion for life.

Tickets will be available in HCA's Main Office. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the HCA Music Department. Get yours before they are gone!

Suggested Donation:

Adults: \$25.00 Reserved: \$35.00

Students & Senior Citizens: \$15.00



A STUDENT CONDUCTOR

The students of HCA's Chorale looked to one of their own peers to lead them in song at our Upper School Christmas Concert on December 18. Christine Brower (12) had the great privilege and responsibility of conducting the Chorale in a French Christmas Carol, Sing We Now of Christmas. The talented senior was inspired by her mother, and by HCA's own Mrs. Paynter, to pursue Choral Conducting and Music Education, which she will be studying in college next year. In Christine's own words, "Choral music, with its beautiful harmonies, points me to God and His glory."

ALUMNI NEWS

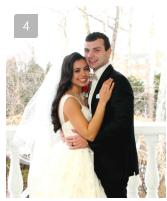
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Send your alumni news to tina.tatum@hca.org.









WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018, in Chicago, IL. Paul teaches high school English Automation Engineer. [3] Literature. They make their home in Chicago. [1]

William Henry Pennock III due May 2019! [2]

Paul Venarchik ('08) married Tyler Teschon ('10) and Anna Daily on December 1, Kerith Sunden celebrated their marriage on Saturday, is currently working as an January 12, 2019, at Grace RN at Lawndale Christian Church in Ridgewood, New Health Center, and Anna Jersey. Tyler works as a Senior

Kelly Etemadipour ('17) and Caleb Koppenal ('18) were Anna Srigiri ('10) married married by Kelly's father, Rev. Mansour Etemadipour, on July 1, 2018, in Wyckoff, on December 22, 2018, NJ. The couple is currently at Cornerstone Church ministering in Upstate in Carlstadt, NJ. Kelly New York with InterVarsity and Caleb will be living Christian Fellowship. They in Virginia until they both are now expecting a baby, complete their degrees at Liberty University. [4]



Head of School



Marcia Rainey Upper School Principal



Donna Pfeiffer Lower School Principal



Assistant to the Head of School



Jennifer Eelman Director of Guidance



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scholarship and tuition aid programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TESTIMONIALS

"The students and teachers at HCA are so amazing, and there are so many activities to participate in."

-Joanna Meharg, Grade 8

"At HCA, the Word of God is evident in everything we do. I feel like HCA is my second home and I feel very safe and secure. I am able to focus on learning and growing in my faith."

-Cecilia Soheily, Grade 7

"At HCA, you have teachers that will pray for you. It is an environment full of fellow Christians who will really listen to you."

-Jonathan Yoo, Grade 7





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