High Point Christian Academy is committed to Christ-centered, quality education and academic excellence in partnership with family and church within a loving, caring atmosphere.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

HPCA students and GSBC members brought 914 shoeboxes. GSBC SonshineFellowship helped to prepare boxes for the processing center. 8th graders served at the OCC processing center in Charlotte.

Hour of Code

The Hour of Code is a global movement teaching tens of millions of students about computer coding.

- 180+ countries
- 198,000+ Hour of Code events around the world last week
- 2,000+ in North Carolina
- Only about 1 in 4 schools teach computer science (HPCA does!)
- 375 students and staff at HPCA completed an Hour of Code

Watch video from HPCA’s Hour of Code week.

Go to our webpage for more information.

- Links to games created by 8th graders
- Website used for HS Hour of Code
- Website used for K-8 Hour of Code

"ORANGE you glad you sold fruit?"

What a great Fruit Sale success!

Many thanks to our school families for your participation and support. The funding from this campaign is critical to our programming budget each year. We are grateful that we met our goal. Our top sellers in each division were recognized last week at the Fine Arts Christmas Assembly and the top-selling families’ names were placed in a drawing for 3 iPads. Click here to see winners.

Now Monday, January 4th, 2016, is a school holiday!
Jeff and Sabeth Bradsher have been married eight years and have two beautiful children, Sophia and Joshua. Sabeth is originally from Costa Rica and she has been in the states for more than 16 years. Jeff continues to plead with his wife to let the family move to one of Costa Rica’s seashell beaches, but Sabeth will have none of it!

Jeff currently serves on the pastoral staff and in children’s ministry at Westover Church in Greensboro. Following God’s lead to minister to children was totally unexpected, but it has led to a joy and peace in Jeff's life that are inexpressible. In his role at Westover, he wants nothing more than to live out the vision of their children’s ministry that children “will know God, be filled with His love, and led to a personal and maturing relationship with Jesus.” Jeff also preaches and teaches “big people” at Westover and has a passion for sharing God’s Word with others.

Sabeth finds her greatest joy in raising Sophia and Joshua to be the children that God would have them to be. She serves on a local ministry team at Westover Church known as Families In Action, which she and a friend founded in 2014. Families In Action gives families with children of all ages an opportunity to participate in community service projects as a family unit. Sabeth and her friend desired to teach their young children the importance of serving others and God placed this ministry on both their hearts as a way to live out His command in 1 John 3:18, to “love…in action and truth.” Sabeth also leads Moms In Prayer for the HPCA elementary school and loves coming together with other HPCA moms every Monday to pray for teachers, staff, and students.

Jeff and Sabeth’s favorite family time happens each morning at their front door. Before they leave for school and work, the family gathers in a circle, joins hands, and ask for God’s wisdom and guidance throughout their day. Jeff and Sabeth’s greatest desire for their family is an intimate relationship with God’s Son, and especially that Sophia and Joshua will follow Jesus, in the good times and bad, wherever He leads.

Hear Mr. Bradsher in chapel this Thursday, December 16th.

Last month, 6th-grader Mercy Angel traveled with her Dad and a team from GSBC to Kibera Slum, Kenya. This is the location of a small Christian school, Bright Star Academy, where our TK-5th grade students have penpals and where we send our chapel offerings to provide lunch for the boys and girls. Mercy and the team (which included Mrs. Ashby and Dr. Haire) worked in two different schools, visited prisons, provided medical care and counseling, and hosted a soccer clinic --- all efforts to share the gospel with the lost and encourage the people of God.

"I enjoyed working with the very young children, just being with them," Mercy noted. "I was amazed that even the 4-year-olds walked home by themselves. They played games with string and with rocks and they appreciated everything." Mercy loved seeing the goats, oxen, and even a bull in the streets of town. "The food was really good, especially the freshly squeezed fruit juices, like mango," she added. The team served meals every day to the school children, as well as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for "tea time!"

Mercy was most impressed by two young boys who asked her and her Dad for a Bible, which they provided the boys on their final day. Little James and Joy, three-year-olds at Bright Star, became very attached to Mercy and sat on her lap daily.

The trip was a tremendous blessing to the people of Kibera Slum and one that Mercy will always remember. The team distributed over 3,000 Bible, served hundreds of meals, gave over 1,500 gift bags to prisoners, and saw many souls come to Christ. Mercy is thankful for the privilege of serving with the team to advance the work of the Kingdom!

Watch a video of our partner school in Kenya, taken by the mission team that traveled to Bright Star Academy in November 2015.
Elementary Christmas Program - “A Tree Lot Christmas”

Four-year-olds through 5th Grade.

PHOTO GALLERY

High Point Christian Academy
Middle and High School Art
HPCA Preschool, Elementary & 6th Grade Art

The high school Cooking class cooked and decorated Gingerbread Houses.

Elementary Students’ Art on Display

Theatre Art Galleries is hosting the Triad Elementary Art Exhibition.

HPCA has 15 elementary student-artists represented.

Artwork will be on display through January 8th.

See 30 pictures on facebook
HPCA middle school students who met academic standards and character qualities were inducted into the Jr. Beta Club.

**Core Values**
- Godly Character
- Sacrificial Service
- Positive Leadership

**Jr. Beta Club Induction**
HPCA inducted 16 members from the 7th and 8th grade class, which brings the membership to 32 students.

**Boston Tea Party Video**
8th grade U.S. History students reenacted the Boston Tea Party as part of a lesson. There was no script provided, so students were required to know the material and improvise. Between the town of Boston and British Parliament in London, messengers were kept busy crossing the Atlantic, passing important information regarding an unfair Tea Act, Boston's ensuing reaction, and finally the Intolerable Acts that Parliament took to punish the rebellious colony! At times, hilarity and mayhem ensued (at least here in Mrs. McManus’s class)!

**High School Leadership Conference**
The HPCA student council attended the ACSI SE High School Leadership Conference at the W. E. Skelton Conference Center in Virginia on November 10-12, 2015. The students were able to collaborate with other students, learning different perspectives and taking group work to a new level. The Asbury College praise team led worship.

**AXIS spoke to the students about Christianity, Islam, and Post-Modernism. The students were encouraged to see that “God’s story is ultimately the one story that frames the grand narrative of human existence.”**

**Abbey Welch is awarded “Good Citizen Award” by DAR**
Senior Abbey Welch was recognized for her academics, community service, and extracurricular activities by the Daughters of American Revolution. Among seven area students, she was presented the “Good Citizen Award,” the first DAR award for an HPCA student. Her father and Mr. Curlee accompanied her to the luncheon.

Abbey will represent the Alexander Martin Chapter DAR in regional competition.

Abbey is pictured third from right.

**Sarah Parker Harris: A Passion for Serving**
What happens when you see a homeless man on the roadside asking for money, and you don't have any cash to give him? Well, for Sarah Parker, who was on her way to the craft store with her family to buy fleece to make a blanket, she was greatly disappointed that she was not able to help the man at that time. It was right then that the idea of making blankets for the homeless was born. Sarah Parker really wanted to be able to give them something they needed. Rather than work alone and only accomplish what one person can do, Sarah Parker asked if her grade level could take this on as a project. The 6th graders were thrilled to do it and, when they contacted the Salvation Army, the staff members there were excited as well. They welcomed the chance to partner with the students.

The sixth graders donated money to buy fleece, travel-sized toiletries that they divided into personal bags, and spent time after school making the blankets. They ended up with around 25 blankets and 30 bags of toiletries. The Salvation Army came to school to pick them up.

Sarah Parker has always had a passion for serving. When she was in third grade, she and a group of friends got permission from Mr. Prohaska to have a bake and bow sale at HPCA football games to raise money for the Animal Shelter. On another occasion, she took supplies to make and sell bracelets at the games to raise money for the Children's Hospital. Along with her desire to serve, Sarah Parker also has a passion for dance. She is a member of the Starz Elite Dance Center’s competition team. They travel around NC in the spring competing in regional competitions, culminating in the National Competition in Myrtle Beach during the summer. She also enjoys cheering on the HPCA Middle School Cheer Team.

During this Christmas season, Sarah Parker and all of 6th grade surely made a difference in our community!

**The Fred Alexander Center of Hope on West Green Drive in High Point is seeing an increase in the number of people seeking emergency shelter now that temperatures are cooling down. They sent out their director to speak to the 6th graders about the Face of Homelessness. Our students had many great questions for him. They were surprised to find out that most children in the shelter are school age, like them.**

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**STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Enjoy an interview with Head Coach, Scott Bell.

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**Christmas Tree Fundraiser**

Thank you for buying your Christmas tree from the softball and baseball teams. Funds were raised to enhance and perform maintenance on the fields and batting cages.

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**Baseball Visits Homeless Shelter**

The **JV and Varsity Baseball** teams went through their closets and took clothing to the Open Door Shelter. The boys collected about 15 bags of shoes, clothes, and coats. They were able to meet about 12 men, talk with them, and give them clothing.

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**Summer Camp Elementary Cheerleaders**

Nineteen elementary students from Summer Cheer Camp performed with the Varsity Cheer team at halftime of the Varsity Boys basketball game.

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**College Signings**

Andrew Moebius, Sr, Soccer at Gardner Webb University
Casey Penland, Sr, Soccer at UNC-Greensboro
Brody Lawson, Jr, Baseball at UNC-Wilmington
Josh Nifong, Jr, Baseball at Duke University

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**MS Girls Basketball Read to 3rd Graders**

The **Middle School Girls Basketball** team’s service project began with collecting books in good condition that they wanted to read to a buddy in a 3rd grade classroom at Northwood Elementary. The girls shared with the students that even though basketball is fun, they still need to practice everyday, just like reading! The classroom had some struggling readers and the kids loved having someone spend time with them and show that they care. The next week they followed up with the students by giving them Christmas cards and a small gift for Christmas.

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Senior **Edrice “Bam” Adebayo** announced on ESPN his decision to play basketball at the University of Kentucky. He signed his letter of intent with his family in front of the Cougar Crazies.

Bam reached his 2,000 career point during the Carlisle game.
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Merry Christmas to all from the preschool.

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Match a $5,000 donation and help us purchase an iPad cart for the high school.

Can we raise the $5,000 match? Last year we raised over $7,000 in a similar donor match! Let’s show this donor we can do it!

Give Online Now (with credit card through our PayPal account), or send check to school.

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Members of the Class of 2006, please contact the HPCA Office of Advancement. advancement@hpcacougars.org

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