Thank you for meeting our Technology Match for the end of year 2015! With donations from the Technology Match and #GIVINGTUESDAY, we met the challenge of a generous donor and raised enough money to fund a new iPad cart with 20 iPads.

This cart will serve the teachers and students in the high school and offer more opportunities for applying technology in academics.

The trailer adjacent to the high school was removed in late December to make way for a new building.

High Point Christian Academy recently became the grateful recipient of an anonymous gift from a major donor which, together with monies received from the JMMAC (Jeff Murrow Memorial Athletic Complex), will allow us to build the first phase of our athletic complex - the Athletic Training Center (ATC). Read letter from Head of School.

Four HPCA seniors join 256 students from across the nation as semi-finalists for the National Beta Club Scholarship.

Emily-Anne Ellas, Hannah Gregory, Andrew Myers, and Abbey Welch.

“Selection of National Beta Club Scholarship winners is based on a number of factors with special emphasis on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, commendable character, school and community service, as well as participation in National Beta Club activities.”
Charles and Angie Fernandez met at UNC-Chapel Hill, walked the aisle one month after graduation, moved to High Point and immediately started in the ministry. They have been married for over 28 years, and have three children: Caleb (24), Caitlin (21), and Abigail (17). They are also the proud host family of Olivia An, an international student from China. Abby and Olivia are both juniors at HPCA. And if you ever call HPCA, chances are you have spoken with Angie, since she is the receptionist for the Elementary/Middle School office.

In September 2001, Charles and Angie established Victorious Life Church in High Point with a vision of reaching across ethnic, social and generational barriers to see people transformed by the grace of Christ. Since then, VLC has grown into a vibrant community and is one of the most diverse congregations in the area.

The Fernandez family has a passion for missions, and between them they have traveled to London, Mexico, the Philippines, South Africa, Poland, Scotland, China and Wales. Their favorite ministry experience was a family missions trip to the Philippines where they were able to participate in an evangelistic outreach in a remote village with no electricity or running water. The village boys climbed forty-foot trees to retrieve fresh coconuts, and the people gladly shared what they had to treat them to an authentic Filipino meal. It was a very humbling experience.

How do ink pens, wood, and the HPCA auction create assistance for those serving the Lord?

Joseph Henry, 8th grader at HPCA, turned his talent into a way to honor God and help those sharing the gospel. As he learned to turn wood on his own lathe in the basement at home, he decided to use the very best product he could create to raise funds at the HPCA auction last year. Joseph’s two beautiful wood-turned ink pens brought in $600 and demonstrated to Joseph the quality of his work and what he could do.

Since then, Joseph has continued to expand his skill in woodworking. Recently, he has had the opportunity to create family keepsakes from unusual materials. A broken piece from an antique chest, which had been in the family for four generations, was turned into a beautiful pen. A remnant from a cherished grandpa’s old barn was turned into matching pens for his grandchildren. His latest projects, segmented bowls and toy tops, involve piecing together different kinds of wood to create interesting designs, before turning them into the finished piece.

He enjoys woodworking because it’s fun. He takes raw material, like a piece of firewood or discarded scraps, and turns them into something useful. It takes great skill and vision to see beauty in the things that others discard and then bring new life and usefulness to them!

Rachel Norris, Junior

Rachel is a lifer at HPCA, beginning with the preschool program when she was 2 years old. Her parents are Randy and Angela Norris. She has 3 brothers: Logan (Class of 2013 – US Marine), David (Class of 2015 – NC State), and Landon (9th grade). Last year, she received the Barnabas Award in her grade for Christian Character and a Christian Service award. She is also a Student Council representative for the junior class, a member of the Interact Club, Beta Club, and International Club. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, photography, and working. She works in the After School Program at HPCA and a local business The Mad Platter.

Rachel was chosen to be a Teen Correspondent for the Lexington Dispatch newspaper this year. One of her articles is about her oldest brother. Logan is a United States Marine and she is proud of him and his service. Read the article.

In 2014, she went on a mission trip for two weeks to Uganda with her mom. Rachel is also very active in her youth group at Greenwood Baptist Church in Thomasville.
The HPCA Jazz Band performed at the 5th Annual Community Christmas Celebration at High Point University.

**Triad High School Art Exhibition**

Theatre Art Galleries (TAG) is extending their gallery to high schools throughout the Triad by offering students the opportunity to display their works in the Kaleidoscope Youth Gallery. The **Opening Reception is Friday, January 22nd, from 5:30pm-7:30pm**, and is free and open to the public. The display remains open until April 6th.

**HPCA Student Participants**
Olivia An, Allie Cole, Lauren Fenske, Hannah Gregory, Caroline Harris, Pryce Martin, Jackson Scott, Hannah Severs, Abbey Welch, and Rebeca Witten.

The **Children of the World International Choir** performed at HPCA on their Rescue Tour. This group of talented children bring a compelling story about their lives and when the tour is complete they return to their villages, hopefully having bettered the village conditions through their efforts. This is the 3rd time the group has included HPCA on their tour and the program was incredible!

**TK-6 Art Teacher Abby Lewallen** entered artwork from HCPA students into the HPU Draw Like a Panther contest. HPCA took 4 of the top 13 overall spots from hundreds of entries across the Triad. Overall Winners received family tickets to a men’s basketball game, a framed award of their artwork, and recognition at halftime. Two of our HPCA student-artists were able to attend over the Christmas break but a huge congratulations goes out to all four students: **Avery Patterson, Kindergarten; Anna Lewis, 1st grade; Catie McDonald, 4th grade; Georgia Dorn, 5th grade.** All HPCA students completed an entry in art class and received vouchers for 2 tickets to an HPU Men’s basketball game.
The High Point Christian Athletic Hall of Fame Committee inducted five former student-athletes in the inaugural Hall of Fame on January 9, 2016. As a group, this first class of inductees has been awarded Conference Player of the Year 12 times, All-State 18 times, and All-Conference 24 times. Read about their accomplishments and view a slideshow.

The inductees were introduced at halftime of the Varsity Boy’s Basketball game vs Greensboro Day at Guilford College on Friday, January 8, 2016. A banquet was held the following day, highlighting their athletic achievements while at HPCA. Former coaches, parents, and school board members went down memory lane and applauded their accomplishments.

John Eger 2007
Troy Spencer 2007
Will Ashby 2009
Conner Scarborough 2009
Bethany Gesell 2011

McDonald’s has announced the high school seniors who have been nominated to play in the 2016 McDonald’s All American Games. This year’s list includes players from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Eight players were nominated from North Carolina and three are from HPCA! Congratulations to Ben Robertson, Edrice Adebayo, and Ty Graves. The final roster to play in the 2016 Games will be announced during the McDonald’s All American Games Selection Show on ESPNU, airing Sunday, January 17th.

Chantz Sawyers, Junior
Indoor Track
NC Runners Holiday Invitational
3rd in 300 Meters (35.73) - #1 Junior in NC
NC United Youth meet
#1 for 400m (49.52)
Earned invitation to the David Oliver Classic held in Winston-Salem in February.

HPCA Football Championship named Top Local Sports Story of 2015 by the High Point Enterprise newspaper.

Varsity Girls Basketball team serving at the Hall of Fame banquet
Taylor Light (2011) is pursuing a PHD and was recently accepted into NC State Chemistry PhD, Ohio State (Biophysics PhD), and Univ of CO, Denver.

His paper, “Hofmeister ion-induced changes in water structure correlate with changes in solvation of an aggregated protein complex” is being published in a journal called Langmuir.

He is hoping to do future research for Alzheimer’s disease!

Preschool enjoyed several fun activities prior to our Christmas break.

The four-year-olds participated with the HPCA elementary students in the Christmas production, which is a big highlight for preschool. The students made cookies to share with some of our local firemen and also Officer Evelyn. The four-year-olds visited the elementary building and sang Christmas carols. They also participated in a field trip to HP Gymnastics and expended all of that bundled-up winter energy.

Students enjoyed a special chapel time with Pastor Josh as he challenged them to use their gifts every day for God. We look forward to our chapel time each month. Several of the classes talked about Jesus and how he grew and lived. The students ate some of the same food Jesus did and talked about where He lived.

We welcome several new students and their families this month. We are thankful they have chosen HPCA Preschool.