

December Newsletter

Dear HCA families,

Merry Christmas! There have been so many exciting events since the start of school in August and there are more to come. The HCA board has been meeting, planning, and working hard to make this initial year a great one.

We had an amazing turnout for the Fall Harvest Festival in October and were able to raise approximately \$5000 for the school. Planning is already underway for next year – October 24, 2020. We have some very dedicated parents/board members that are stepping up to help make it a success again. Jennifer Shaffer will be taking care of vendors, and contracts should go out in April 2020. If you or if you know of anyone that might want to have a table, please contact her at jshaffer@hersheychristianacademy.org. Debbie Hoffer and Cathleen Adams will be heading up the food for next year. If you have the knowledge or are interested in helping, please contact Debbie at flwrladydH@aol.com or Cathleen at Cathleen.a.adams@gmail.com. We are still in need of someone to head up the games for next year, so please let us know if this is something that God is calling you to do!

Our next big event is our first annual Legacy of Light Gala happening at the end of March 2020 (exact date to come in the January newsletter) at the Hershey Country Club. Our goal is to raise approximately \$100,000 through corporate sponsors, friends of the school, and an auction the night of the event. The money raised will close the rest of the gap in our budget this year, provide a scholarship fund for next year, and help to expand our educational program. We are working on entertainment that you don't want to miss! If you have the expertise or have always wanted to pull off an event like this, please contact Jennifer Shaffer at jshaffer@hersheychristianacademy.org. If you have mad networking skills or someone has said that you can sell ice to an Eskimo, then contact Erin Brown at oliveyou@msn.com to help with the auction items.

Other events that we are working on is a Community Night at a restaurant in January 2020 and a night of dancing around Valentine's Day at PA Dance Sport. More details to come in the near future.

Did you know that if you have a student at HCA, then you are part of the Parent Association? The Parent Association is the parents' voice of the school. It also allows the board to be transparent in our finances, goals for the school, etc. Our next Parent Association Meeting will be January 9, 2020 at 6:30pm. Agenda for the meeting will be sent out in the January newsletter.

Also, the HCA Board of Directors meets every 3rd Monday of the month at the school. Starting in January, if you would like to be present at the meetings, you may. If you would like to address the board at the meeting, please email me at kmurray@hersheychristianacademy.org no less than 1 week prior to the meeting to be put on the agenda.

Lastly, in this crazy season of present buying, cookie baking, and social events, let's not forget the real reason that we celebrate Christmas: the birth of the Savior. He came not to the most influential parents in the world, or the wisest, or even in a hotel that night. He came to teenage parents in a stable with the animals.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke 2:11-12

May your Christmas Season be filled with the most humble and quiet of moments.

Kylie Murray
HCA Board Chair