

Academics in a caring fun-filled school!

Creative learning and strong

Honoring God through



Celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness

Love God, love kids, love learning!

Dearest friends and family of HCA,

Happy 25th Birthday HCA!

If you are like me, you like to celebrate. My favorite time to rejoice in God's many blessings is when I am around friends and family, and everyone is close to home. That's why I am so excited to celebrate 25 years of HCA:

- * a facility that is always filled with dynamic young people bursting with energy and creativity;
- * a school stocked with a dedicated and caring faculty, teaching with a focus on a Biblical worldview;
- * a home to fantastic event days, like The Chicago World's Fair, Africa Day, or even the Greek Olympics;
- * an academy where students follow the travels of Jesus in the classroom, and the path of pilgrims can be traced by their feet;
- * a place where children are safe, wanted, and loved!

*Psalms 47:1
Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God
with loud songs of joy!*

God is pleased when we take time to remember his good works toward us. *On June 1, 2019 HCA will be hosting a 25th Birthday Party!* As we celebrate this huge anniversary for the school, it is important to recognize that it is *God's* works at the school that we are talking about. To make sure we keep that focus, *there will be no major spring fundraising event* which might split our attention.

Even as we reflect on the many joys received through HCA, there are still many opportunities to share your own blessings. There is no shortage of exciting and enriching programs that still need to be funded, to round out the unique education provided for all students. As many as *38% of families* attending the school still require financial assistance. While there are *no 5K or banquet events scheduled for this spring*, we can all still show financial support through this annual fundraising appeal.

*Joshua 4:20-23
And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over."*

I count my time at HCA as a parent, volunteer, part time staff member, and now as a School Committee member, as some of the most spiritually rewarding experiences of my life. I sincerely hope you don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of this big year. I want you involved, not just because the school can use the help. It can, and always will! I want you to get involved because I feel it will be a great experience for you. God doesn't ask us to be generous for his benefit. He does it for ours.

Giving is literally worship. So please:

- * actively remember your HCA family in your daily prayers;
- * volunteer, help out, and get involved;
- * and give! Give generously as God leads you and you are able.

Make this anniversary a very special year. To make a donation, you may use the enclosed envelope and pledge/donation card, or visit our online giving page at www.holdenchristianacademy.org/support to make a donation through PayPal. An alumni asked how he could make a donation to HCA as part of his monthly giving, as an automatic withdrawal from his account. If this idea intrigues you too, you can find information about how to do this at our online giving page.

Celebrate the last 25 years and help kick off the next 25 years!

Sincerely,
Matthew Leahy for the HCA School Committee

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."