

Dear HPFS families,

I hope 2024 has started off well for everyone, and I wish you all the very best of health, happiness, and peace.

I am excited to share an update with you all regarding the search for our next Head of School. The Search Committee has been working closely with the consulting firm, The Education Group, and we are fortunate to have several highly qualified candidates, each with different career paths, experiences, and strengths, applying for this position. After an extensive and thorough process, including multiple rounds of interviews, we have invited three finalists to visit our campus for a full day to meet with all our constituents and experience a day in the life of High Point Friends School.

Visits have been scheduled on Wednesday, January 17, Monday, January 22, and Wednesday, January 24. We will send a reminder the day before the visit with a brief bio of the candidate. We are inviting parents to gather in the media center at 8:30am to meet with the candidates, hear a bit about each of them, and ask questions that are important to you.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us during these sessions. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of your children's journeys. We look forward to building and growing our future together!

Kaye Bonnick Chair of the HOS Search Committee Clerk (Chair) of HPFS Board of Trustees

# HIGH POINT FRIENDS SCHOOL

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#### What sets us apart?

At HPFS we welcome broadly and difference is viewed as an advantage in a child's education. We do NOT inculcate a particular set of religious beliefs; instead, we challenge students to grow intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. As a Friends School, we value the inherent worth and potential of every individual! We encourage students to express their ideas, beliefs, and solutions freely, and expect them to listen respectfully to the perspectives and experiences of others.

#### A PRIVATE SCHOOL with a PUBLIC PURPOSE! NEW MISSION - NEW VISION - NEW EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

>> We create scholars who think critically and solve problems, not just at school, but in our world.

- We cultivate a community that is welcoming and inclusive of people from all backgrounds, perspectives and experiences.
- >> We develop servant leaders who are civically engaged and loving of their neighbors.



JOIN us for a SUPER TOUR and overview of what's NEW at HPFS! November 14 December 12 December 12 How January 18 February 15 8:45am - 9:45am

# creating scholars cultivating community developing servant leaders

### Don't miss out on the Opportunity Scholarship for your student! We will be offering an information/help to apply session during the month of February. More specific info on a date and time to come soon! If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Karen Holt at kholt@hpfs.org.

## OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Opportunity Scholarship program was created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013. Scholarships are awarded based on a family's household income and can be used to pay the required tuition and fees to attend an eligible private school.



ARE YOU READY TO BE PART OF HIGH POINT FRIENDS SCHOOL?

When Can I Apply for the Opportunity Scholarship? February 1 – March 1, 2024

#### Who Can Apply?

Parents of any North Carolina student entering kindergarten through 12th grade.

#### What are the eligibility requirements?

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship:

At least 5 years old by August 31 or at least 4 years old by April 16 and approved for Kindergarten according to State guidelines. Lives in North Carolina. Has not graduated from high school. Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time. Note: Scholarship amount is determined by household income.

#### How Much is the Scholarship?

Scholarships range from approximately \$3,000 to \$7,000 and are based on a family's household income. Scholarships can be used to pay the required tuition and fees to attend an eligible private school. Families may be responsible for other specific fees

charged by a school.

#### Here are important links to help:

<u>k12/opportunity/how-to-apply-for-the-opportunity-</u> <u>scholarship//k12/opportunity/</u>

https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/k12-forms-resources/







In partnership with West End Ministries, High Point Friends School will be collecting donations for West End Ministries' Leslie's House and their Winter Women's Shelter. Leslie's House mission is to provide a safe haven for homeless women (ages 18 and older without dependents). They provide respite and encouragement towards good choices which aid the women in creating a positive and self-sufficient life. The goal of the Winter Women's Shelter is to offer a safe, warm, loving and helpful place to sleep and receive nutrition, encouragement and case management. The women are given a clean bed, three meals and care. We will be collecting items needed for those in the care of West End Ministries.

We are excited that our 8th graders will also be volunteering each week assisting at their Food Pantry both sorting food donations and handing out to families in need.

#### YOU CAN SEND :

LAUNDRY DETERGENT PLASTIC SANDWICH BAGS COFFEE AND COFFEE CREAMER BREAKFAST BARS CUP OF NOODLES SNACK SIZE JUICE NABS SALAD DRESSING

NEW OR GENTLY USED - TENNIS SHOES/SWEATPANTS/SWEATSHI NEW - WOMEN'S SOCKS/UNDERWEAR/SPORTS BRAS

# DONATION BOXES WILL BE AT ALL STUDENT DROP OFF LOCATIONS

<u>www.hpfs.org</u>

http://wemhp.org

Women's Winter Shelter

WINTER PROJECT

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eslie's House

Hoping your holidays were joyful and you made wonderful memories! Thank you for being a part of our celebrations. Enjoy some of our photo memories.

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# HPFS PRESENTS











































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As we step back into the rhythm of school after a rejuvenating break, January presents its own set of challenges. Getting back into the swing of the HPFS routine might be a bit tricky for some students, but with the support of parents, we can help them navigate this transition. I have confidence that all our students will persevere, even in the face of these initial struggles. Academic hurdles may tempt some to throw in the towel early on, but it's our collective duty to provide encouragement, especially during the toughest times. Beyond overcoming academic challenges, let's also challenge ourselves to be a little kinder, more respectful, and grateful – traits we've been fostering throughout the year. This month's Terry Talk serves as a refresher on our core values, which undoubtedly contribute to making each of us a better human being. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. You can drop me an email at taiken@hpfs.org or give me a call at 336-886-5516.

Now, let's delve into the Quaker Testimonies, often summed up with the acronym SPICES, which outlines our core values here at HPFS.

Simplicity: Striving for better things should not overshadow the importance of being good people. Let's not let the pursuit of material possessions hinder our personal growth.

Peace: War and violence don't resolve disagreements; they only bring suffering. Quakers advocate for settling conflicts without resorting to weapons or hurtful words, fostering skills of non-violent conflict resolution in our students.

Integrity: Being truthful and consistently doing a good job are paramount. Our commitment involves saying what we mean and meaning what we say.

Community: Being good neighbors and lending a helping hand to those around us is vital. Building a strong community comes in various forms, including enjoying good times together.

Equality: Recognizing the divine in everyone, Quakers uphold the belief that everyone is created equal. This means respecting human rights and treating others with fairness and kindness.

Stewardship: Living with simplicity and integrity extends to taking care of what we own and use. This includes our responsibility to care for the Earth and leave it in a better state for future generations.

Remember, character is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Let's continue fostering these values and making our school community a place where everyone can thrive.

# **GET YOUR HPFS MERCH NOW!**





 FFC GENERAL MEETING- FRIDAY 1/12/24 @ 8:30 AM IN THE DINING HALL- ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME!
 VALENTINES DAY & ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES
 MRS. PUMPKIN'S POT PIE FUNDRAISER
 SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR
 60TH CELEBRATION PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR FFC AND TO THE SCHOOL IN GENERAL! WE TRULY HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AT THE NEXT
 MEETING. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT AND HAVE IDEAS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US! <u>FFC@HPFS.ORG</u>



### JANUARY

1/12 FFC Meeting, 8:30am 1/15 Martin Luther King Day - No School 1/17 Meet the Head of School Candidate, 8:30am Media Center 1/18 SUPER TOUR 8:45am 1/18 Home Volleyball Game, 4:15 1/19 Early Dismissal All Students/Afternoon Teacher Workday 11:30am 1/22 Meet the Head of School Candidate, 8:30am Media Center 1/23 Home Volleyball Game, 4:15 1/24 Meet the Head of School Candidate, 8:30am Media Center 1/25 Home Volleyball Game, 4:15 1/26 Report Cards 1/30 Volleyball Game @ Noble Academy, 4:15

### FEBRUARY

February 1 - March 1 - Apply for Opportunity Scholarship
2/2 All School Meeting, 9:00am
2/16 - Early Release Day for all students, 11:30am
2/19 Presidents Day, No School for All Students/Staff