# Tidings of Peace Christian School



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Since 2018 we have been a part of the Tidings of Peace family. My children have been able to embody our family beliefs in God and treat others as we would like to be treated. Tidings of Peace School is a community where we feel treated fairly and with love. This makes it easier to send our children to an environment to not only learn and laugh and play, but live a life like Christ. My husband and I believe that how you treat others is very important and it is a core value in raising our family. So to. . . have a school of this caliber is a beautiful bonus.

The way I feel about my school is that the teachers are polite people, the environment is peaceful and I enjoy learning lots of new things. I especially appreciate the way that I am taught to be global in my perspective. I'm taught to treat others as I want to be treated, be kind, and love others as God loves us. In the past I've had quite a few challenges with being focused because of the amount of fun and jokes my friends and I experienced. But now that has gotten much better because the desks have been rearranged in a way we can get things done. It makes me happy to know my parents are proud of me.

Jesus said whoever wants to be great must be a servant. Not only did He say that, He lived it. Ultimately He served us in the greatest way possible by giving His life for us. It is an incredible example for us to follow. One of the things that we have because of what Christ did for us is hope. I think there is a lesson here. A true servant will spread hope everywhere he or she goes through their words and actions. Our school's mission is to give hope for a brighter future through Christian education. A big piece of accomplishing this is serving well and I want to thank all (patrons, staff, and students) within our school community for how this is done. And thank you to our generous supporters who make it possible for us to have this school community.

### Greetings,

As we anticipate a new year and reflect on the past year, we want to update you on what God is accomplishing in the city of York through Tidings of Peace Christian School. We appreciate your support, prayers, and interest in this ministry. Because of you, we can serve families in York by offering hope through Christian education. TOPCS is in the second school year of the newly remodeled building. We are thankful to God and very appreciative of those who contributed time and resources to make this a reality. The potential at TOPCS for the Kingdom of God is incredible. The ruler of the kingdom of darkness is also aware of the potential and is waging a spiritual war to bring discouragement, distraction, and difficulty. Growing pains, relational challenges, misunderstandings, program readjustments, student challenges, ongoing operating deficits, and subsequent budget cuts all pile up to form an overwhelming mountain. But we are not surrendering after witnessing the supernatural hand of God in the past —being assured He will show Himself strong in the future. We are convinced that God is bigger than

any mountain, and we praise Him for the determination of the staff, the administration, and the School Board to stay the course.. Recently, the school applied for 501(c)(3) status. It usually takes a few months for the review and approval process. We applied as an integrated auxiliary of the traditional Anabaptist church constituency in PA and surrounding states.

Over the years, we have moved from a sole administrator-type structure to an admin team. The staff and support team has also increased in numbers. The school board has been gradually transitioning from a founding-type board to a standard governing-type board to provide strong leadership to the organization. Our vision includes continuing the work and vision of Brother Clayton in coming alongside families in need of hope and assisting parents in their God-given responsibility of raising children. The primary emphasis is to provide Christ-centered education to children in the city of York and an opportunity for community involvement in the program and activities of the school.

Mentoring is essential as we endeavor to integrate it with the academic program and provide connections outside of school hours with caring and concerned individuals. Providing valuable life and vocational skills is a goal that will offer exceptional opportunities for the students. The Hope Tech program is still in the works for the future as God provides resources for the facility. Please join us in prayer that God will "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Academics is a platform to influence young lives for Jesus. Worthy examples and role models who are dedicated and embrace biblical values are valuable assets in the school setting. TOPCS is incredibly blessed to have staff with high values who facilitate a teaching environment harmonizing love and structure for the students. Our goal is to continue upholding Anabaptist values. The all things of the Great Commission will continue to be taught and promoted

It is all about the children! Jesus took an interest in children, and we desire to do

the same—for of such is the Kingdom of God. The secret of Jesus' vision, mission, and work schedule was seeking the Father's instructions and the strength to follow them. Likewise, we must pursue our Father's vision and instructions for the school with the ultimate goal of bringing Him glory.

The following quote from George Muller is an outstanding vision that can be applied to TOPCS. "When I began the Orphan work in 1835, my chief object was the glory of God, by giving a practical demonstration as to what could be accomplished simply through the instrumentality of prayer and faith, in order thus to benefit the Church at large, and to lead a careless world to see the reality of the things of God, by showing them in this work, that the living God is still, as 4000 years ago, the living God." (georgemuller.org)

Thank you for joining us in the work of God for His glory at TOPCS!

The TOPCS Board

After a full school year of waiting, we are praising God for our occupancy permit and for the fact that the city allowed us to operate with a temporary occupancy permit for so long!



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 (NIV)

Please join us in praying against the power of the thief and for the fullness of life that comes in Christ, for our students, their families and our team.

Also please pray for greater kingdom impact through the newly formed Urban Educator's Collective. Learn more at: uecollective.org









Thanks to your giving so far this fiscal year, this is our financial situation as of: 12.31.2022

We are praying for more individuals to agree to sign up as Vision Success Partners. If you choose to be one of them, we will be most grateful



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for 35 people to find 35 people to give \$35/month

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## Serve

If you have experience working in learning support, we'd love to have you volunteer to help us, help our students succeed.



As many of you are aware, Tidings of Peace Christian School has navigated a number of significant changes in the last couple of years. We are grateful for God's leading in the past and look forward to being led by Him in the future. Mr. Austin Shenk began the 2022-2023 school year as Interim Head of School, with the intent of clarifying his role and future involvement at TOPCS. He is planning to finish serving at TOPCS at the end of this school year. We wish God's blessing on Austin and his family as they move on from serving at TOPCS. We are thankful for the many hours they have invested in the school!

#### **Our Mission:**

Giving hope for a brighter future through Christian education.

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## 2022—2023 Monthly Prayer Calendar

Pray each day of the month for the students and staff assigned to the number for that day.



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Reggie







Alexia



































































**Jordana** 















Rickelson







**Jeremy** 























Cook



Assistant Cook







Bookkeeper



Mr. Zephaniah

Volunteer

Ms. Maria Volunteer

**Brian and Elaine Miller** Staff Care Couple

We are looking for **Learning Support** Volunteer(s)

contact us at mail@tidingsofpeace.org or (717) 843-4562 if you are interested



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