

September 2009

Welcome CA New Families,

It was so great to be able to meet so many of you either at the LS Popsicle Party or the New Family Orientation this August. This is a time of excitement for you and your children and I am hopeful this letter will help you as you transition into our school community.

Our Parents' Association of Columbus Academy (PACA) invites everyone to get involved to become part of our community. There are different levels of volunteers at CA. Each division has many opportunities to volunteer. Each division has Head Parents. These parent volunteers organize a group of **grade-specific** parents who will help to organize community-building activities for each grade with the help of **Room Parents** in Lower School and **Advisory Parents** in Middle and Upper School. You have probably already received a welcoming call from your Grade Parent, and you will be receiving an e-mail from your Room Parent or Advisory Parent soon. They will introduce themselves to you, so please feel free to e-mail them or call them with any questions you may have now or in the future.

Columbus Academy's Viking Voice e-newsletter highlights current events at CA every other Wednesday during the school year if you provided CA with an e-mail address. Please make every effort to read the Viking Voice. Resources for parents can also be accessed at <http://www.columbusacademy.org/parents/resources.aspx> to provide answers to your questions.

Friday night football games are a great way for all students – PreK to 12<sup>th</sup> grade – to watch the game, meet and play with their friends on the track or playground, and for parents, old and new, to visit and watch the Vikes play football. CA serves pizza and popcorn and other yummy treats so bring your whole family for a fun-filled night! Home games begin at 7:30 p.m. and are on 9/11, 9/17, 10/2 and 10/23.

For spirit wear and other gear, please visit the Viking Corner link at the CA website, go to the Viking Corner store in the Dining Hall M-F from 7:30-8:30 a.m. or 2:30-3:30 p.m., or find the Viking Corner selling items by the food tent at most football games. There are a few gently used spirit wear items available for free in the Academy Clothing Exchange Closet located on the bottom floor of the Middle School down the hall from the nurse's office.

I want to personally invite you to our **first PACA meeting on September 15 at 8 a.m.** in the Dining Hall. I will be there with Tonia Irion, CA's 2009-2010 New Parent Liaison, to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. Each month, this PACA meeting will feature a topic of discussion plus updates from our committee members. This month, we will hear from Dominic Facciolla, our Athletic Director at CA. The dates of all the PACA meetings and other important PACA information is located at [www.vikingparents.wordpress.com](http://www.vikingparents.wordpress.com).

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email Tonia Irion at [tonia.irion@e-cycle.com](mailto:tonia.irion@e-cycle.com).

Sincerely,

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