

## 2012 PACA Parent Education Program

The PACA Parent Education Committee is proud to present its program for the second half of the 2011-2012 school year. We would also like to thank those parents and educators who supported our events during the first semester. I think we can all agree that Paula Mirk's presentation and the follow-up division coffee discussions led by Tim Leet have raised our awareness of the importance of Ethical Fitness and the challenges associated with it.

From January through May, we will continue our focus on ethics and character with two featured speakers: Norman Shub, Clinical Director of the Gestalt Institute, and Laura Gauld, Head of the Hyde School. Both speakers will build on the foundation of our learning in the first semester and provide very specific and practical tips that you can immediately put to work in your own home.

Division-specific coffees will follow both of our featured speakers and we would encourage you to attend these even if you miss the program. It is a great way to connect with and learn from your fellow CA parents. We always find these sessions enlightening and energizing.

In February, a fun "tweeting and blogging" workshop for parents will be offered. This program will be led by Stacy Nockowitz, Middle School librarian, and Julie Simmons, Lower School teacher. Sign up early as participation is limited!

We encourage you to take advantage of all these great programs! And please feel free to contact one of us with suggestions, comments or ideas for future parent education speakers. Yes, we are already working on 2012-2013!

Sincerely,

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**May:**  
**2nd 8:00 am - PACA Annual Meeting and Year End Celebration!**  
For: All Columbus Academy Parents  
Location: Dining Hall

## Columbus Academy Parent Education Mission Statement

The Columbus Academy Parent Education Program is designed to provide tools and information to parents that enable them to fully support the teachers and administration as they foster qualities of character, citizenship and intellectual development in our students. We believe that informed parents who work collaboratively with teachers and administration in an environment of trust and mutual respect are the most effective and involved school partners.

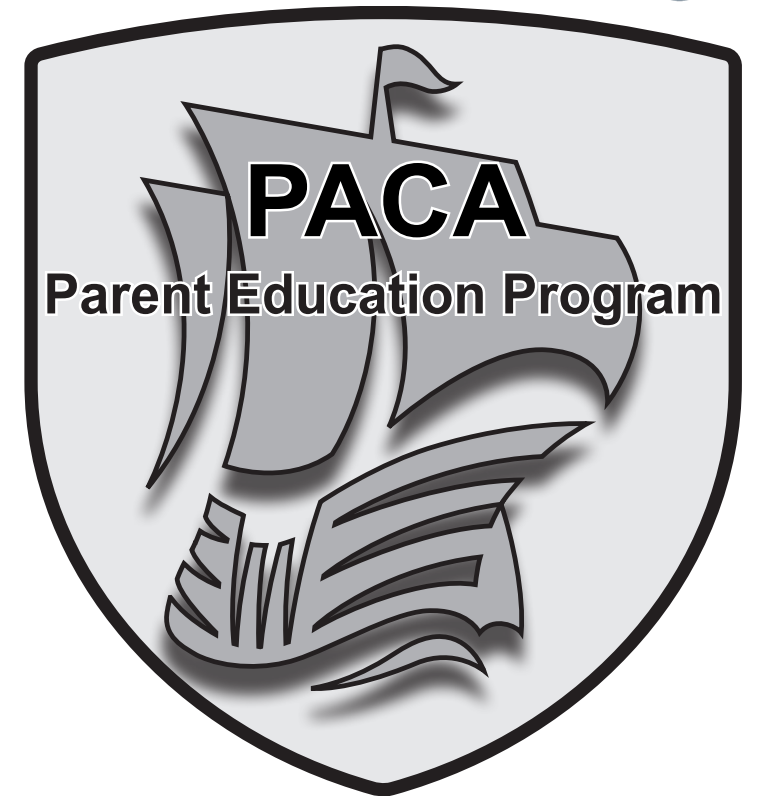
### Parent S.E.E.D. Program: (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity)

The monthly 2-hour S.E.E.D. meetings will be offered in the morning, afternoon and evening on the following dates:

**Wed., Jan. 11    Thu., Mar. 1**  
**Thu., Feb. 9    Tue., Apr. 10**  
**Tue., May 8**

Please contact facilitator:  
Joyce Simson with questions (jrs@ix.netcom.com)

# Columbus Academy



## January - May 2012

# PACA Parent Education Programs

## January:

**6th 8:00 am - PACA Meeting**  
For: All Columbus Academy Parents  
Location: Dining Hall

Co-hosted with MOSAIC, this meeting will focus on Diversity & Inclusion at Academy.

## Norman Shub Clinical Director, Gestalt Institute

*"Beyond Right and Wrong:  
How to Help your Children  
Make Tough Choices"*



Mr. Shub will discuss what impacts character development in children and the importance of parents in that process. He will give parents pointers on how to raise children who are a reflection of their values.

Mr. Shub, author, teacher, and psychotherapist, has worked around the globe. He is a dynamic presenter who is particularly gifted in bringing the audience into the learning process.

This program is being offered twice to accommodate the schedules of all parents:

**17th 8:00-9:30 am**  
For: All Parents  
Location: The Westwater Room  
(in the Dining Hall)  
Sponsored by the Walter Family

**18th 7:00-8:30 pm**  
For: All Parents  
Location: The Theatre Lobby  
Sponsored by the Walter Family

**24th 8:00 am - Upper & Middle School Parent Coffee**  
Hosted by: Shane MacElhiney and Karla Long  
Location: Dining Hall

This coffee will allow parents the opportunity to discuss the key messages from Norman Shub's presentation as they relate to Upper and Middle School children. Attendance at the January 17th or 18th program is not necessary to attend.

**26th 8:00 am - Lower School Parent Coffee**  
Hosted by: Dan Vorenberg  
Location: Dining Hall

This coffee will allow parents the opportunity to discuss the key messages from Norman Shub's presentation as they relate to Lower School children. Attendance at the January 17th or 18th program is not necessary to attend.

## February:

**15th 8:00-9:00 am - "So You Want to Tweet and Blog!"**  
For: All parents  
Presenters: Stacy Nockowitz, MS Head Librarian  
and Julie Simmons, LS Teacher  
Location: Middle School Library

Ms. Nockowitz and Ms. Simmons will take parents through a hands-on session where they can learn the basics of tweeting and blogging. Limit 20 participants. RSVP: [SSL4scoop@columbus.rr.com](mailto:SSL4scoop@columbus.rr.com) to reserve your spot. Bring your own laptop or one will be provided.

## March:

**7th 8:00 am - PACA Meeting**  
For: All Columbus Academy Parents  
Location: Dining Hall

This morning will feature members of the Columbus Academy Board of Trustees.

## April:

## Laura D. Gauld Head of School, Hyde School



*"The Biggest Job We'll Ever Have"*

This workshop, praised for its high-energy and humorous approach, focuses on 10 Priorities outlined in the parenting book, *The Biggest Job We'll Ever Have*, which Ms. Gauld co-wrote with her husband. The workshop addresses the common pitfalls of parenting, what works, what doesn't, and how shifting focus from the child to the child's attitude, character, and full potential can result in a win-win for the entire family.

With 28 years of experience, Laura Gauld has earned a national reputation as a top motivational speaker on parenting, family dynamics, and character education.

**4th 8:15-9:45 am**  
For: All parents  
Location: The Barton Room

**12th 8:00 am - Lower School Parent Coffee**  
Hosted by: Dan Vorenberg in Dining Hall  
This coffee will allow parents the opportunity to discuss the key messages from Laura Gauld's workshop as they relate to Lower School children.

**16th 8:00am - Middle School Parent Coffee**  
Hosted by: Karla Long in Dining Hall  
This coffee will allow parents the opportunity to discuss the key messages from Laura Gauld's workshop as they relate to Middle School children.

**19th 8:00 am - Upper School Parent Coffee**  
Hosted by: Shane MacElhiney in Dining Hall  
This coffee will allow parents the opportunity to discuss the key messages from Laura Gauld's workshop as they relate to Upper School students.

\*Attendance at the April 4th program is not necessary to attend.