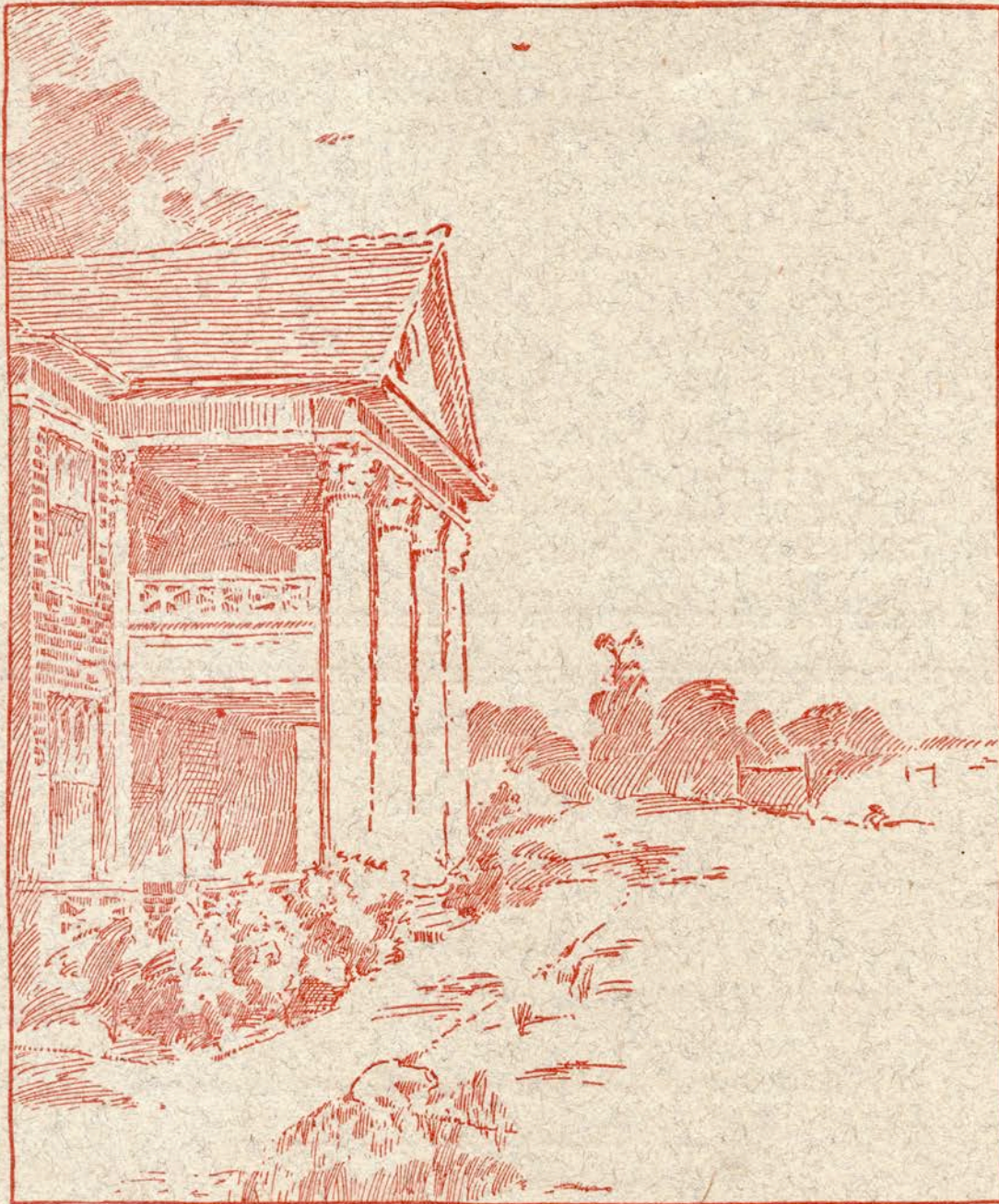


SCHOOL AND FIELD



2024-25 ■ SCHOOL YEAR

COLUMBUS ACADEMY

Dear Columbus Academy Families,

Welcome to the 3rd edition School and Field Guide – a nod to the past (see description below) and a script for the present – which helps us continue the work of building community among parents, students, faculty and staff that we rely on so much throughout the year.

Inside is both a directory of school families and an insider's guide to life at Columbus Academy – including commonly used “CA” terms, daily schedule outlines, and tips about student dropoff and pickup. Starting a new year at school is filled with excitement – but also questions about whom to call and how to reach each other. We hope you enjoy this printed reference for the year ahead.

I can't wait to see each of you at school and in our fields!

Sincerely,

Melissa Soderberg P '18 '20
Head of School



The cover and name are influenced by Columbus Academy's oldest publication, School and Field, which was first published in 1914. Originally developed as a vehicle for creative writing, the original cover of School and Field was designed by one of the most popular teachers at the time, Albert Field. This year's cover is the 1917 issue. School and Field existed until 1935 and, over the years, became a source for school information such as course offerings, tuition rates, sports rosters and other important details for Academy families.

This revitalized School and Field Guide will help educate families across all divisions about Academy traditions, important dates, how to get connected, who to know on campus and much more. We hope this publication provides information needed to help guide families in the Columbus Academy community!



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Our Mission and Core Values

Our Mission

Columbus Academy – an independent, coeducational college preparatory school – enriches its academic tradition of excellence by valuing a broad diversity of students as it seeks to develop the complete person: mind, body and character. The school rewards rigorous effort and accomplishment, fosters compassion, respect and moral courage, and insists on integrity, fair play and community service. Academy strives to develop and sustain a community of thoughtful, responsible, capable and confident citizens eager to engage in a pluralistic and ever-changing world.

Our Core Values

Columbus Academy’s core values are the foundation of what we believe and do as an institution, a community and a school.

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Compassion,
Fairness, Integrity, Moral Courage

Diversity and Inclusion

Columbus Academy believes that diversity, inclusion, equity and justice are essential to the excellence of community, culture and curriculum. We recognize that the pursuit of this excellence requires thoughtful, deliberate and sustained action and that the effort is critical to our educational mission.

*From Columbus Academy’s Statement on Diversity and Inclusion
Approved by Board of Trustees in 2013*



Scan this QR code to
view our complete
Statement on Diversity
and Inclusion



Vikes to Know



Melissa Soderberg
Head of School



Dan Olexio
Assistant Head of
School for Academic
Affairs



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Chief Financial Officer



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Director of Diversity
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Management



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Shaka Arnold
Head of Middle School



Cory Izokaitis
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Counseling



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Programs



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Director of Communications
& Marketing



Heather Livingston
Co-Director of Student
Support Services



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Director of Hiring
& Student Outreach



Dr. Suzanne Ritter
Chair for Student
Support Services;
Co-Director of Student
Support Services



Jason Singleton
Director of Athletics



Patrick Skahan
Director of Admissions



Michelle White
Executive Assistant
to Head of School



Harland Young
Director of Facilities
& Grounds

VIKING

VOCAB

Often-used acronyms, terms and words at Columbus Academy

All Day 4 CA – Our annual day of giving for the entire Columbus Academy community. This spirited online donation event supports the Annual Fund, the school's top fundraising priority, and highlights the important role that philanthropy plays in the daily life of the school.

Allieds – The four 9-week courses every middle-schooler rotates through during the course of each school year.

ASA (After School Activities) – Rotating optional extracurricular after-school options for students through grade 6. Ranging from homework club to external guests, these sessions keep our young Vikings engaged!

Block Schedule – Operates on an A-F day schedule so that classes do not meet at the same time each day.

Business Fair – Interdisciplinary sixth grade project including "Shark Tank" like business proposals.

Campout – Lower school families are invited to enjoy a night of supervised fun with a night hike, s'mores, stories and camping on Academy's campus.

CAPSA (Columbus Academy Parents of South Asia) – Families supporting students who identify with South Asian culture.

CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-control) – Part of an educational framework that guides our lower school students and faculty each day.

Carnival – Every school year ends with an exciting carnival on Hondros Field for lower-schoolers and their families.

Carlin Fields – The western portion of campus that includes tennis courts, a turf field, putting green, multiple grass playing fields and undeveloped land often explored by classes.



CASE (Children's After School Experience) – Our after-care program is open to Academy students up to grade 8. Offered for full quarters or on a drop-in basis. More details at columbusacademy.org/case.

Charlie David Dinner – This year marks the 42nd annual schoolwide tailgate that takes place before a varsity home football game and raises funds for the athletic department. *Hope to see you all on September 6!*

CPA (Chinese Parents' Association) – Families supporting students who identify with Chinese culture.

Clapout – Student-athletes and teams that advance to state finals receive a spirited sendoff from our lower-schoolers, who provide high-fives while chanting: "V-I-K-E-S, let's go Vikes!"

Club Fair – Upon completion of US Service Day, student club and affinity group leaders set up booths for new and returning students to learn about them. Music, food and games bring the event together.

Computer Science Fair – Held in the dining hall, this is an afternoon where US computer science students showcase a year-end game they designed.

The Crane – Our school's outdoor learning classroom located in the woods behind the dining hall is a modern lodge-like structure opened in 2014 that has a 1,200-square-foot interior equipped with an interactive SmartBoard, AppleTV and running water as well as a large patio and fire ring.

Final Bell – Takes place on the last day of classes for the graduating class and culminates in a celebratory gathering of all seniors in the Quad.



FinalForms – Online portal for students' health information.

Fireside – The fireplace-side portion of the dining hall used for numerous gatherings.

First Friday – An upper school tailgate hosted in the Senior Quad prior to our first major Friday night athletic event. Students typically wear white so they can add their own painted Viking pride to their outfits.

Flag of the Week – Each week at lower school assembly, students are shown an unknown flag and tasked with finding its country of origin. Interesting facts are then shared about the country's culture and history.

Flex Period – Class period later in the day that allows middle-schoolers to work independently.

Forest Friday – All students in PreK, kindergarten and first grade head outside each Friday (rain or shine) to explore and learn on our 231-acre campus.



General Tso's – A chicken or tofu dish that is a lunchtime favorite at Academy!

Glen Helen – Fourth-graders head to Glen Helen (just outside Yellow Springs, Ohio) for a three-day, two-night trip exploring and learning about nature along with team-building.

¡HOLA! (Hispanic Outreach and Latino Awareness) – Families supporting their students who identify with Hispanic/Latino culture.

Honorary Chairs – Special recognition for faculty members who demonstrate exceptional responsibility to the school and its mission. There are currently eight honorary chairs, and recipients hold the position for three years.

Hondros Field – Our stadium turf field that students enjoy using during recess time and other breaks during the day. This is also home field for our football, lacrosse and soccer teams, as well as the surrounding track in memory of Mike Marsh.

Honors Assembly – An upper school awards ceremony held in late May to recognize student achievement across academic areas, the arts, athletics and citizenship.

Jack White Activities Day – Activities, competition and fun for middle-schoolers honoring a former athletic director.

Jones Gym – Equipped with six basketball hoops, a full-size court and bleacher-style seating, this court is home to our middle school basketball and volleyball squads and is used extensively for PE classes and other indoor athletic practices.

Junior Speeches – The longest-standing tradition at Columbus Academy. Every Thursday, the Upper School gathers in our Schoedinger Theatre to hear 3-4 juniors deliver original speeches 5-6 minutes in length on an approved topic of choice. Afterwards, the speakers are congratulated in the theatre lobby and then allowed to leave campus for a celebratory lunch with family members.

Kids 4 Kids – Comprised of a variety of drives and grade-wide curricular activities, Academy's annual Kids 4 Kids schoolwide service-learning project provides meals, clothing, toys and household items for more than 30 families as suggested by the Childhood League and Siebert Elementary.

Little Dribblers – Third-graders learn a choreographed routine of ball-handling skills and perform as a group at halftime of multiple school and Ohio State basketball games.

Learning Meadow – Utilizing our grounds to the fullest, the newest outdoor classroom/discussion rings have been planted with native wildflower and tree species.

MakerSpace – Classroom spaces in the Lower and Middle Schools where students can design and create projects using 3D printers, laser cutters, computer-aided design programs and tools.

The Mack – The home court of our upper school basketball and volleyball teams named after Academy's former headmaster John Mackenzie.

MOSAIC (Mobility, Opportunity, Social Equity, Action, and Impact for our Children) – Families who identify as Black and families supporting their Black students.

MySchoolApp – Student information and grade portal that is crucial for all Academy families to use throughout the school year. It is also referred to as Blackbaud, especially in the Upper School.

Naval Battle — Epic pool competition to test sixth-graders' naval ship construction as part of their social studies unit on Ancient Greece.

Nelson — Our Community Dog! Named after the school's original home on Nelson Road, this furry staff member promises to bring school spirit, reduce stress and strengthen camaraderie while providing support for ongoing development of social and emotional skills at all grade levels.



Organ Day — Annual event when the seventh grade hosts parent and alumni doctors and medical professionals who share their knowledge about the human body using real preserved organs.

PACA (Parents' Association of Columbus Academy) — Parents and guardians who organize, volunteer and innovate initiatives on behalf of students and the community. All are encouraged to attend their monthly PACA Connect meetings to learn more about the workings of the school and to get involved.

Parent Book Club — Our Lower School offers several opportunities each year for parents and administrators to meet and discuss books or podcasts related to education and parenting.

Parent Coffees — Monthly opportunities for lower, middle and upper school parents to come and learn more about curricular areas or topics of interest. At the end of the school year, teachers present an overview of the following school year to parents at Rising Grade-Level Coffees.

Peck Greenhouse — Located just north of the dining hall's outdoor patio, the Susan Peck '14 Greenhouse provides Academy students with hands-on learning in environmental sustainability.

Project Linus — Our student Service Board and Latin program work with Project Linus multiple times a year to provide blankets for children who are terminally/chronically ill or have suffered a trauma.

Schoedinger Theatre — named in honor of Paul S. Schoedinger '1916 with gratitude for the schools largest-ever



estate gift, Academy's theatre hosts over 40 events each year including concerts, assemblies, speeches, musicals and more. It features a balcony and seating for approximately 550.

SchoolPass — App used to manage arrival and dismissal for students on Academy's campus.

SeeSaw — To get a glimpse of classroom learning, the SeeSaw App is used in the Lower School to share classroom activities, projects and updates.

SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) — Open to all Academy parents/guardians, SEED supports the school's commitment to making the lives of its families more equitable and inclusive by recognizing, learning and talking about the diversity in our multicultural world. Every voice is welcome at SEED's facilitated monthly meetings.

Senior-Kindergarten Buddies — A favorite tradition at Academy, where kindergartners are paired with seniors to build relationships through monthly activities together.



Senior Lock-In — A special all-night party for seniors hosted on campus by US faculty and staff.

Senior Project — An independent 60-hour project that all seniors must complete between Final Bell and Commencement which challenges students to expand their knowledge, create something, develop a particular skill, research a specific topic or extend a service project.

Service Day — A service-learning opportunity for upper-schoolers early each school year when every advisory group spends the first half of the school day at an assigned local organization assisting efforts and learning about volunteer opportunities. Learn more about our student-led Service Board at columbusacademy.org/serviceboard.

The Shack — The space in front of Room A110 where service information is coordinated for upper school students.

Shakespeare Day — A culminating event for the fifth-graders' study of Shakespeare and Shakespearean times when students present scenes from his plays, learn dances, eat food and participate in other related activities.

Spirit Week — Each division organizes a week when every day has a designated fun clothing theme.

State Championship Flag-Raising Ceremony –

After varsity sports teams or student-athletes win state championships, they are celebrated during a special ceremony and have the opportunity to raise a state championship flag in front of Academy Hall.

State Float Parade – Each second-grader researches a state and then creates a float to represent important facts about that state. Upon completion, students parade through the lower school hallways to share their floats with parents and friends.

Summer Experience – Summer Experience has nine weeks of programming for grades PreK-12 and includes offerings such as sports camps, fine art workshops, cooking classes, performing art opportunities, nature-based exploration and more. More details at columbusacademy.org/summer.

UnitedCA – Leaders from the affinity-alliance groups form a group called UnitedCA. They are charged with planning different programs throughout the school year.

Veterans Day at CA – Special activities throughout the day highlighted by an impactful bell ceremony in the Quad that honors each of the school's graduates as well as current faculty and staff members who have served our country in one of the armed forces.

Vicki & Vlad – Nicknames for our Viking mascots portrayed by upper-schoolers.

Viking Corner – Academy's spiritwear store on campus located in our dining hall with occasional pop-up shops at major school and sporting events.

Viking Rampage – Every fall, Academy families and friends have the opportunity to run through the woods of our campus and a series of obstacles. Come prepared to get muddy and wet!

Walking Feet – Every lower-schooler knows that this is the term we use to ensure students only walk inside classroom buildings.

Wax Museum – A time-honored third grade project involving research of an important figure applying multidisciplinary connections to art, drama and technology as students present about a historical figure.

Zero Period – Elective upper school classes that begin at 7:15 a.m. before the start of the regular school day (examples: Jazz Ensemble, Journalism, Speech & Debate).

Scan the QR codes below to learn more about some of the many traditions at Columbus Academy!

Charlie David Dinner



Junior Speeches



Lower School Campout



Senior-Kindergarten Buddies



Third Grade Wax Museum



Veterans Day at CA





Get Connected

Viking Voice

The Viking Voice is an e-newsletter sent to all parents/guardian each month. It is the **main source** of communication about what is happening at Columbus Academy including schoolwide updates, calendar reminders, news and accomplishments.

MySchoolApp

MySchoolApp is a password-protected portal for parents, students, faculty and staff. Academy families use MySchoolApp to **access directory information, attendance, report cards/academic records, schedules** and more.

MySchoolApp is also the platform through which all teachers and school divisions host classroom pages, test calendars and important information for students. Families should regularly update their contact and address information in their profiles when there are any changes. Please note, the directory – which includes the contact information for all students, families, faculty and staff – is for **school use only** and is not to be used for solicitation or any other purpose.



Scan above to
access MySchoolApp

All-School and Divisional Emails

Families will also receive regular communications from their respective division offices in addition to messages from teachers as well as room and grade parent volunteers of the Parents' /Guardians' Association of Columbus Academy (PACA).

ColumbusAcademy.org

Our website contains public information about school activities, events and news. Families who are already enrolled at Academy should bookmark the Family Resources Page at columbusacademy.org/parents, which includes links to material pertinent to current students, parents and guardians.



Emergency Notifications

Emergency notifications are sent out via email, text message and phone calls for school closures, unscheduled delays and other all-school notifications that may be time sensitive. Please note this information may also be posted at columbusacademy.org/info and on our social media as appropriate to the situation.

School Publications

Academy's school magazine, THRIVE, is a robust publication put out twice a year. The publication includes feature stories as well as campus and alumni news. A digital version of the most recent issue can be viewed by visiting columbusacademy.org/magazine, and past issues can be seen in the Publications section on columbusacademy.org/parents.



Social Media

Scan the QR codes below to stay connected to all that is happening at Academy by following @ColumbusAcademy on Flickr, Instagram, LinkedIn, Threads and YouTube. Also follow @AcademyVikings for coverage of Viking athletics.



Note: these are the only official social media accounts for Columbus Academy and all other ones are not school-affiliated and are often controlled by students for club- or team-related content.





Helpful Contacts

Emailing Faculty and Staff

Because our faculty move around campus much of the day, most classroom teachers do not have a dedicated landline. The quickest way to reach faculty and staff is via email using the following format: LastNameFirstInitial@columbusacademy.org (example: SmithS@columbusacademy.org).

Main Line - Academy Hall

(614) 475-2311

Administrative Offices

Admissions Office: (614) 509-2220

Athletics Office: (614) 509-2253

Business Office: (614) 509-2229

Nurses' Office: (614) 509-2234

Divisional Offices

Lower School: (614) 509-2258

Middle School: (614) 509-2264

Upper School: (614) 509-2281

After-School Care (CASE)

Lower School CASE: (614) 509-2240

Middle School CASE: (614) 509-2298

Security

(614) 394-3403

Viking Corner Store

(614) 509-2557

School Offices: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*When school is not in session, most offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday.



Scan this QR code to access the full faculty and staff directory

Nurses' Office

The nurses' office is located on the bottom floor of the Middle School. Our full-time nurses are Beckie Hoagland and Janet Fireman, and they are assisted on a part-time basis by Teresa Bowman. If you have health questions, please contact our nurses at (614) 509-2234 or email nurse@columbusacademy.org.



Beckie Hoagland
RN, BSN, LSN



Janet Fireman
RN, BSN, LSN



Teresa Bowman
RN, BSN, LSN

Counselors

Our counselors are Danielle Gibbs (Lower School), Amy Brooks (Middle School) and Taylor Dillon (Upper School). All three assist with situations in other divisions as needed. You can reach them by contacting their respective division offices.

Safety & Security

Our campus safety and security efforts are led by Director Perry Doran and Coordinator Ralen Cleveland. Together, they oversee a team of officers who monitor campus on a 24/7 basis. To reach our security team, please call (614) 394-3403. All visitors to campus during school hours, including parents, are required to check in with security at the front desk inside Academy Hall.



2024-25 Key Dates

August

- 12 Faculty on Campus
- 19 First Day of School for MS/US
LS Ice Cream Social (evening)
- 20 First Day of School for LS

September

- 2 Labor Day – No Classes
- 6 Charlie David Dinner

October

- 4-5 Alumni Weekend
- 5 Viking Rampage Run
- 7 Fall Holiday – No Classes
- 18 Conferences – No Classes

November

- 8 Professional Development Day – No Classes
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

December

- 2 Classes Resume
- 23 – January 3 Winter Vacation – No Classes

January

- 6 Classes Resume
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No Classes

February

- 14 Professional Development Day – No Classes
- 17 Presidents Day – No Classes

March

- 7 Conferences – No Classes
- 17-28 Spring Vacation – No Classes
- 31 Classes Resume

April

- 21 Professional Development Day – No Classes

May

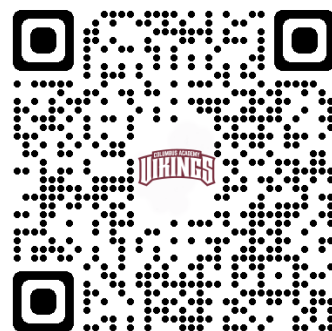
- 26 Memorial Day – No Classes

June

- 2 Commencement



Scan this QR code to view the full school calendar in the MySchoolApp which is updated throughout the year



Scan this QR code to view the complete athletics schedule for middle school, junior varsity and varsity sports which is updated throughout the year



Lower School

Important Fall Dates for Lower School

August 29: LS Back-to-School Night

August 30: LS Get-to-Know-You Conferences

September 6: Charlie David Dinner

September 20: LS Campout

October 5: Viking Rampage Run

October 17-18: Conferences

October 31: Halloween Parade and Class Parties

Lower School Hours
8:05 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. should report to the LS Office to sign in. To help facilitate dismissal, the school day for lower-schoolers ends five minutes earlier than other students.

Meet Our Lower School Administration



Mark Hansen
Head of Lower School



Brelle Farrenkopf
Associate Head of
Lower School/Director
of Early Childhood



Vanessa Taglia
Lower School Director
of Academic Programs



Michelle Saling
Assistant to Lower
School Head



Danielle Gibbs
Lower School
Counselor



Middle School

Important Fall Dates for Middle School

August 23: MS Tailgate (prior to varsity football game)
 August 28-30: 6th Grade Trip to Camp Fitch
 August 30: 8th Grade ZipZone Outdoor Adventures
 September 5: MS Back-to-School Night
 September 6: Charlie David Dinner
 September 12: MS Parents Technology Bootcamp
 October 5: Viking Rampage Run
 October 16-18: Conferences
 October 22-25: 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.
 October 23-25: 7th Grade Trip to Deer Creek

Middle School Hours
 8:05 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. should report to the MS Office to sign in.

Meet Our Middle School Administration



Shaka Arnold
 Head of Middle School



Ed Rhee '93
 Associate Head
 of Middle School



Amy Berkley
 Middle School Dean
 of Students



Lori Robison-Embry
 Assistant to
 Middle School Head



Amy Brooks
 Middle School
 Counselor



Upper School

Important Fall Dates for Upper School

August 23: Convocation/Senior-Kindergarten Buddy Pairing
and First Friday

August 27: US Back-to-School Night

August 30: US Service Day and Club Fair

September 6: Charlie David Dinner

September 21: Homecoming Dance

October 5: Viking Rampage Run

October 16-18: Conferences

October 25-26: US Fall Play

Upper School Hours
8:05 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

*Students arriving after the
morning check-in should
report to the US Office
to sign in.*

Meet Our Upper School Administration



Cory Izokaitis
Head of Upper School



Craig Dow
Associate Head of
Upper School for
Academic Affairs



Matt Thompson
Upper School Dean
of Students



Jennifer Lange
Assistant to Upper School
Head and Registrar



Taylor Dillon
Upper School
Counselor

Fine Arts

columbusacademy.org/arts-technology

500+

pieces of original student artwork and works on loan from galleries, private collections and the Columbus Museum of Art, each school year.

Come check out the latest fine arts exhibiton display inside our art gallery located in Morris Hall!



Performing Arts

columbusacademy.org/arts-technology

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performing arts events per school year including concerts for band, choir and orchestra, plus four musicals/plays.

We invite you to see our performing arts program in action at a concert or musical inside Schoedinger Theatre!

Athletics

columbusacademy.org/athletics

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varsity sports offerings that have won close to 100 individual and team state titles.

Come cheer on and support our Vikings on the field or court at a fall, winter or spring sporting event! Youth Sports information is also available on our website.



Volunteer Leadership

Volunteers play a critical role

Academy volunteers are invaluable resources supporting our vibrant school community with their time and talents. Alumni, parents (past and present) and community friends come together in a wide variety of volunteer capacities. We are most grateful for all who come together in service.

Board of Trustees 2024-25

Tanisha Lyon Brown P'20 '22

President

Bill Porter '74

Vice President

Paul Judge P'33 '36

Secretary

Christine Freytag P'18 '20 '22

Treasurer

Sandy Doyle-Ahern P'20 '22

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Patti Zettler '98, P'32 '35

Kelly Hondros '06, P'38

Alumni Board Representative

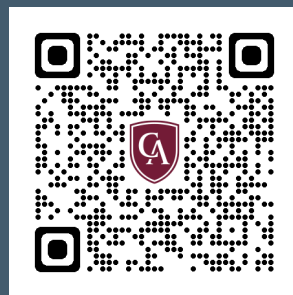
Ellie Merritt-Zeiger P'25 '28

PACA Representative

Alumni Board

Columbus Academy's more than 4,000 alumni are a vital and cohesive part of this school's past and present. Our Alumni Board's goal is to support the mission of the institution through perspective and contributions of time and treasure. A group of students from each year's senior class also serve as Student Alumni Representatives and often help organize in-person and virtual events for fellow upper-schoolers to attend and learn from alumni in various career fields.

Scan the QR code to learn more about our Alumni Board, the Alumni Association and check out resources for students after graduation!



Michael Haddock
Director of
Alumni Relations

PACA

Parents Association of
Columbus Academy

PACA (Parents'/Guardians' Association of Columbus Academy) was formed in 1973 and for the past 50 years has been vital to community building, volunteer support, service and Viking spirit. If you are a parent or guardian of a student enrolled at Academy, you are a member of PACA and we invite you to join us in organizing, volunteering and innovating initiatives on behalf of students and the CA community.

PACA Connect Meetings

PACA hosts monthly Connect meetings that all are invited to attend. At these gatherings, you will learn about events and activities that are happening on campus. You will also be encouraged to participate in any events that involve parents and guardians. **All meetings for the 2024-25 school year are scheduled on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on the fireside of the dining hall.** To contact PACA, please email paca@columbusacademy.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Some volunteer opportunities are year-round, while others are a single day or event-specific. This list only scratches the surface of how to get involved.

Ongoing Opportunities

Clothing Exchange Closet
Grade Parents (all divisions)
Lower School Room Parents
PACA Officers
Service Initiatives
Viking Corner School Store
Youth Sports

Seasonal/Event Opportunities

Arts and Athletics Printed Programs
Book Fair
Charlie David Dinner
Faculty Appreciation
Graduation Dress Exchange
Kids 4 Kids Food/Clothing Drive
Lower School Carnival

2024-25 Meeting Dates

SEPTEMBER 11
OCTOBER 16
NOVEMBER 13
DECEMBER 11

JANUARY 8
FEBRUARY 12
MARCH 12
APRIL 23
MAY 14

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Scan this QR code to get connected to
volunteer opportunities

2024-25 PACA Executive Board

Ellie Merritt-Zeiger P'25 '28
President

Carrie Stieg P'28
Vice President

Gabriela May P'10 '25 '31
Immediate Past President

Aaliyah Arif P'31 '34
Secretary

Suzanne Tempelhof P'32
Budget Manager

Lower School Leads
Jordan Malhame P'28 '31 '35
Michelle Singh P'33 '38

Middle School Leads
Kamy Bhalla P'29 '33
Nicole Bundy P'26 '29 '29

Upper School Leads
Amy Huddleston P'21 '25
Kristin Stevens P'25 '26



Melissa Clarke Beckett
Director of
Parent Relations



Campus Map

1. Academy Hall (*Security & Check-In, Admissions Office, Head of School's Office, Business Office, Alumni Office and Development Office*)
2. Admissions/Visitor Parking
3. Senior Quadrangle
4. Morris Hall (*Art Gallery, Tech Help, Diversity & Community Life Office*)
5. Lazarus Courtyard
6. Dining Hall
7. Lower School (*Explorers-Grade 5*)
8. Schoedinger Theatre
9. Middle School (*Grades 6-8*)
10. College Counseling
11. Upper School (*Grades 9-12*)
12. Peck Greenhouse
13. Crane Outdoor Learning Center
14. Bus Circle
15. Lower School Pickup/Dropoff Car Lane
16. Middle/Upper School Pickup/Dropoff Circle
17. Viking Corner Store
18. Facilities/Maintenance Building
19. Hondros Field
20. Carlin Fields
21. Fieldhouse
22. Athletic Training/Wellness
23. Jones Gymnasium
24. Mackenzie Gymnasium
25. Barton Room
26. Swimming Pool
27. Tennis Courts
28. Stahl Baseball Field
29. Sand Volleyball Court
30. Putting/Chipping Green
31. Learning Meadow

* Concession/Restroom Locations





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