

Dear Columbus Academy Community,

On behalf of the Parents' Association of Columbus Academy (PACA), we are pleased to share a review of the many programs and opportunities we supported this past school year.

Our fundraisers continue to be successful. We started off the year with our fan-favorite Charlie David Dinner and ended the year with Spring Gala 2018 – Cirque Du CA: Reaching New Heights. In between we supported Book Fair, Celebrate the Arts and the Viking Corner. Charlie David Dinner brought in over \$80,000 dollars, rousing our Viking spirit in support of CA athletics. Celebrate the Arts showcased the talents of many in our community to the tune of over \$16,000. The Spring Gala committee and the gravity-defying circus performers helped raise over \$120,000 at their one-night-only affair.

This year's PACA parent education brought thoughtful speakers, movies and – most of all – open dialogue to our school. Events were well attended and moderated.

Your participation and involvement in PACA-sponsored events this year will provide over \$175,000 to Columbus Academy in various areas that ultimately enhance the experience and education of our children through the support shown below:

- Charlie David funds were used to purchase a scoreboard for baseball, uniforms for cross country and field hockey, warm-ups for swimming and track, as well as lots of other items for our Viking teams
- A fifth grade field trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- Funding support for this winter's middle school musical ("Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat")
- Funding support for next spring's upper school musical ("Rent")
- Youth in Government and Model U.N. programs in the Upper School
- Materials for the after-school program's outdoor learning experiences
- Continued installments pledged to the building of the concession stand and restrooms at Hondros Field
- Continued leadership support for the Annual Fund, the school's most important fundraising priority

Our work this year was made possible by the collaborative efforts of hundreds of parents involved in PACA and hundreds (at least it feels like hundreds) of hours spent planning, managing and executing each of our functions. Whether room moms and dads, team parents, service volunteers or those who helped to coordinate our many events and guest speakers throughout the year, the passion for our kids is what truly drove the realization of our goals. This year would not have happened in absence of the outpouring of time, volunteerism and tremendous support of our community.

We hope this summer is a relaxing and restful one. See you next year!

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