

Monthly Service Board Highlights

Fall Blood Drive a Success

The first blood drive of the school year collected 33 units, which included one power red cell procedure. “These units have the potential to save 99 lives!” said Kristie Grogan, account manager at American Red Cross in Central Ohio. “Thanks for everything you did to promote the drive and recruit donors.” The next on-campus blood drive will be in January 2023. [Click here](#) to see additional pictures and learn more.



Support Faith Mission Deliveries

For the first time since March 2020, students were able to accompany the monthly meal prepared for Faith Mission and serve it to the clients! COVID restrictions had restricted us to simply delivering the food for the past two-plus years, so we were very happy to resume normal operations. Upper-schoolers Ethan B., Charlotte B., Morgan C. and Shikhara V. joined Ms. Hoagland and Mr. McCue on the October trip, and we look forward to more students volunteering for future trips!

Please note that in the past we have had various parent and/or affinity groups help out by preparing food or actually delivering it to Faith Mission and serving to the clients. Contact [Beckie Hoagland](#) and [Matt McCue](#) for more information on how to sign up to provide food or help with delivery.

NNEMAP Food Pantry Thanks CA

“Another wonderful group of volunteers from Columbus Academy Upper School; this time a group of freshmen in Dr. Jacky’s advisory helped at the pantry on Wednesday. What a great group of hard working and thoughtful young people. The students we have had from Academy truly display ‘...thoughtful, responsible, capable and confident citizens eager to engage in a pluralistic and ever-changing world.’ Thank you, Columbus Academy. Go Vikings!” [Click here](#) to view the social media post.

Volunteer for Kids 4 Kids Delivery

Our annual school-wide community service project, Kids 4 Kids, began in mid-October with the Food Drive as students have been collecting [non-perishable food donations](#) until November 3. All food donations can be brought in by students to drop off to their advisories. Starting Monday, October 31, please consider donating gently-used fall/winter clothing, coats (all sizes), toys, books, bikes, youth-size snow boots, blankets, and bedding. [Fill a Wish](#) and [sign up](#) to volunteer! We also need about 20 drivers to help deliver the many donations to the Childhood League Center and Royal Manor Elementary on Saturday, November 19 (you can use a school van!). [Click here](#) to learn more.



Pop Tab Collection Begins

The Pop Tab collection program for the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio is alive and well at Columbus Academy! Thank you for all of your contributions last year and the beginning of this year. We have gallons and gallons of pop tabs! We will be collecting aluminum pop tabs from cans to donate to Ronald McDonald House throughout the school year. You can help by collecting them at home and bringing/sending them into school whenever it is convenient for you. There will be several collection sites around school including the following locations: Lower School vestibule, windowsill on the second floor of LS near the top of the main stairs across from Mrs. Chavarria’s 4th grade room, windowsill of the second floor across from Mrs. Bring’s and Mrs. Taglia’s rooms, Middle School Office, Upper School Library, Shelf across from Mrs. Bening’s office and at the concession stand in the Athletic Lobby (when open).

[Click here](#) to watch a short video to jumpstart a discussion about the Ronald McDonald Pop Tab Collection. Questions? Contact lower school teacher [Sarah Penney](#).

“Blessing Boxes” in Need of Ongoing Support

Columbus Academy’s student-run Service Board first built and installed “Blessing Boxes” around Gahanna during the 2020-21 school year. There are now three locations for the boxes! Our Service Board wanted to let Academy families know they are welcome to stock these boxes throughout the entire school year, as due to the economy items in these boxes are in high demand (i.e. - bottles of water, snack bars, single-serving mac & cheese, cereal). Plus donations are always welcome! [Click here](#) to sign up for a date/location to stock a box and read more about this opportunity [here](#) or [email Rachael Gorsuch](#) for questions about keeping the boxes stocked year round.

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