

Monthly Service Board Highlights

Columbus Academy Service Department News & Upcoming Events • September 2022

US Service Day Set for September 9

What is often referred to as “the BEST day of the year” by our student-led Service Board, upper-schoolers will take part in a full day of service to the Central Ohio community on Friday, September 9. Columbus Academy alumnus and parent Nick Jones '01 -- vice president of community wellness at Nationwide Children's Hospital and former director of [Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families](#) initiative-- will kickoff the day as the featured speaker inside Schoedinger Theatre beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students will then travel with their advisory to various service sites. Parent/guardian drivers may still be needed, so please email Christy Bening if interested in helping transport an advisory to its service site.

Faith Mission Deliveries Resume

On the second Tuesday of each month during the school year, our dining service (SAGE) provides extra food to deliver to Faith Mission (*funds provided by the CA Service Department budget). Service Department members [Beckie Hoagland](#) and [Matt McCue](#) have been delivering food and snack bags assembled by upper-schoolers. Snacks and meals for the monthly delivery to “Faith on 8th” is provided for 90-100 people. Contact Ms. Hoagland if you or your group would like to make snack bags or provide a meal for any of the upcoming delivery dates: September 13, October 11, November 8 or December 13.

*The Service Department's annual expenses and needs are funded through the school's operating budget and from the Galbreath Family Service Board/Community Service Fund, an endowed fund established by alumnus Squire Galbreath '79 and his family.

Habitat Partnership Wall Build a Success

Over the course of two days on August 19-20, students and members of the Academy community helped with the [Westerville Habitat Partnership](#) Wall Build at Otterbein University's The Point. Walls from this year's build were taken to Marysville where a man and his son will eventually live. [Click here](#) to see an aerial view of the construction of this house.

“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 (gorsuchr@columbusacademy.org) for questions about keeping the boxes stocked year round.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Service Dates

Apple Picking at Lynd Fruit Farm | Sept. 25 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All Academy families are welcome to join the Service Board for its annual [Apple Picking event at Lynd Fruit Farm](#). Pick a bag of apples for your family and pick one to donate to a local pantry.

Blood Drive | Oct. 12 | 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register for the first blood drive of the school year. This event will take place in the athletic lobby and all parents/adults are also welcome to donate.

Grade 9 Service Day | Oct. 12 | 8:00 a.m. - noon

Grade 9 (by advisory) to serve at local food pantries (bus transportation provided with lunch at CA).

Charlie David Boardwalk Games | Oct. 14 | 5:00-7:30 p.m.

US student clubs will again host boardwalk games and activities for younger kids who attend PACA's Charlie David Dinner.

Kids 4 Kids Promotion

Fall is a busy time for our Service Department, especially with [Kids 4 Kids](#) which includes a schoolwide food drive, clothing drive, perishable food shopping and ultimately delivery of everything. Needless to say there are so many ways for students and adults to lend a hand! If you would like to volunteer to support Kids 4 Kids please reach out to PACA liaison Kimberly Allison, MS Service Coordinator Michelle Platt or LS Service Coordinators Sarah Hansen, Sarah Penney and Alicia Crain.

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