

# School and Field



Students Exploring 231-Acre Campus




Columbus Academy

*The cover of this School and Field Guide is 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 initial cover and seal of School and Field was designed by one of the most popular teachers at the time, Albert Field. 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 new School and Field Guide will help educate families across the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools about Academy traditions, important dates, how to get connected, who to know on campus and much more. We hope this publication provides the information needed to help guide families in the Columbus Academy community!*

# Welcome Vikings!

  
**Columbus Academy**  
*In Quest of the Best*

## Dear Columbus Academy Families,

I am thrilled to welcome you back to Academy for the 2022-23 school year! We look forward to continuing—or beginning—the wonderful partnership with you and your family.

We understand that getting acclimated to each new school year is filled with excitement, but also with questions about whom to call and how to reach out to other families in the school. We reprinted our school directory as just the right resource: important information and dates along with tips and often-heard terms to help you navigate the new year on our campus.

Welcome to the *School and Field Guide*—a nod to the past (see previous page) and a script for the present—which helps us get to work building the community of parents, students, faculty and staff that we rely on so much throughout the year.

I can't wait to see each of you on campus soon!

Sincerely,  
**Melissa Soderberg P '18, '20**  
*Head of School*

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## 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.



Core Values on Academy Hall

## 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*

Use QR code to view complete Statement on Diversity and Inclusion



## Vikes To Know



**Melissa Soderberg**  
Head of School



**Erich Hunker '81**  
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Head of Upper School



**Perry Doran**  
Director of Campus Safety and Security



**Brent Halsey '02**  
Director of Technology



**Darnell Heywood**  
Director of College Counseling



**Alyssa King**  
Director of Special Programs



**Bob Lee**  
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Co-Director of Student Support Services



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Director of Student Outreach



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Director of Athletics



**John Wuorinen '80**  
Director of Admissions and Tuition Assistance



**Harland Young**  
Director of Facilities and Grounds

# Viking VOCAB

Terms, acronyms and locations that may be helpful to you.

**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) – Optional extracurricular classes after school for students up to grade 6. CA will bring in specialists or teachers in classes not typically offered through our curriculum. Recent options included gymnastics, fencing, chess and magic.

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

**Business Fair** – “Shark Tank” like fair for sixth grade business proposals.

**Campout** – Each fall, lower school families are invited to “pitch their tents” and enjoy a night of supervised fun with a night hike, s'mores, stories and camping on Academy's expansive property.

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

**CARES** (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsi-



bility, Empathy, Self-control) – Part of an educational framework that helps guide our lower school students and faculty each day.

**Carlin Fields** – The western portion of Academy's campus that includes our tennis courts, a turf field, multiple grass playing fields and undeveloped land that is explored by students of all ages.

**Carnival** – Every school year ends with a carnival on Hondros Field following dismissal on the last day of Lower School.

**CASE** (Children's After School Experience) – Our after-care program is open to Academy students up to grade 8. Families can register for full weeks or by a drop-in basis.

**Charlie David Dinner** – Schoolwide annual tailgate that takes place before a varsity home football game and raises funds for the athletic department. This is a family favorite, so mark your calendars!

**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 in the Quad for new and returning students to learn about them. Music, food and games bring the event together.

**Cold War Trial** – Annual mock trial where eighth-graders debate historical cases for a panel of alumni judges.

**Computer Science Fair** – Held in the dining hall the week prior to exams, this is an afternoon where every US computer science student showcases a year-end game or program they designed. Faculty and students are invited to sample them.

**Count Geckula and Duke** – The Lower School's pet geckos. You can say hello to them in the lower school lobby.

**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 Smart-Board, 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 every student's 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 invited to participate in finding a country flag that is displayed. 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 to explore and learn on our 231-acre campus.

**General Tso's** – An Academy chicken dish that is a lunchtime favorite!

**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 seven 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.

**Honors Assembly** – An upper school awards ceremony held in late May to recognize senior student achievement in academics, 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.

**Junior Speeches** – The school's oldest tradition (see page 21 for details).

**Kids 4 Kids** – Comprised of a variety of drives and activities, Academy’s annual Kids 4 Kids service-learning project provides meals, clothing, toys and household items for about 30 families as suggested by the Childhood League and Siebert Elementary. Nearly half the school’s population participates in some way.

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

**MakerSpace** – Classroom space in the Middle School 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** – Password-protected portal that is crucial for all Academy families to use (see more details on page 9).

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

**Organ Day** – Annual event when our seventh grade hosts doctors who teach about the anatomy of the human body using real preserved organs.

**PACA** (Parents’ Association of Columbus Academy) – Organization of parent and guardian volunteers who help carry out the many special events and celebrations at the school. Monthly meetings are held during the school year that feature different speakers and updates from various committees.

**Parent Book Club** – Our Lower School offers several opportunities each year for administrators and parents to meet and discuss books 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.

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

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

**Rising Grade-Level Coffees** – At the end of the school year, teachers present an overview of the following school year to rising parents. It’s a great way to learn about the curriculum and expectations for the following year.

**Schoedinger Theatre** – 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** – An app used to manage and communicate arrival and dismissal for students on Academy’s campus.

**SeeSaw** – Lower-schoolers create an online portfolio of learning throughout the year that can be accessed by family at home to get a glimpse of learning happening in the classroom.

**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-Kindergarten Buddies*

**Senior Lock-In** – A special all-night party for seniors held on campus and hosted 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 something or extend a service project.

**Service Day** – A service-learning opportunity for upper-schoolers on a Friday in early September when every advisory group spends the first half of the school day at an assigned local organization assisting efforts and learning about volunteer opportunities.

**The Shack** – The space in front of Room A110 where service information is coordinated.

**Shakespeare Day** – The fifth-graders’ study of Shakespeare and Shakespearean times concludes with a culminating event when students present scenes from Shakespeare’s plays, learn dances, eat food and participate in other period-related activities.

**Spirit Week** – Each division organizes a week during the winter or early spring when each day has a designated fun dress-up (or dress-down) 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.

**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 during the morning of Veterans Day highlighted by a somber ceremony in the quad that honors each of the school’s staff members and alumni who have served our country in one of the armed forces.

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

**Viking Corner** – Parent-run store for spiritwear that is located in our dining hall and often hosts popup shops at events.

**Viking Rampage** – Every fall, Columbus 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 multi-disciplinary 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).

# Our Traditions



Charlie David Dinner



Senior-Kindergarten Buddies



Junior Speech



Third Grade Wax Museum



State Championship Flag-Raising Ceremony



Veterans Day at CA



Lower School Campout



Sixth Grade Business Fair



Kids 4 Kids Service Learning Project

# Get Connected

## ColumbusAcademy.org

Academy's website ([columbusacademy.org](http://columbusacademy.org)) contains public information about school activities, events and news. The website serves as a hub of information for prospective families and the general public. Families who are already enrolled should bookmark the Family Resources Page at [columbusacademy.org/parents](http://columbusacademy.org/parents), which includes links to a wide variety of material pertinent to current students, parents and guardians.

## MySchoolApp

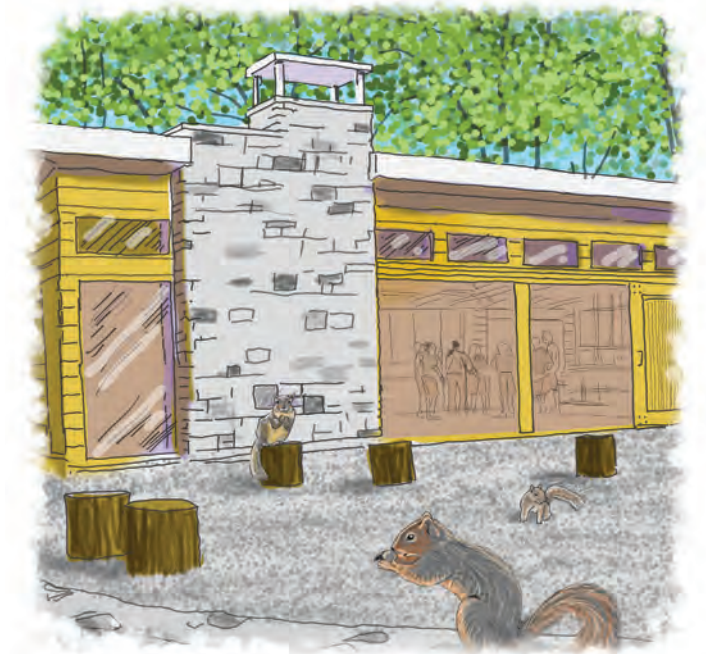
MySchoolApp is a password-protected portal for parents, students, faculty and staff. Academy families use MySchoolApp to access directory information, attendance, academic records, schedules and much more. MySchoolApp is also the platform through which all teachers and school divisions host classroom pages, test calendars and important information for students. Families should update their contact and address information in their profiles if 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 purposes.

## All-School and Division Emails

The Viking Voice is an e-newsletter sent to parents at the beginning of each month. It includes schoolwide updates, calendar reminders and news to celebrate. Families will also receive regular communications from their respective division offices in addition to messages from teachers and the Parents' Association of Columbus Academy (PACA).

In addition, the Lower School uses the SeeSaw app for teachers to connect directly with parents and guardians.



Crane Outdoor Learning Center

## School Publications

*Experience* – the school's magazine for alumni, parents and friends of the community – is published twice a year. The publication includes feature stories as well as campus and alumni news.

## Social Media

Stay connected to all that is happening at Academy on a daily basis by following us on Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

FOLLOW US!

@ColumbusAcademy



# Helpful Contacts

## Contact Information

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: Shaka Arnold = *ArnoldS@columbusacademy.org*

**ACADEMY HALL RECEPTION DESK**  
(614) 475-2311

**LOWER SCHOOL OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2258

**MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2264

**UPPER SCHOOL OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2281

**ADMISSIONS OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2220

**ATHLETIC OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2253

**BUSINESS OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2229

**VIKING CORNER STORE**  
(614) 509-2557

**LOWER SCHOOL C.A.S.E.**  
(614) 509-2240

**MIDDLE SCHOOL C.A.S.E.**  
(614) 509-2298

**SECURITY**  
(614) 394-3403

**NURSES' OFFICE**  
(614) 509-2234



Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary

## Health and Safety

### 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 [nurse@columbusacademy.org](mailto:nurse@columbusacademy.org).

### COUNSELORS

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

### SECURITY

Our campus safety and security efforts are headed by Director Perry Doran and Coordinator Ralen Cleveland. Together, they oversee a team of security officers who monitor campus on a 24/7 basis. To reach our security team, please call (614) 394-3403.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

All parents will receive an email and text message for school closures, unscheduled delays and other all-school notifications that may be time-sensitive in nature.

Please note that this information may also be posted to the school's website and social media as well as distributed via other means as appropriate to the situation.

# Key Dates

## August 2022

**August 22 (Monday)**  
First Day of School for MS & US  
LS Ice Cream Social  
**August 23 (Tuesday)**  
First Day of School for LS

## September 2022

**September 5 (Monday)**  
Labor Day – No Classes  
**September 12-13 (Monday-Tuesday)**  
Parent Academy Series with Devorah Heitner, Ph.D., Author of *Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World*  
**September 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday)**  
School Photos  
**September 23-24 (Friday-Saturday)**  
Alumni Reunion Weekend

## October 2022

**October 14 (Friday)**  
Charlie David Dinner  
**October 19-21 (Thursday-Friday)**  
All-School Conferences  
**October 20 (Thursday) – Half Day**  
**October 21 (Friday) – No Classes**  
**October 24 (Monday)**  
Fall Holiday – No Classes

## November 2022

**November 21 (Monday)**  
Professional Development Day – No Classes  
**November 22-25 (Tuesday-Friday)**  
Thanksgiving Break – No Classes  
Classes Resume on November 28

## December 2022

**December 19-30**  
Winter Vacation

## January 2023

**January 2 (Tuesday)**  
New Year's Day Observed – No Classes  
Classes Resume on January 3



Academy Hall

**January 16 (Monday)**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No Classes

## February 2023

**February 17 (Friday)**  
Professional Development Day – No Classes  
**February 20 (Monday)**  
Presidents Day – No Classes

## March 2023

**March 15-17 (Wednesday-Friday)**  
All-School Conferences  
**March 16 (Thursday) – Half Day**  
**March 17 (Friday) – No Classes**  
**March 20-31**  
Spring Vacation – No Classes  
Classes Resume on April 3

## April 2023

**April 28 (Friday)**  
Professional Development Day – No Classes

## May 2023

**May 29 (Monday)**  
Memorial Day – No Classes

## June 2023

**June 5 (Monday)**  
Commencement

Visit [columbusacademy.org/calendar](http://columbusacademy.org/calendar) to view all school dates and events!



# Fine and Performing Arts

Fine and Performing Arts at Columbus Academy are alive and thriving. Encompassing both the visual and performing arts, our school offers a comprehensive array of classes including band, ceramics, choir, drawing, graphic design, jazz, orchestra, painting, photography, theatre and more.

The Fine Arts Department promotes the development of student talent, both individually and collectively, while striving to provide an education that promotes creative learning and excellence in the arts. The means to achieve these goals rests upon professional and experienced faculty and staff, superior facilities and consistent overall growth in the Fine and Performing Arts program.

## Band

By the end of their tenure, band members have a high level of proficiency as instrumentalists and have performed on campus and at state and national competitions. Try to catch “All That Jazz” or any outdoor community performances by our pep band!

## Choir

Choral music at Columbus Academy has enjoyed a rich and distinguished history, including our honors-level Camerata and outstanding results in both individual and group categories at the annual Ohio Music Education Association competitions. Be sure not to miss “Cabaret” in the spring when all are invited to come hear our upper-schoolers display their vocal talents.



Schoedinger Theatre Concert

## Orchestra

Orchestra classes emphasize technical development, musical awareness, music history and music theory for string instruments. Instruction begins in third grade as an after-school option and continues through Middle School and Upper School as a regular course offering.

## Theatre

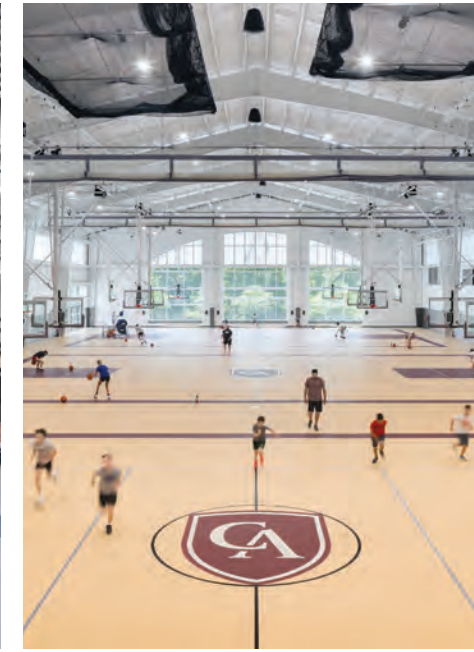
Through drama and technical theatre classes – as well as education as an audience member – students learn to communicate and expand their imagination, creativity, thought and emotions. School musicals are performed in the winter (middle school) and spring (fourth grade and upper school). The fourth grade’s annual production involves every student, with recent productions including “Madagascar,” “The Wizard of Oz” and “The Lion King.”

## Fine Arts

The process of producing artwork builds students’ confidence in clarifying and expressing ideas. Their journey culminates in the Senior Art Show when student works are displayed in the school art gallery located on the second floor of Morris Hall.







# Athletics

The purpose of the upper school interscholastic athletic program at Columbus Academy is threefold:

- *To provide those students with an interest in athletics the opportunity to use and develop their athletic talent while participating in competitive contests under the direction of qualified and dedicated coaches. Additionally, we strive to continue to develop the ideas and habits of good health, fair play, initiative, achievement and emotional control.*
- *To provide for our students leadership opportunities and cooperative learning experiences which contribute to team building.*
- *To provide for our student body a solid foundation for the development of good school morals, for being sportsmanlike, and for exercising the qualities of fair play and courtesy.*

Typically, over 80% of our students join a middle school interscholastic sports team. Our middle school athletic program is designed to meet the developmental needs of student-athletes by honing skills, promoting sportsmanship and teamwork, and fostering a love of sports. In so many areas, Academy seeks to find a healthy balance for students. Our middle school athletic program seeks a healthy balance between participation and winning.

The purpose of our Junior Vikings youth sports program at Columbus Academy is to positively develop our students ranging from grades 2-6 (depending on the sport). Participation, character development and fun are all key factors in our youth sports offerings. Providing opportunities for growth through sport and a welcoming environment where children feel they are learning how to be involved in their community is important in creating an exceptional experience for our students. Current offerings include soccer, football, basketball, golf, floor hockey, baseball, lacrosse and ice hockey.



Entrance to Carlin Fields

Columbus Academy is proud of its rich history of athletic success. Our varsity teams have won 39 team state championships in nine different sports. We have the most state titles in field hockey (12) of any school in the state, and our current streak of five straight state championships in boys golf is the longest all-time in Ohio for golf, where we have earned the state's second-most titles (12). All of these accomplishments have yielded a tremendous amount of "Viking Pride".

## Sports Offerings

### Fall

- |                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Boys Cross Country  | Girls Golf   |
| Girls Cross Country | Boys Soccer  |
| Field Hockey        | Girls Soccer |
| Football            | Girls Tennis |
| Boys Golf           | Volleyball   |

### Winter

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Boys Basketball  | Ice Hockey              |
| Girls Basketball | Boys Swimming & Diving  |
| Boys Bowling     | Girls Swimming & Diving |
| Girls Bowling    | Wrestling               |

### Spring

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Baseball       | Boys Tennis         |
| Boys Lacrosse  | Boys Track & Field  |
| Girls Lacrosse | Girls Track & Field |



# For Parents & Guardians

**PACA** is the Parents'/Guardians' Association of Columbus Academy and is a great way to get connected with the parent community. All parents are automatically members of PACA and there are no dues. Each month during the school year, PACA holds a monthly Parent Forum where you can hear from faculty members, administrators and students as they share current updates about CA's various academic and co-curricular programs like technology integration, the college process, student life, arts and athletics.

## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Academy parent volunteers are invaluable in creating our vibrant school community. They organize social events, assist classroom teachers, coordinate fundraisers and service projects, communicate school information and much more. Watch your email for opportunities to serve throughout the year.

To learn more about PACA activities, visit [www.vikingparents.org](http://www.vikingparents.org). To get connected with a

volunteer opportunity, please send an email to [CAvikingparents@gmail.com](mailto:CAvikingparents@gmail.com) with the subject "PACA Volunteer."

## Parent Affinity Groups

Parent affinity groups are voluntary groups that foster a community of love and support for families that share core social identities. Group meetings create a space where families connect by sharing common experiences and feel affirmed and encouraged through fellowship. Our parent affinity groups are also charged with fostering awareness and understanding through community celebrations and civil discourse relating to societal issues that impact their core identities.

## Viking Corner

The Viking Corner, our parent-run school store, is open throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. as well as some special events. It is located inside the main hallway of the dining hall nearest to the fireside room.



# Daily Schedule

## Lower School

Start time: 8:05 a.m.  
End time: 3:15 p.m.

## Middle and Upper School

Start time: 8:05 a.m.  
End time: 3:20 p.m.

For a more division-specific outline of the daily schedules, please visit [columbusacademy.myschoolapp.com](http://columbusacademy.myschoolapp.com).

School offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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





## Campus Carpool & Traffic Flow

The School is accessible via the main entrance (on Cherry Bottom Road) and the back entrance (Beecher Ridge) during the school day. Our bus and carpool system, School Pass, further enhances student safety and security during afternoon dismissal.

### Lower School

All lower school children must be dropped off and picked up at the main lower school entrance. Bus riders are picked up and dropped off at the bus circle in front of the Middle School and enter at the playground entrance.

### Middle School and Upper School

All middle and upper school students are dropped off and picked up at the upper school carpool circle near the dining hall. Bus riders are picked up and dropped off at the bus circle in front of the Middle School and enter at the respective entrances.

Carpools with students in multiple divisions should drop off and pick up with the youngest student at the designated location.

### Busing

Many suburban school districts provide transportation for K-12 students to Columbus Academy. Check with your local district's transportation office for sign up procedures. CA provides busing for several underserved neighborhoods. Please contact the Admissions Office for information, costs and forms.

### CASE (*Children's After School Experience*)

After-school care is available from school dismissal to 6:00 p.m. through our CASE office. Parents and guardians can use this service on a regular schedule or drop-in basis. Arrangements can be made by calling 614-509-2240 (Lower School CASE) and 614-509-2298 (Middle School CASE).



### Important Fall Dates

**August 22:** Ice Cream Social/Meet the Teacher

**September 1:** LS Back to School Night

**September 2:** Get to Know You Conferences

**September 16:** Lower School Campout

**October 28:** Halloween Parade and Party

### Names To Know

**Mark Hansen**, Head of Lower School

**Michelle Saling**, Assistant to Lower School Head

**Brelle Farrenkopf**, Associate Head of Lower School

**Gabriel Paynter**, Lower School Director of Academic Programs

**Shaun Ditty**, Lower School Counselor

### Morning Meeting

Each day in the Lower School begins with a 15-20 minute morning meeting that involves a greeting, message, group activity and a personal share where social-emotional and academic competencies are both taught and applied. It is an important part of our Responsive Classroom approach, which also includes every homeroom holding a 15-minute group closing reflection to end each day.



Campus Trail Bridge



# Middle School

## Important Fall Dates

- September 2:** 8th Grade ZipZone Trip
- September 7:** MS Back-to-School Night
- September 24:** Viking Rampage
- October 12-14:** 7th Grade Hueston Woods Trip
- October 25-28:** 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- October 26-28:** 6th Grade Camp Kern Trip

## Names To Know

- Shaka Arnold**, Head of Middle School
- Michelle White**, Assistant to Middle School Head
- Ed Rhee '93**, Associate Head of Middle School
- Amy Brooks**, Middle School Counselor

## Advisory

The advisory program of the Middle School supports the mission of Columbus Academy by creating an environment that supports the students both as individuals and as members of the greater community. The advisory program develops individual skills necessary for inde-

pendence, self-advocacy and successful integration into our society. It also promotes compassion, tolerance and respect among students. The advisory program fosters positive relationships within groups and advances the values of integrity, fair play and community service.



*Naval Battle in Academy Pool*



# Upper School

## Important Fall Dates

- August 12:** New Student Orientation
- August 22:** First Day of School for US/MS
- August 26:** Convocation
- August 31:** US Back to School Night
- September 2:** First Friday Tailgate Party
- September 9:** US Service Day and Club Fair

## Names To Know

- Cory Izokaitis**, Head of Upper School
- Jennifer Lange**, Registrar and Assistant to Upper School Head
- Craig Dow**, Associate Head of Upper School for Academic Affairs
- Matt Thompson**, Upper School Dean of Students
- Taylor Dillon**, Upper School Counselor

## Junior Speeches

The longest-standing tradition at Columbus Academy is the Junior Speech. Every Thursday, the Upper School gathers in our Schoedinger Theatre to hear 3-4 juniors deliver original

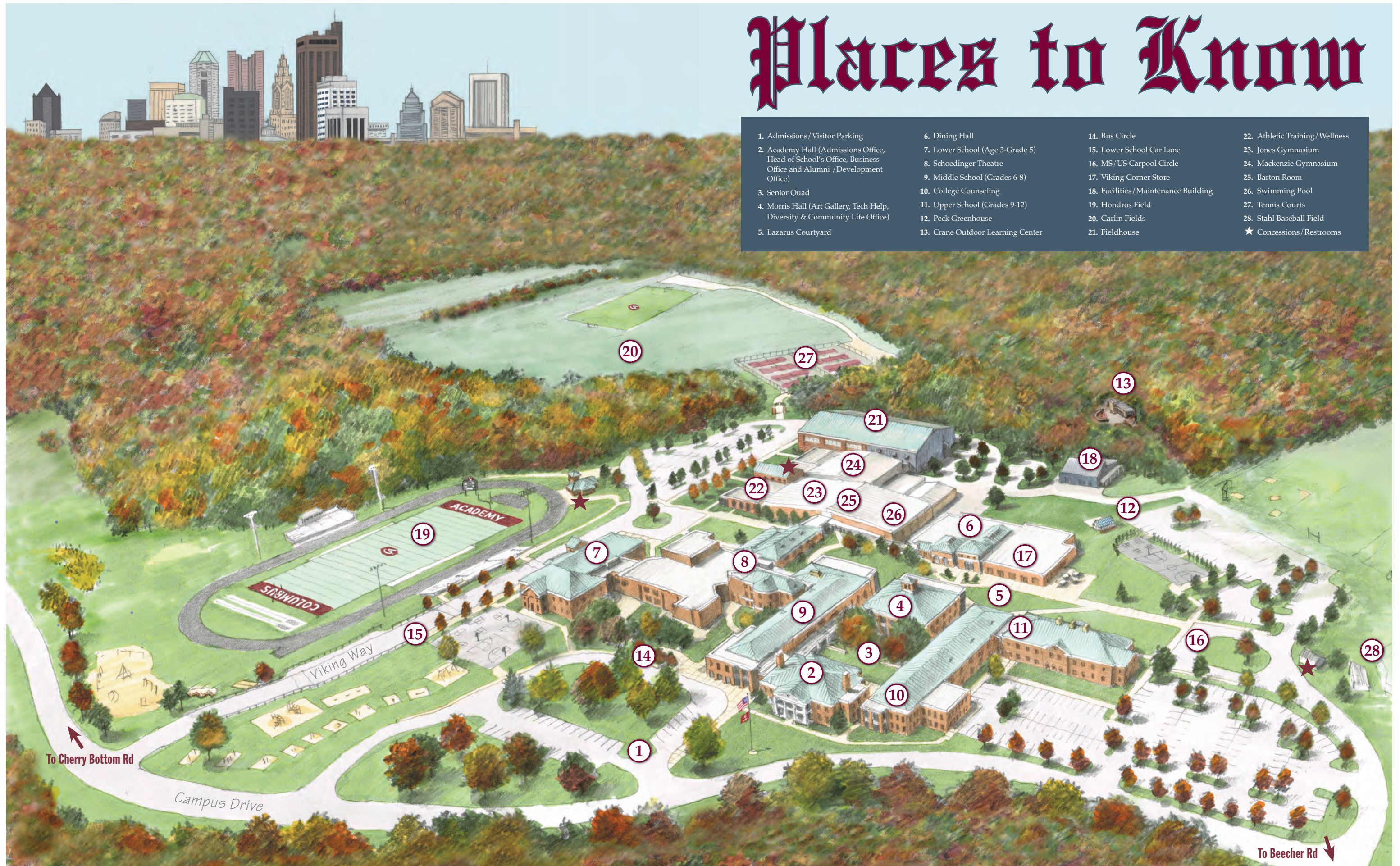
speeches 5-6 minutes in length on an approved topic of choice. Afterwards, the speakers are congratulated in the theatre lobby and then allowed to leave campus for a celebratory lunch with family members. A good Thursday night discussion for families is talking about the speeches from that morning.



*Duck Walk in Senior Quad*

# Places to Know

- |  |                                   |                                     |                                |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Admissions/Visitor Parking  | 6. Dining Hall                    | 14. Bus Circle                      | 22. Athletic Training/Wellness |
| 2. Academy Hall (Admissions Office, Head of School's Office, Business Office and Alumni /Development Office) | 7. Lower School (Age 3-Grade 5)   | 15. Lower School Car Lane           | 23. Jones Gymnasium            |
| 3. Senior Quad   | 8. Schoedinger Theatre            | 16. MS/US Carpool Circle            | 24. Mackenzie Gymnasium        |
| 4. Morris Hall (Art Gallery, Tech Help, Diversity & Community Life Office)                                   | 9. Middle School (Grades 6-8)     | 17. Viking Corner Store             | 25. Barton Room                |
| 5. Lazarus Courtyard   | 10. College Counseling            | 18. Facilities/Maintenance Building | 26. Swimming Pool              |
|  | 11. Upper School (Grades 9-12)    | 19. Hondros Field                   | 27. Tennis Courts              |
|  | 12. Peck Greenhouse               | 20. Carlin Fields                   | 28. Stahl Baseball Field       |
|  | 13. Crane Outdoor Learning Center | 21. Fieldhouse                      | ★ Concessions/Restrooms        |



# LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Melissa Soderberg**  
*Head of School*

**Dan Olexio**  
*Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs*

**Erich Hunker '81**  
*Assistant Head of School for Development and External Relations*

**Cory Izokaitis**  
*Head of Upper School*

**Shaka Arnold**  
*Head of Middle School*

**Mark Hansen**  
*Head of Lower School*

**Margaret Koerner**  
*Chief Financial Officer*

**John Wuorinen '80**  
*Director of Admissions and Tuition Assistance*

**Pascal Losambe**  
*Diversity Consultant*

# ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**Perry Doran**  
*Director of Campus Safety & Security*

**Brent Halsey '02**  
*Director of Technology*

**Darnell Heywood**  
*Director of College Counseling*

**Alyssa King**  
*Director of Special Programs*

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*Director of Communications & Marketing*

**Heather Levingston**  
*Co-Director of Student Support Services*

**Pedro Mena**  
*Director of Student Outreach*

**Shannon Nelson**  
*Executive Assistant to the Head of School*

**Suzanne Ritter**  
*Co-Director of Student Support Services*

**Jason Singleton**  
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**Harland Young**  
*Director of Facilities & Grounds*

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