

July 2011

Dear Parents and Grade 9 Students,

Welcome to the Upper School. The opportunities and expectations for upper school students are many, and one of these is participation in community service. Each fall, the Upper School leaves Columbus Academy's lovely campus to learn about community service needs and options in the greater Columbus area. This year's Upper School Service Day is scheduled for Friday, September 16. While most students will be traveling off-campus to various sites around the city, Grade 9 students have been offered a special opportunity to travel to the Wexners' apple orchard in order to pick apples for local food pantries. Once they have finished picking the apples and eating lunch, small groups of students driven by parents and teachers will deliver the apples to local pantries. To begin the day, students will check in as usual, meet with their advisory groups until 8:35 a.m., and then move to CA's theater for a presentation by Service Board elected leaders Stephan Kim and Cami Mampieri. All should depart from school by 9:30 a.m. and return to campus by 2:00 p.m. for CLUB FAIR, a Student Council directed activity.

We would like to thank the Wexners for accepting our request to pick the apples at their grove. Each year, the Wexners have the apples picked and delivered to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. By having CA students pick the apples and deliver them to local pantries, we hope students will understand more about the need for good, fresh food for everyone in our community and the ways in which we can share our resources with those in need.

If you would like to drive, please contact Karen Skilken (kskilken@gmail.com), Rebecca Shocket (RAShocket@aol.com) or Shobha Koushik (meanix66@aol.com). For your planning purposes, you will need to be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. More information about particulars (clothing requirements, advisory assignments, lunch plans) will be coming in August, but we wanted to welcome you and to allow you to adjust your personal schedules if you would like to help.

We are looking forward to a fun and rewarding day.

Sincerely,

Cami Mampieri
Service Board VP

Stephan Kim
Service Board President

Christy Bening
Service Board Advisor