

— CDS PARENT ASSOCIATION —

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A community that is warm and inviting is part of what makes the CDS experience memorable for the school's students and their families. Each year, hundreds of hard-working and enthusiastic parent volunteers come together to enrich our community and build enduring relationships. Whether you have limited availability or are someone who is able to give more time, there are many volunteer opportunities from which to choose. We welcome your participation at any level and appreciate your commitment to helping CDS be the best it can possibly be. Thank you!

Please take a moment to fill out the 26-27 Parent Engagement Survey

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Athletics

The Athletic department and the Parent Association are seeking parent volunteers for various opportunities all year. If you have a student athlete, please consider signing up to be a team parent. We are seeking volunteers to help sell spirit wear at selected home games and events for multiple sports. There will also be special events throughout the year for parents to assist.

Please contact Lori Alexander to volunteer.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation

The Parent Association loves to show the amazing CDS teachers and staff our appreciation all year long. We are seeking volunteers to help with numerous events for the 2026-2027 school year. Campus-wide luncheons for teachers and staff are still being scheduled - watch this space for more info. The annual dessert event, Say It With Sweets, will be on February 4, 2027. And there will be numerous opportunities to shower our teachers with treats at all staff meetings throughout the year. As some of the bigger

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events get close, there will be opportunities to sign up to help with opportunities specific to those events. Please keep an eye in this document and in your inbox for those Sign Up Geniuses.

This committee is currently seeking at least three members to provide support. Time commitment is flexible. If you would like to volunteer to be a committee member for the Teacher/Staff Appreciation committee to help all year long, please contact James Clayton or Mike Richardson.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch is coming soon on November 10th! Sign up to volunteer here!

Snacks needed for Full Faculty and Staff meetings this year.
Watch for email sign ups or contact James or Michael to give.

Spirit Store

Help us share the school spirit and join the store crew! The Spirit Store needs volunteers for open shopping hours and special events! Every Wednesday and Thursday, from 2-4pm, the spirit store is open for shopping. We need volunteers to run the register, stock shelves, and help keep our spirit store looking great! The spirit store will often open during special events and will host pop-ups for selected home games. Wednesday/Thursday fully booked? Suggest another!

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Leigh Gass.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library needs volunteers to help organize and run the book fair and various other events throughout the year. There will be a specific Sign Up Genius for the book fair that will be linked here and sent directly to your inbox.

📚 A whole-school Book Fair is scheduled for November 12-19, 2026.⟶ **Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up**

Starting 10/16 we will have weekly volunteers in the LS library helping Ms. Howell. Please find available times in this signup LS Library Reshelving. We hope to soon have sign ups for Middle School and Upper School library opportunities.

This committee is currently seeking at least 3 members with a flexible time commitment. If you would like to be a steady volunteer for the Friends of the Library Committee, please contact Keely Brawer or Cassie Campbell.

Friends of the Arts

The Friends of the Arts committee is committed to supporting visual and performing arts around campus. If you are a parent of a thespian or an artist - or if you just want to help out - please contact Megan Cartier or Josie Fonseca to be a part of the Friends of the Arts committee.

Clothing Swap

The Annual Used Uniform Clothing Swap and Shop is a fun event that allows families to donate uniforms for credit and then purchase uniforms for the next school year. The Clothing Swap will take place the week of May 18-22, 2026. Lots of Volunteers will be needed to help set up, sort, and run the check out. There will be a sign up genius linked here and sent to individual inboxes closer to the event. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Alexandria Bates, Caroline Edwards, or Ashley Olsson.

Room Parents and Grade Representatives

Lower Schools

Room Parents in **Lower School and Key Lower School** are a direct line to the teachers to help coordinate class parties, parent volunteer opportunities, and other unique needs specific to that grade. If you would like more information about being a room parent, please contact Taylor Haynes.

Middle Schools

The **Middle School and Key Middle School** Grade Representatives assist in coordinating parent involvement for events such as dances, community gatherings, and other Middle School traditions. The biggest events will be the MS Dances and the Pancake Breakfast. Links to dedicated sign up geniuses will be posted here and sent to your inbox as the event gets closer. There will also be some other smaller opportunities throughout the year specific to Middle School. If you would like to volunteer in Middle School or Key Middle School, please contact Kristen Arbuckle or Leslie Scott.

Upper School

The Upper School has some pretty unique ways of getting parents involved and engaged with our oldest Wildcats. From celebrating our graduating seniors, to supporting our students during exam week, the PA has a lot of ways to get involved. There will be specific Sign Up Geniuses linked here and sent to individual inboxes before large events. If you would like to discuss more US volunteer opportunities, please contact Holly Martin or Allison Tutera.

Being a Parent Association Leader & More

Each May, the PA creates a new slate of officers and committee chairs that will be voted on by the general parent population to serve the duration of the next school year. Opportunities range from Secretary and Member at Large to initiative specific opportunities, like Spirit Store. Being part of the PA is a rewarding and fulfilling way to directly contribute to the amazing learning that is happening already at Carolina Day and also to meet and become friends with parents from every division. If you would like to learn more or volunteer to be a Parent Association Leader, please contact Melanie Clayton.

Parent Association Meeting Schedule for 26-27

The CDS Parent Association hosts meetings every other month that are open to ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS. You do not need to RSVP.

- **Sept Mtg: 9/30** – "Beyond the Brochure: How Independent Schools Really Work" - Rose Room
- **Nov Mtg: 11/11** – Topic TBA - Rose Room
- **March Mtg: 3/24** – Topic TBA - Rose Room
- **Annual Meeting: 5/20** - Oreck Library

Coffee and light bites will be available starting at 7:45am. Presentations will begin at 8:30am and will be immediately followed by a Full PA Committee meeting. All parents are invited to attend.