

Case Study

PROTECTING, PRESERVING, AND CONSOLIDATING HISTORY

Hawken School | Cleveland, Ohio

"That the better self shall prevail, and each generation introduce its successor to a higher plane of life." This quote from John Lancaster Spalding is one of the mottos of Hawken School, a coeducational private day school with more than 1500 students across its Cleveland-area campuses. It speaks to the value of evaluating the actions of those who came before, learning from them, and preserving those lessons (and the materials that helped in teaching them) for generations to come. So, when a greater focus on social distancing led to smaller class sizes and a demand for additional classrooms, staff at the Hawken School looked for a partner that could increase its archival storage capacity in a smaller footprint - preserving the past for the future.

Moving School Archives to A Smaller Space

In order to create additional space for classrooms, the school's archives needed to move to a space that, despite being closer to staff offices, was significantly smaller. This meant, the school's yearbooks, student newspapers, school board minutes, and even lunch menus – items that reflect happenings in the larger society beyond school grounds would need a more efficient and accessible home.

"The archives are very important to us as a way to educate our students about history from the perspective of their own school," said Jeffery Biggar, the Co-Director for Advancement for Hawken School.



"I knew from the beginning that we really needed to have professionals come in and help design the best way to store these objects in a smaller space,"

Jeffery Biggar, Co-Director for Advancement for Hawken School

Designing School Archives To Save Space

Knowing they could provide both space optimization and increased capacity, Biggar reached out to his local Spacesaver consultant, who visited the school, answered questions, and shared insights about room layouts. Upon discussing the school's current and future needs, it was decided to utilize Spacesaver's 4-Post shelving with Nantucket Drawers and Trays, due to their configurability and adaptability to future needs. In addition, the counter-height file cabinets perform double duty as their tops are the perfect display space.



A Consolidated, Accessible Archive

Now it's much easier to access items in the collection. Students can study school newspapers, yearbooks, and records from decades past to understand how happenings at the school reflected historic events throughout the world. Parents and alumni can also view items to share in the experience.

Connect With the Experts In School Archives

Protect and preserve your school archives while also saving space. Contact us to arrange a free site visit or online consultation with your local Spacesaver consultant. We can answer your questions, assess your space, and provide insights and drawings with no cost or obligation.

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