



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 8th grade! I hope you are enjoying your summer break. I have had a relaxing summer, and I am ready to begin a new school year. I am excited to meet all of you and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. 8th grade is a busy year as we work throughout the school year toward our trip to Washington D.C. I am confident we will have a great year!

In 8th grade, we study many different topics in all of our subjects. We will read some great literature: *Animal Farm*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Our Town*, *The Red Pony*, and *My Antonia*. Science is one of my favorite subjects. I enjoy the hands on activities and experiments we do. We round things out with plenty of grammar, writing, spelling, vocabulary, math, history and geography. Our year will be busy, productive, and enlightening!

This year is my 5th year at Will Carleton Academy. The 2018-2019 school year marks the beginning of my 16th year of teaching, overall. My son will be in the 4th grade at WCA, this year. When he was born, I took time off from teaching and returned when he started Kindergarten. My family and I moved back to the Hillsdale area about 7 years ago. I was born and raised in Hillsdale. I am also a graduate of Hillsdale College. Hillsdale has always been where we considered "home" to be and we were very happy to move back after spending 12 years in Washtenaw County.

I hope you continue to enjoy the remainder of your summer break, as I intend to do. Most sunny days, you can find me and my family on our boat at Baw Beese Lake. We enjoy bike riding, camping, boating, and fishing. We hope to get in a few camping trips around the state of Michigan before school starts. I can't wait to meet you all, hear about your summer adventures, and embark on another terrific year of learning.

I wish you and your family much fun! See you soon.

Mrs. Tina Watkins
8th Grade Teacher

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Dear Parents,

Here is a list of supplies that my students will need for the upcoming school year:

(3) composition books – We will use one DAILY for Algebra notes. The other two are for writing and science.
(If you know that you move for math and won't be in Algebra I, you will only need 2 composition books.)

(5) 3 x 5 lined index cards **(These are a MUST. You will need these all year long.)**

(3) pocket folders, any color

(1) box of colored pencils **(We use these often.)**

(2) red pens

(2) glue sticks

(4) packs of loose-leaf COLLEGE RULE paper

(4) boxes of Kleenex – You may bring two now and two in December as our stock will need to be replenished.

(1) **If your last name starts with a letter from A-M**, please bring one container of disinfecting wipes.

(2) **If your last name starts with a letter from N-Z**, please bring one bottle of hand sanitizer.

Pencils of your choice. I do allow mechanical pencils but I do not supply any lead!

Optional: These are optional because I have some in the classroom, but we share.

Ruler (Inexpensive, wooden ruler is best.)

Markers

Scissors

If additional supplies are needed, I will send home a notification.

Enjoy the rest of your break!

Mrs. Watkins