



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents,

What a terrific first three days we had on campus! The energy was positive and the atmosphere was business as usual. I enjoyed seeing the youngest students close by the office and the oldest students owning the furthest hallway. It is great to have everyone in the main building; it feels like a true K-12th grade environment!

This week brings 4 days of classes followed by a 4 day weekend to celebrate the Labor Day holiday. We will not have classes this Friday, August 31st or next Monday, September 3rd. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4th with Opening Ceremony at 8:10 am.

Your September calendar is included in your Mailer today for your planning. Be sure to note the first Parent Forum as well as the September Board meeting. These are monthly occurrences that you are welcome to attend. Keep the calendar close so as not to miss a thing!

The Will Carleton Academy Handbook for both the K-8th grades as well as the high school handbook is included in your mailer. The Acceptance Forms are also included for your signatures. Please take time to discuss with your family the rules and regulations, policies and procedures of these two documents. The culture of our Academy depends so much on consistency of application of these policies and procedures; it is vital to our success. Once you have read the handbook and become aware of the procedures, it will be necessary for you to sign that you agree and have your child do the same. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the handbook, please contact me in the office.

Last year, the WCA Parent Forum and WCA administration collectively purchased yard signs for all of our school families. If you did not receive one at the Open House last week, please stop by the office. We will happily give you a yard sign to help display your Cougar Pride!

Thank you for your patience during dismissal again this week. We will give the revised plan a few days and if it doesn't provide the safety and efficiency that we need, we will adjust again! Please be sure to pull all the way forward and encourage your carpool to be watching for your vehicle. As the faculty becomes more familiar with all of the vehicles, dismissal will certainly have a better flow. Thank you for your patience as everyone works through the adjustment to new procedures.

A quick reminder about uniform pieces: please be reminded that all green and khaki uniform pieces must be purchased through the approved school vendor, School Closet. Green and khaki purchased from other retail stores or websites is not acceptable for day-to-day wear on campus. If you need support with this, please contact me in the WCA office and I will gladly assist you, both with placing the order or with financial support.

A few students arrived on campus with shoes that are not in adherence to the dress code. Canvas boat shoes are not policy approved shoes for school days, while leather Sperry's are acceptable. Another shoe that seems to be a trend this year thus far are shoes that come up to just over the ankle, or shoe boots or booties. These are not uniform policy approved and will need to be replaced. If you have questions, please have your child check with me and I will provide guidance.

Another item that seems to need pointing out, is hair highlights and hairstyles. The handbook has clear guidelines regarding highlights; please when reading it this week, support the policy and if needed, make a plan to be in compliance. Thank you!

Have a wonderful week. Faculty and staff are so happy to have everyone back on campus. Please know that my door is always open for conversation. I look forward to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Colleen Vogt
Director