



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. This stretch of time between the warm fall weather and the holidays sure can become very monotonous; let's work together to be great! The idea of paying it forward rings true in day-to-day experiences during these periods of time. I hope we all look to make each day a great one!

WCA is always very proud of our athletes, but specifically when we can celebrate the highest of accomplishments. Congratulations to senior Evan Randall who on October 27th qualified for the state cross country meet which took place this past Saturday at MIS in Brooklyn, Michigan. Evan did extremely well and we couldn't be more proud of him! Under the direction of his coaches, head coach Mrs. Scrivens and assistant coach Mr. Kelemen, Evan achieved the ultimate goal; he kept his eye on the prize for sure! We are proud of you, Evan! You are Cougar Strong!

Please be reminded of the early dismissal this Wednesday, November 7th. We will dismiss at 11:40 am and the staff will spend the afternoon working on evaluations and reflecting on our work from last Friday's in-service held in Lansing. I know the afternoon will be productive and an opportunity for the staff to work together for the good of the group.

Speaking of Wednesday, Crazy Sock Day will be celebrated by all as well as Crazy Hair/Hat Day on Thursday. Students should wear their uniforms but add a special touch with these two themed days in anticipation of Color Day and the Dodge "Em Classic on Friday. We will begin our day Friday with a bit of a pep assembly hosted by the Student Council in anticipation of the evening's dodge ball tournament. The students are very excited about this annual event!

To add to the excitement of Friday, we are benefitting from a special presentation brought to us by the Parent Forum. *Chinese Acrobats*, a performing group, will be on campus at 2:15 pm for a special presentation. This is the second of two assemblies offered to WCA students for the cancellation of the BMX performers that weren't able to make it to campus earlier this school year. I hope all of the students enjoy this unique group; their talent will amaze, I am told!

The Parent Forum will meet this Friday, November 9th at 8:30 am. There will be discussion of the financials and some other business on hand. This group always welcomes new faces to attend; in fact they encourage them! I hope to see you there!

Included in your Mailer this week is a survey for all WCA parents. Your candid response will help us continue to improve and be sure to attend to those aspects that concern you as school families. Please

complete your survey and return them to WCA by Wednesday, November 14th. The results will be evaluated by WCA's management company and presented to the board of directors. Thank you ahead of time for your support with this very important task of continuous improvement.

Picture Retake Day will be next Wednesday, November 14th. Take a look at your pictures that are included this week and if you have some concern about the photo, please feel encouraged to participate in retake day. Simply send the first photo packet back to WCA with your child and we will take it from there. If you have questions for the photographer, please use the contact information on the order form to call.

As we stand at Opening Ceremony in the chilly fall air, please be reminded that outerwear is necessary for all students. Please be sure to adhere to the policy of simple and plain without logo and no flashy, distracting design. The amount of Under Armor, GAP, AERO and the like that face me each day is beginning to diminish with these reminders, but it is still being worn by some children. As you plan for winter gear, be reminded of the simple, plain guideline that is published in the handbook.

For recess, all kindergarten through 6th grade students should be preparing for the snow pants requirements. Students need to have hats and gloves now as recess has been chilly on the playground. Snow pants can arrive anytime but must be on campus after the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have questions about this, please give me a call in the office.

It seems that attendance has become an issue in a unique way of late. Students seem to be missing a day, retuning for a day and then perhaps needing more time off. Or, missing school for various appointments has also become a concern. Please help us help your student understand the importance of instruction and time in class. Communication is a huge element of success in us working together to educate your child; we need to work together to make the difficult stuff seem manageable. Please work intentionally to schedule appointments after school which will allow students to be on campus for all classes. If your child isn't feeling well, work to understand why so as to minimize their absence from school. Together we can make this issue fade away.

Have a great week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me in the office. If I don't know about your concern, I can't help. Will Carleton Academy is not a perfect place nor does it pretend to be. To be close however, we need to communicate and work toward a common good. I am always happy to help.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen Vogt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colleen A. Vogt
Director