



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well. It is hard to believe that December has arrived! Before we know it we will be putting out cookies and milk for the man in the red suit!

Included in your Mailer today is the Spring 2019 testing schedule. We are passing this along for appointment planning in hopes that these times might be avoided. Please put it somewhere safe as that time will be upon us before you know it!

The time is finally here; our holiday program is Thursday, December 13th and is such a terrific event! I hope this letter finds you looking forward to enjoying the afternoon performance or the evening performance. The students are working so hard to be sure that all is just right for you! Campus is beginning to look more like Christmas thanks to the decorations by the faculty and staff. We look so forward to seeing all of the decorations each year; it truly makes it feel like the holiday season!

For the concert event, I have been asked to remind that formal uniform for our young ladies includes knee high white socks. We also ask that the girls refrain from wearing leggings as it tends to get warm on the stage. If you have questions about this, please contact the office.

Speaking of the program, a few years ago the Parent Forum had a discussion at a meeting that I believe is worth sharing. The group discussed the growing concern for the etiquette displayed by some at our musical programs each year. Arriving on time and remaining seated while keeping younger siblings attentive and staying for the duration of the program were some of the topics that plagued the parents involved in the discussion. It seems odd that as adults we have to discuss this, but each year the obviousness of these items seems to escape some. There will be a finale for this year's program so all children will be expected to stay for the entire program. I hope that all who attend enjoy every minute of this event; the 50 minutes will be well worth your time.

Friday, December 14th will be Ornament Day/Exploration Day for all students. The students will spend the day creating holiday treasures to share with family or pass on to those in our community who are less fortunate than us. They will be traveling from classroom to classroom and visiting with many different teachers on campus. High school students will go caroling and will be signing up to ring bells if they choose. This tradition has grown to be a favorite amongst students and teachers. Please feel welcome to stop by and help if you have the time. We would love to have you.

This week brings the first of three weeks of classes before winter break. The students will be in class all three weeks with a few special happenings in various grades. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have specific questions and are unsure of details. Winter break dismissal will be at 11:40 am on Friday, December 21st with classes resuming at 8:10 am Monday, January 7, 2019.

Our December Pizza Day will be Wednesday the 12th; feel free to stop by and help with this activity. Monies and orders for Pizza Day are due this Friday, December 7th.

Exam week is right around the corner for our 9th-12th grade students. Review day will be Monday, December 17th with classes as normal. Then for Tuesday, December 18th through Thursday, December 20th, the students will take two, two hour exams from 8:15 am until 10:15 am and again at 10:30 am until 12:30 pm. Unless otherwise notified, students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on each of those three days. Students will take one exam on Friday, December 21st at 8:15 am and will be finished and ready for dismissal at 10:15 am. On each of those early dismissal days, the high school students will need to head home as faculty and staff will be preparing for the next day's exams. If you have questions about this schedule, please give the office a call.

These next few weeks need reminders of diligence to homework and classroom behavior. It seems that we have had a rise in infractions across the board. Please continue to support your children with conversations about attending to the tasks at hand that will prove constructive as the first semester comes to a close; remaining focused and attentive to all expectations will be beneficial for all.

The Cougar Athletic Department is in need of a 5th and 6th grade girls' basketball coach. Think about supporting these young athletes as they begin their experiences in the gym. Ask your family and friends about this opportunity. Sometimes the perfect coach is right under our noses and we don't even know it!

Have a great week! I hope you have a chance to enjoy the holiday happenings on campus.

Sincerely,

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

Colleen A. Vogt
Director