



## 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 see all of you and look forward to meeting new faces. 8th grade is a busy year. I am confident that it will be great!

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 8th year at Will Carleton Academy. The 2021-2022 school year marks the beginning of my 23rd year of teaching, overall. My son will be in the 7th grade at WCA, this year. I was born and raised in Hillsdale. I am also a graduate of Hillsdale College. Life took us to other areas but Hillsdale is where we've always considered "home" to be, so we happily moved back nearly a decade ago!

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 more 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:

(2) composition books – We will use one DAILY for Algebra notes. The other is used for science notes. **(If you know that you move for math and won't be in Algebra I, you will only need 1 composition book.)**

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

(2) pocket folders, any color

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

(1) handheld sharpener for the colored pencils. **(Colored pencils tend to break off and jam in the electric sharpeners in the classroom.)**

(2) red pens

(2) glue sticks

(4) packs of loose-leaf COLLEGE RULED paper

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

(1) container of disinfecting wipes.

(1) 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