



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

My heart is so full! The day started with a wonderful Opening Ceremony with students, faculty and parents all present for this important day. And, I just spent the morning walking through classrooms and I am so excited to see smiling faces and hear lots of giggles as we settle in to the new year. We are thrilled to be on campus and are poised and ready for a brilliant academic year!

Welcome to your first Monday Mailer (even though it is Tuesday... 😊) which is our vehicle for communication between home and office, and home and classroom. Each week your mailer will have a correspondence from me and any other important notes from the office as well as most graded work from your child from the previous week. This is a great way to stay in touch with families and you always know when to expect any news from us; it seems to work well! Please take a look at all that is included, sign the outer envelope and send it back to school with your child. Each week we will reload and send it home again! It is that easy!

This week in your Monday Mailer, you will find the Will Carleton Academy Handbook for all kindergarten through 8th grade students, as well as the supplemental handbook for all high school students. Each includes a signature page that needs to be signed and returned indicating that together, you and your child, read through the handbook and accept all of its contents. That signature page is important and again signifies your commitment to the board approved policies that are included in the handbook.

Also included in your mailer is a form to be completed providing the necessary information for us to complete the student directory. Please complete this form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Will Carleton Academy will once again be using electronic forms for all of our student information that needs to be collected. Please be watching for an email from Power School Enrollment which will include a SNAP CODE for your use to “unlock” those forms and complete those for WCA office use. You should see that email in your inbox on Wednesday, August 25th.

Lunch went well today and conversations were filled with stories of summer. Please be sure to include a spoon or a fork and a napkin with your child’s lunch if necessary. Milk will be available for purchase again this year for 60 cents. Please send in milk money with your child for the week, month, semester, year...whatever works for your family. If your family has already qualified for free milk this year, you will find those letters in your Monday Mailer today. Water bottles are also necessary this year. Please be sure to send a water bottle to campus each day with your child. Our touchless water bottle fillers are ready to go in three places on campus but all drinking fountains remain closed.

The office has had a few questions about quarantine and mitigation strategies that will be used this school year. If your child is a close contact to a positive case of COVID 19, the health department along with WCA administration will support you with options for quarantine and a safe return to campus. Each case will be handled on a case-by-case basis making sure that all options are explored. Keeping all students safely in the classroom this year is our number one goal!

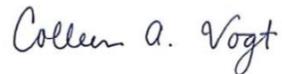
As you all learned this morning at drop-off, temperatures will be taken each day. If you arrive to campus late and if all of the staff members taking temperatures have headed to Opening Ceremony, please have your child stop first at the office for their morning check-in and from there they will be sent to class. This will help us be sure to be consistent with this process and be sure that all students are tended to in a safe manner.

Please like WCA on Facebook to be sure to catch glimpses of our days here on campus. The energy is terrific and we'd love to share with you all the wonderful things that happen each day in our classrooms. Most classrooms are full with 22 students, but we do have some openings in certain grades. If you know a family who would like to join our student body, please encourage them to call and to be a member of our school family!

As always, if you have a question or need assistance with anything, the office is here for you! Give us a call and let us support you! We love to make connections with all WCA families and we will do our best for you each day!

Have a great first week! Stop by Opening if you can; we'd love to start our day with you!

Be well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen A. Vogt".

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