



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

What glorious sunshine this is shining through my office window! So good for the soul and a terrific way to start our week! What a wonderful first 4 days we had last week; only 176 more to go! If they are all as positive and rewarding as the first 4, we are in good shape! Thank you for your patience and support as we worked through everything that represented the first week of a new school year.

One procedure that is proving to need more adjusting is drop-off and pick-up. We have had lots of discussions internally and when considering suggestions from parents and staff, we'd like to make the following changes:

1. For drop-off, if the youngest student in the carpool is 5th grade or older, please use the main driveway and the service drive for drop-off just like you do for pick-up. We believe this change will alleviate the back-up on Hallett Road in the morning. Let's give it a try for a few days and see if it works.
2. We will begin to gather students by carpool, grouping them nearest the youngest member of the carpool at pick-up. With this change, we need your help. In the past when this was our procedure our biggest challenge was sibling behavior and the olders not necessarily listening to the younger's teachers. Please support this change that brings efficiency by talking to your children about behavior expectations while waiting in the line for pick-up. Thank you so much for this support!
3. As the teachers learn your vehicles and new faces, please support the process if a new person is picking up your child(ren) on any given day. If that is a once in a while occurrence, a quick call to the office to bring this to our attention is great!
4. Please see the included map to help you visually understand. If you have any questions, please let us know!

Thank you for the quick return of paperwork to the office. As you have read through the handbook, I am sure you have noticed notes such as no nail polish, no hair dyes, simple traditional hairstyles for our young men, oxford button-down shirts on formal uniform days (Monday and Wednesday) for our young ladies, plain oxford shoes (non-tennis shoes) for school days and other fine details that keep the well-oiled machine running. Thank you for your attention to these. We will note these details with specific children as uniform pieces continue to arrive and days get settled in. Please reach out to the office if you have questions about notes in the handbook that perhaps are not clear.

You should have all received the Power School email last week which included a SNAP CODE for you to use to access each child's individual paperwork. If you have completed that paperwork, THANK YOU! If not, you are in good company! 😊 Let's set a goal of this Wednesday to get that completed as access to that current information is truly what keeps this office running smoothly.

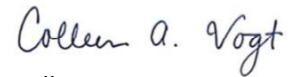
Included in your Monday Mailer today is a weekly Cougar News for you to follow all things athletic for our school family. Take note of home contests, or even away ones! Nothing better than die-hard Cougar fans!

A September calendar is also included for your planning. It is the office's practice to include these in the mailer nearest the first day of the month. Holler if you need any questions answered based on this information. Please note the schedule for this week and next: in observance of the Labor Day holiday, we will not have classes on Friday, September 3rd or Monday, September 6th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 7th with Opening Ceremony at 8:10 am.

All kindergarten through 3rd grade students will be testing this week so, good night's rests and substantial breakfasts are in order for these students. We are so enthused to have this early in the year data to best serve your children. We will use this information to inform our instruction and curriculum to meet all students' needs. This kind of stuff makes me giddy!

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

Be well,


Colleen A. Vogt