



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Did you see the sunrise this morning? It was definitely one of the most beautiful ones I have ever seen. It was breathtaking! I hope you had the chance to take it all in. It made for a perfect start to my day.

This week brings our second full week of classes. It is so good for us all to gradually work our way into the swing of things. Next week is a short week with no classes on Monday, September 27th. After dismissal on Friday, September 24th, classes will resume on Tuesday, September 28th at 8:10 am with Opening Ceremony giving all WCA families a long weekend.

The Parent Forum is thrilled to invite all parents to the first forum of this academic year. The group will meet on Friday, September 24th right after Opening Ceremony on campus. An invitation and an agenda are included in your Monday Mailer today. The agenda includes a New Parent Welcome as well as many other items of business, including, but not limited to the budget approval and a presentation of Title I funds explaining exactly how WCA uses these federal dollars to support student growth and achievement. All parents are welcome to the forum as simply by being a parent of a WCA student, you are a member of this incredible group! I hope to see you there!

Also included in your mailer this week for all 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents is a progress report, or a mid-term report, explaining the progress of your student this far in the first quarter. Kindergarten students don't receive 1st quarter mid-terms and due to their recent absence from campus, 5th grade reports will be coming to you soon. All high school mid-terms will be mailed by day's end. Please use these reports and the comments thoughtfully written by the teachers to have good conversation with your children about their work thus far. It is never too late for a positive change and it is always the right time to celebrate success! If you have questions about the grades or the comments, it is completely appropriate to inquire; connect with the teacher for clarification or to discuss strategies for academic success. These reports are one way to keep communication open and to build relational trust between school and family. Let's use them to the best of our ability to work together for all children!

Will Carleton Academy has agreed (willingly, I might add!) to participate in a dunk tank event hosted by WCSR (92.1 FM) in support of the local CASA organization. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) works intentionally to support children throughout our county and beyond. If I were to get wet for a cause, this is a good one! Please look for us on Thursday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm (location to be explained in a Facebook post) to dunk your favorite staff member. What a perfect match...dunk a teacher and support a worthwhile organization for children! Hope to see you there!

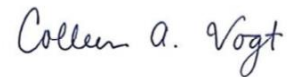
Please keep our very own Mr. N in your thoughts as he has ventured to New York for a life-long goal of performing at the MET (Metropolitan Opera House, New York, New York)! Mr. Nestorak will be preparing for his role as an understudy to an upcoming show and we believe that this will be the first of many opportunities for our beloved music teacher! I explained to the students at Opening today that very few music students can say that their teacher had this opportunity; what a blessing it has been to

have Mr. N on our faculty! The children do realize the gift they had in Mr. Nestorak. WCA will anxiously await his return to us! Good Luck, Nick! Your WCA family is so proud of you!

Pizza Day is this week! Thank you to the Parent Forum for organizing this lunch for our students. Parents, be reminded if your monies were turned in by last Friday, there is no need to pack a lunch this Wednesday; you may sleep a little longer in the morning! Pizza Day will be Wednesday, September 22nd for all students who turned in their orders. There will definitely be a buzz in the hallways that day!

I hope you all have a great week. I truly enjoy my time with those who call or stop in; teamwork is a great thing!

Be well,

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

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