



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

I hope all of you had a blessed holiday weekend. As I crawled in bed each night, my heart was full as the sounds of the house quieted after a day of reconnecting through conversation and laughter about the silliest of things. I pray that you also had the same feeling; it is what Thanksgiving is all about! All things considered, life is good.

Very good timing on Mother Nature's part providing a chilly, snow-dusted start to our Monday, the first day of required winter gear for our K-6th grade students. Kind of ironic, huh? Thank you to those families who sent their children all bundled up ready for our Michigan winter. Recess is such a value-added bonus these days that we don't want any child to miss a single second of it! Please send the children to campus each day ready for outdoor recess with the required snow pants, gloves/mittens, hats, boots and a warm winter coat. Thank you!

The Thanksgiving Feast was a terrific success last Tuesday! Thank you to all of the folks who stayed late to clean up and help support recess. The food was terrific both in taste and quantity. Imagine having your Thanksgiving dinner with 200 of your closest friends; it was wonderful! Thank you to the K-2nd grade teachers, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Dryer, Mr. Tate and the Student Council members whose attention to detail was the push behind this year's feast and its success. It was an afternoon to remember!

This week brings the first of three weeks of instruction as we buckle down on campus for the last run before the holiday break. A December calendar is included in your Mailer this week and it is full of holiday goodness for all! Please mark your family calendar for all of those activities that will be memory makers for you.

The annual Light-Up Parade is this Saturday, December 4th in downtown Hillsdale and the Parent Forum hopes you will join the WCA float crew for this event. Line-up takes place in the mid-town lot and we'd love to have you! Please check the PF memo for all of the details and if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the office.

The Holiday Concert is next week on Thursday, December 9th. The afternoon program will begin at 2:00 pm with the evening performance starting at 7:00 pm. If you are dropping your child off for the evening performance, please do so through the main driveway by 6:40 pm. The children will gather in their classrooms before the concert and will return there upon its conclusion. Those dropping off may pick their children up at 7:50 pm-ish in the main drive. Adult staff will be helping them watch for you. Students should be in formal uniform for the concert. Be reminded about white knee socks without leggings and vests, instead of sweaters,

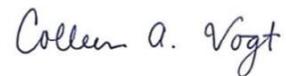
as the stage is rather warm with all of the children in place! Rehearsals begin this week and I think you have a lot to look forward to; I can't wait!

Sometimes there is an occasion when a family needs transportation support to and from WCA and they reach out to the office. We have had an inquiry about carpool support from the Jonesville area. The ask is for one student and she promises to be on her best behavior! 😊 If this is something your family might consider, please contact the WCA office and we can fill in some details for you. Thank you for considering this request.

Some WCA students might be coming home with a new-to-them, gently used book from an archive that we've uncovered. We are so happy to share! Please allow the children to keep these and enjoy them! When your family has loved them enough, pass them along to another grateful recipient. We are happy to share!

Have a wonderful week. Please let us know if you need anything. The WCA family is really good at taking care of each other so allow us the privilege of supporting you if you need. After all, it is what makes the world go 'round.

Be well,



Colleen A. Vogt