



## Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Wasn't the Holiday Program wonderful? I don't know what made me happier- seeing all of you or hearing the children sing! It was a great evening anyway you look at it! I am grateful that you were able to share that special event with us.

The Parent Forum invites you to their December meeting this Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. This gathering will not have a formal agenda for business, but will be a gathering for fellowship and spreading holiday cheer. I hope you can make it, even if it is only for a few minutes!

Thank you for all of your support with the school closure last Wednesday. As that decision was being made, lots of good conversation was had and the ultimate goal was to keep our WCA family safe. The day off gave faculty and staff a great opportunity to review protocol that will allow for calm, clear-headed investigation if an incident should happen on campus. We are stronger because of this time together.

Following the events of last Wednesday, it seems as though there was confusion regarding classes on Thursday. WCA's official procedure is to announce closures independent of all other districts; this has always been our procedure and remains our procedure. Those independent closures will be announced on Facebook, via email and in most situations, on WCSR (92.1 FM) and WILX (Lansing, Channel 10 on DISH). WCA has not ever called or texted these closures and will not in the near future. You would be the first to know if that service became official for us! I do my very best to make those decisions in a timely manner, but as was the case last Tuesday evening, it was during the 9:00 hour and that was due to the timing of the conclusion of the many conversations that were had surrounding the issue. Please consider adding an early morning check of Facebook or email to your routine in case of a last-minute closure is again necessary. I appreciate your consideration of that!

Included in your mailer today is a January 2022 calendar. Can you believe it?!?! We have included it for the start of family planning. If it changes too much, we will include an updated calendar in our January 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Mailer.

Speaking of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, classes will dismiss at 11:40 am this Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for all preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This early dismissal will be the start of our winter break which will end at 8:10 am on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The high school students will conclude their 7<sup>th</sup> hour exam at 10:15 am on Friday allowing them to begin their break a titch earlier than the K-8 students. I hope that this two-week recess will afford all sorts of opportunity for rest and relaxation and for doing more of what makes you happy!

Wishing you and your family a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Be well,

Colleen A. Vogt