



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you well-rested and ready to face 2022 with hope and grit! The holidays do that sometimes...allow a time to take inventory of all that is well with the world. I was thrilled to be back on campus today with the halls a-buzz of activity. The students were thrilled to see each other and it seems that they are poised and ready to learn.

What a beautiful snowfall we had this past weekend. I had a few folks reach out to me on Sunday asking about a snow day for today. Please be reminded that WCA's official procedure is to **announce** closures independent of all other districts as quickly as we can; this has always been our procedure and remains our procedure. I will not communicate those closures from my cell phone or email to individual families. 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). Again, I do my very best to make those decisions in a timely manner to accommodate all of your schedules. 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!

I am grateful for the support that families are giving when communicating illness and absence to the office. Please, please, for the sake of the whole WCA family, keep your children home when they aren't well. We had a tough last two weeks before the break with illness, yet so far today, (I am knocking on wood!) the phone seems quiet with absence calls, so I would like to keep it that way. We will support you any way we can when considering absences and needing materials for completing missed work. We are here to help!

As promised, included in your mailer today is another copy of the January 2022 calendar. We had sent it the Monday Mailer before break, but wanted to be sure that everyone has a chance to post it on the fridge at home. As events are added or adjusted, we will be sure to communicate that with you.

Speaking of calendars, mark your calendar for Saturday, February 12th. The Parent Forum will be hosting their annual Reverse Raffle on that day at Johnny T's Bistro in Hillsdale. Tickets for this event are available in the WCA office and we are anxious and excited to offer you as many as you need. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and those you know to support this fundraising event, not to mention it is a fun evening! Please call the office to secure your tickets...we have them ready for one and all!

Included in your mailer today is a mid-year survey. Please take a minute to complete it and let us know how we are doing when considering your experience at WCA. It is imperative for WCA administration and board of directors to receive your feedback so that we can keep doing what is awesome and tweak what needs improvement. Thank you ahead of time for your participation in this important survey.

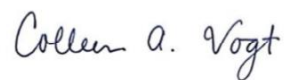
WCA administration is excited to announce that Will Carleton Academy will be adjusting its annual Open Enrollment period for the 2022-2023 academic year. Moving the 2-week period to late February from mid-April will offer all new families an opportunity to explore all educational options while classes are in session and while other countywide enrollments are happening. It will be important for all currently enrolled families to participate in the re-enrollment period which will begin on Monday, January 31st and conclude on Wednesday, February 9th. The WCA office will give lots of notice of this re-enrollment

period and will be intentional about supporting you through it; no problem! Please encourage all families interested in our Open Enrollment period for new families to connect with us to secure an application for the fall. We welcome all families who you recommend as we know our best advertisement is through "satisfied customers"! 😊

This week brings Homecoming Week for our 9th through 12th grade students. The themed days are fun and should provide for lots of great costumes! This Friday, January 7th will be a Green and Gold Day for all students and staff. Let's reserve face paint and hair dye for the high school students, but otherwise, wear your best spirit wear and support our Homecoming Week! This is what memories are made of!

Have a great week. I know this first week after break brings early bed times and sleepy faces, but getting back into a routine is exactly what we all need. I look forward to making 2022 the best yet!

Be well,

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

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