



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

I was surprised to see the roads wet this morning. I hear there was a storm that rolled through early this morning, but I missed it! Must have needed that sleep!

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 26th. After dismissal on Friday, September 23rd, classes will resume on Tuesday, September 27th 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 23rd 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!

The Parent Forum is also excited to invite you all to walk in the Fair Parade on Monday, September 26th. The parade is at 10:00 am and WCA's group should meet shortly before in the mid-town lot. Wear your best green and gold and show your school pride by walking with our school family. Hope to see you there!

The first Pizza Day order form is included in your mailer today! Thank you to the Parent Forum for organizing this lunch for our students. The first Pizza Day will be Wednesday, September 28th for all students who turn in their orders by this Friday, September 23rd. There will definitely be a buzz in the hallways on that first Pizza Day!

Also, from the Parent Forum, don't forget about the Reverse Raffle! Tickets are available by calling the office today! The Parent Forum is excited to be planning this event which is the one and only large fundraiser each academic year for WCA. The raffle is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at Johnny T's in Hillsdale. In addition to tickets being purchased, we will be requesting items for the grade level/classroom themed baskets in next week's mailer. Keep your eyes out for those details! Makes me smile just thinking about it!

Dismissal seems to be settling in and timing seems to be improving. Please keep being patient and know that within days the whole process will narrow to about 12 or 13 minutes. That is a huge measure of success! A few reminders might be to not speed through the line or any place on campus, to not have curbside conferences as the children are being loaded, to please pull all the way forward when loading per the direction of the staff member requesting you to move up, and please only stop once as all carpool riders should be in one spot which is the youngest member of the carpools class line. Phew! Seems like a lot to remember, but if you let us guide you, it truly is a safe and efficient way to get all

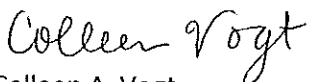
students and their families headed home. Thank you to Mr. Tate for adding SLOW and STOP reminders to the driveway in various places. These visible reminders help us all if we are paying attention.

As you come to campus for drop-off, pick-up or various activities it is important for you to know that Will Carleton Academy is a tobacco-free campus. This designation includes all forms of tobacco and nicotine in any device or mechanism. Please re-commit to this long-standing designation that WCA remains proud of; one more way to keep campus safe at all times for our students and staff.

As promised, if applicable, please find a second set of "important paperwork" in your mailer if the office has not received it when it was originally sent back in August. Please understand the importance of this paperwork for the day-to-day business of the office. Thank you for making this a priority.

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,


Colleen A. Vogt