



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy Halloween! I can't even understand how the month of October is over. I have this pile in my office that I keep saying I will tend to once the dust of the new year settles! Guess I missed something as I am sure the dust should be settled by now. I will get to that pile soon; I promise!

I am so pleased to hear from the teachers that Parent Teacher Conferences went so well last week! At first glance, we had quite a few of our families attend! That is so exciting! Thank you for having such an active presence in your child's education; we are so proud to partner with you. If you have follow-up for me after your conferences, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be honored to be supportive.

The November calendar (yes, I said November!) is included in your mailer today. Please take note of any special events that seem exciting. We are thrilled to see events like 5th grade students' instrument fitting, Dodge 'Em Classic and Thanksgiving Feast on our calendar! Those events build memories and create such happiness for all! Hope to see you around campus!

The calendar also points out an added early dismissal for this Friday, November 4th and an already scheduled Family Learning Day next Monday, November 7th. Please be reminded that dismissal time for an early dismissal is 11:40 am. The teachers and I will spend the day and a half focusing on curriculum and strategies to support the various levels of learning seen in all of our students. Thank you for the support for us to have this time of learning to advance our professional skills.

We will celebrate the academic success of the students this Wednesday at Opening Ceremony with the first quarter Honor Roll Ceremony. Please feel welcome to attend. We will hold Opening in the gym on Wednesday and have plenty of space to sit and enjoy all of the students' success!

Speaking of celebrating: the first district game for our varsity volleyball team is tonight, Monday, October 31st at 7:00 pm at Camden Frontier Schools. The ladies are fresh from a conference tournament championship last Thursday evening and are fired up for a win against Tekonsha. Keep your eye on the prize, Lady Cougars! We are proud of you and grateful for Coach Cole and her commitment to you all! Tickets for this game are available on-line. Please see today's Cougar News for ticket details. #cougarvolleyball

As I mentioned before, the 5th grade students' instrument fitting event is this week on Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Band is part of the students' music curriculum in 5th grade at WCA. Under the direction of Miss Fieser the students will explore their instruments and hopefully begin their band journey for the rest of their school experience. Miss Fieser will present a flier to all 5th grade students during their music class inviting fifth grade parents and students to this important meeting. Please reach out to Miss Fieser or me with any questions.

The chill was in the air last week at Opening Ceremony and many teeth were chattering. Please be sure to send the children to school with warm clothes for our outdoor time together. And, I hate to point this out, but it is not unheard of to get a snow flurry or two in November, so it might be a good time to gather the required snow gear for wintry weather. Not that it will accumulate anytime soon, but just a good time to gather all of that winter gear that we need on campus for Opening Ceremony, recess and those times during the day that we can get some fresh air!

It seems that drop-off needs another procedural reminder. It is so important that when dropping students off, each car pulls forward to nearer the end of that loading sidewalk. This procedure allows many cars to be unloading at the same time. Even if no one is there when you pull into the drop-off zone, odds are someone will eventually arrive! Pulling forward allows for many cars to unload at one time and keeps the students out of the line of traffic. Please follow the guidance of the staff members at drop-off.

Have a wonderful week. I know the holidays are in the near future, but November is such a good time to catch our breath and focus on excellent instructional minutes. There are few disruptions during this month and we are glad about that for sure!

Be well,

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