



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.

Today is the first official day of snow gear being required on campus for all kindergarten through 6th grade students. Thank you to those families who sent their children all bundled up ready for our Michigan winter and our outdoor time each day. 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. Jackson, 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. The second quarter is ending and these next three weeks are so important! Please help your child(ren) heighten their focus for a strong finish to this quarter. The teachers will monitor in-class assignment time, as well as homework time, as students have been hard at work since the first day of classes back in August. We appreciate their diligence and want to help them see that their perseverance to the end is so important! Thank you for being so supportive as we all finish strong!

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 Holiday Concert is this week on Thursday, December 1st. 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 began last week and I think you have a lot to look forward to; I can't wait!

The annual Light-Up Parade is this Saturday, December 3rd 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!

This is a reminder from the office that water bottles need to be on campus every day. Please let me know if you need support securing a water bottle for your student. I am happy to help!

We also seem to be giving out an abundance of lunch items from the office. If your child forgets his/her lunch, the WCA office will call a parent to secure a lunch for that child. If we are unsuccessful in contacting a parent, we will offer the child an item or two from our cupboard. Please be sure to oversee lunch packing as it seems some of our older students are "forgetting" a lot of late. Thank you for your support with this very important meal of the day.

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