



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Tomorrow is the day! Pi Day! Or as some of us around here will soon know, Pie Day! 🥧 Thank you for getting so excited about such a simple activity. The French Club and Mme Poulet thank you as this FUNdraiser has raised funds for the French Club and their Paris 2023 trip. Keep your eye on Facebook as I am sure there will be plenty of memories to share!

It is time for our second set of Parent Teacher Conferences. Hard to believe that time is flying so quickly and that the start of the 4th quarter is upon us. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller are ready to support you when making those appointments. Conferences will be Thursday, March 30th all afternoon and into the evening. The students will dismiss at 11:40 am that day and we will also have an early dismissal on Friday, March 31st. Please call the office at your earliest convenience to make your conference appointments. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Speaking of conferences, upon reflection of our fall conferences, the faculty and I have had meaningful conversation about students attending conferences with parents. When this happens, it makes blunt, honest conversations about progress or lack thereof difficult to have with the student present. Our teachers would like to request that students not attend the conference appointment with their parent to afford the time to be spent with clear, candid conversation as the goal. Thank you for being mindful of this request.

On Parent Teacher Conference Day, we will also be hosting School Closet for a spring uniform refresh and perhaps some fall ordering, taking advantage of the 20% discount and the 120 day return policy. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller can help with those appointments as well, so call the office to schedule your uniform fitting.

Please keep hats, gloves and all winter gear coming to campus until spring break. We will make a good decision each day if the gear is necessary for recess, but until we can count on Michigan weather, we need to keep those items on campus. And, speaking of keeping items on campus, please revisit with your children the necessity for a water bottle each day. We seem to be having a shortage of them and our drinking fountains remain closed. Please keep a water bottle, not a lidded tumbler, coming to campus with each student. They need to be hydrated and we are running low on cups not to mention this is super inefficient and takes away from class time to refill the small dixie cup that we provide in an emergency. Thank you!

The Parent Forum has included a memo with all of the details included about their upcoming election in your mailer this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to support this strictly volunteer group of parents whose presence on campus truly makes a difference. The current executive board would be happy to talk with you regarding their duties if the memo leaves you with some unanswered questions. Those people are: Rachel Kies, President, AJ Watkins, Vice President/interim Treasurer, Robin Bertram, Secretary, and Lindsey Keyte, Board Liaison. The office would be happy to connect you with these volunteers if you need support. Thank you for considering this opportunity; we look forward to working with you on campus.

Also included in your mailer this week are the NWEA scores that were promised last week. My letter was written before the internet was down in the office, so printing the scores became a challenge and my letter did not get edited. My apologies. Please let me know if you have any questions about the score report. I am happy to talk!

The March is Reading Month activities are in full swing on campus. The students and staff are reading each morning and the bracket is rounding out nicely. There have been a few surprises along the way I must admit, but the topic of conversation in most cases has been exciting to witness and listen to; the students are certainly pulling for their favorites!

Michigan State Representative Andrew Fink is coming to campus today for a tour and to read to the students in honor of March is Reading Month. I know the students and staff are proud to welcome him to campus; our school pride abounds when visitors are present! Please be reminded that we are still happy to host parent readers during this special. Let me know when you might be able to share your favorite book or story with the children.

An add-on for the March is Reading Month festivities is a Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day scheduled for our half day on Friday, March 31st. All students and staff can choose their favorite character and spend the day in their costume living-out the adventures of the specific character. The March is Reading Month committee thinks this will be fun! Please mark your calendar for this special day.

The March Board meeting is tomorrow night at 5:15 pm and as always, you are welcome to attend. The 5th grade Mackinac Island Parent Meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. This meeting will highlight the itinerary and review cost for travelers. I hope to see all 5th grade parents there.

Don't forget about the 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 25th! We will gather at The Dawn Theater at 7:00 pm for a social hour with a short program to begin at 8:00 pm. The memorabilia will be so wonderful to peruse; I can't wait for you all to see it! Please check out WCA's Facebook page for information or call the office to reserve your tickets. I hope you are able to spend the evening with the many friends of WCA!

I hope you all have a wonderful week! Make a difference for someone!

Be well,



Colleen A. Vogt