



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy Monday! Welcome to our first full week of school! While it might not seem to make a difference, 5 days right off the bat can be grueling, so this transition to a full week should help all be adjusted. Music to my ears!

Will Carleton Academy's September Board of Directors' meeting will be held this week on Tuesday, September 12th at 5:15 pm. As always, all are welcome to attend. Our board is fully committed to making sure that all students, families, faculty and staff are treated with respect and they diligently tend to the business of the board. I am grateful for all of the time that they give to WCA.

A reminder from the office about a few long-standing traffic expectations:

1. There seems to be some speed demons making their way through campus. 🚗 Please be mindful of your speed when traveling in and out of the driveways. A driver should always assume that children will be present and that slow is the safest way to proceed. I have witnessed excessive speed at drop-off and it truly scares me if slowing down doesn't happen immediately. And, please STOP at the painted STOP signs on the ground as you enter campus through the main driveway. This is non-negotiable for all.
2. Traffic is one lane, one-way at all times. There is no passing or getting out of line to get to the exit. Again, safety is our first priority and this process is the safest. Please be respectful as you move through traffic. I have been made aware of obscene gestures being given driver-to-driver. I am saddened by this as that has not been the culture of WCA and I will work tirelessly to keep it that way. Please be respectful.
3. Please do not park and walk to get your child at pick-up. Allowing people to walk through the lines of traffic is simply not safe. Please wait in the line with all other families and WCA staff will direct you and load the children as quickly as possible.

Be encouraged that all on campus seems good! Testing began last week for high school students and this week for most other grade levels. The information that this testing provides will allow teachers to make very informed decisions about instruction, leaning on WCA's curriculum and staff resources to support all students. Please encourage a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast each day as this will provide more stamina needed for this testing. We got this!

Miss Fieser, from WCA's music room, tells me that Beginning Band for 5th grade will begin the week of September 18th during the school day. She also reports that Advanced Band will begin on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:20 am. The students are getting all of the specific details, but if you have any questions, please connect with Miss Fieser to be confident about these programs. I look forward to hearing the music made by each of these groups!

Please find an Art/Photo Release for each student included in your mailer today. Often times WCA staff have opportunities to share experiences of your child on WCA's Facebook page or website or even locally in our community at specific venues and permission is needed to do so. Thank you for completing this form for each child as soon as possible.

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller tell me that paperwork is still coming in. Great news! Please turn those important documents in this week as having that information on campus makes a day run more smoothly! We will send a 2nd request set in next Monday's Mailer as we work diligently to get all forms turned in.

Speaking of paperwork, the first Pizza Day form is included in this Monday Mailer as Pizza Day is next Wednesday, September 20th. Please note that the order forms and money are due this Friday, September 15th; no exceptions! Monies must be totaled and pizza slice count must be tallied so Friday is a hard and fast deadline to allow for careful consideration to these tasks. Thank you to the Parent Forum for providing this monthly treat for students!

Mark your calendars for next Friday, September 22nd at 8:30 am as this will be the first official Parent Forum of the 2023-2024 academic year. All WCA parents and guardians are invited to participate as a member of this terrific group. Come to this first forum to meet other parents and guardians and to be sure to get your foot in the door for opportunities to support students and staff. It is a great group!

Have a great week! Please connect with me with questions or concerns, or to simply share a joy! I love those connections most!

Be well,

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