



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Welcome to the final week of the 1st quarter! Where has the time gone? I mean that! I often say things like, "When things settle in..." or "When the first quarter gets half-way..." and look; it is over! I better get to gettin'!

With the end of the first quarter comes a bit of a fall break. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 am on Friday, October 20th and will have a day off from classes on Monday, October 23rd. Classes will resume with Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, October 24th. I hope this little pause allows for some rest and relaxation.

The half day this Friday will be a MSU vs Michigan Casual Day for students and faculty alike! Wear your team's gear for \$2.00 and let's see who earns the victory for this long-standing rivalry! What a fun event for all! The Student Council thanks you for supporting their first fundraiser of this academic year.

It is hard to believe that Parent Teacher Conferences are on the calendar for early November! Please be checking your family calendar and prepare to call the office next Tuesday, October 24th to begin scheduling conferences for Thursday, November 2nd. The students will have an early dismissal on Thursday the 2nd and conference appointments will be available beginning early afternoon and continue into the evening on that Thursday. Please be reminded that childcare will be available during conferences and that the expectation is that the students do not attend conferences with parents and teachers. This policy is not new for WCA and truly provides the most productive time for parents and teachers to talk candidly about the progress of students. Thank you for planning time to talk about our students.

The week of the Parent Forum's Reverse Raffle is upon us! The Parent Forum is working tirelessly to prepare for their largest fundraiser of the year! It is so important that all WCA families do their part to support this event. There are tickets left so please consider buying one and joining us all for the fun! The event is enjoyable and the prizes are terrific! Tickets are available in the office and by purchasing one, you are supporting the Parent Forum with all of their work to bring opportunities to campus for students, staff and families. I hope you consider supporting this wonderful cause.

The Reverse Raffle grade level basket donations were due last week, but some baskets are a little thin. Please consider sending in that item if you missed the deadline. The themes have been included in the last two Monday Mailer letters and are accessible on the WCA website as well. Those baskets raise so much money at the event, that every little donation helps! Thank you for sending in the items to help build those grade level baskets.

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25th and 26th, students in specific grades will participate in vision and hearing screening. Students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will have vision screening, and students in grades K, 2 and 4 will have hearing screening. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this annual screening provided by the health department, please send a note

in writing to the WCA office. If WCA does not receive that written statement requesting that your child not participate, they will be screened per the health department's state required offer of said service.

The Parent Forum has included the next Pizza Day form in today's mailer. That even seems to go so well each month! Thank you to the team of folks who consistently show up to make that happen! Note that those monies are due this Friday, October 20th for next week's Pizza Day on Wednesday, October 25th.

Please be sure to have the students bundle up this week! The forecasted morning temperatures look cooler! It is so important that students have a jacket for Opening Ceremony, as well as recess. It is windy on that hill! I hope you have a great week!

Be well,

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