



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

What a beautiful Sunday we had yesterday! That sunshine was glorious! I hope you were able to feel that on your face. And then to boot, the sunset! I tried to take a few photos but that didn't do it justice! The colors were amazing! It was a perfect way to handle the first night of darkness associated with Daylight Saving Time...it was a great compromise!

It was so nice to see so many of you at Parent Teacher Conferences last Thursday. I know I enjoy welcoming you to campus for that event. Please let me know if you have any questions after your conferences. I had the opportunity to sit-in on a few and thoroughly appreciate the chance to do so; it brings me insight into many of our students' relationships with their teachers and their families. Sometimes that is the missing piece to the puzzle that we work to solve each day on campus! Thank you for allowing us to support your children.

This week brings the need for a few reminders:

1. Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 8th. Your original picture packets were included in your mailer last week and they look so good! If you decide that you want retakes, send those original pictures back to campus with your child and the retake will be given. And, if students were absent on Picture Day in early October, then this will be the day that their picture will be taken.
2. If your child is absent and a doctor's note is secured, please be sure to send that in to the WCA office. Our records require those notes, and a call to the office by 9:30 am on the day of an absence. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
3. Saturday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Dial-A-Ride will be closed on Friday the 10th in honor of this national holiday. Please be sure to make other transportation arrangements for your family.

Speaking of Veterans Day, the faculty, students and I would like to invite Will Carleton Academy families to invite veterans that you know and love to Opening Ceremony this Friday, November 10th so that we may give them a collective THANK YOU for their service and to honor them as a school family. Please feel welcome to ask any family member, church friend, community member or neighbor to be your guest at Opening Ceremony, to stand with us to pledge allegiance to our flag and hear all the good news that is shared each morning. And, there might just be a donut and a cup of coffee in it for them as well!

All preschool through second grade students have a letter in their mailers with details of the upcoming Thanksgiving Feast. This long-standing tradition is such a wonderful event! I hope all parents of these students can join us on this special day. Please let the WCA office know if you have any questions. We look forward to hosting you.

8th grade families should take note of the letter included in each of your mailers requiring a signature of participation when considering the anticipated spring 2024 trip to Washington DC. I will be anxious to receive those letters by Friday, November 10, 2023.

The November Board meeting is next Tuesday evening at 5:15 pm and as always, please feel welcome to attend. The agenda looks like business as usual but one never knows what discussion might take place! We'd love to have you!

The mornings continue to be chilly when we gather outdoors for Opening Ceremony. Please remind your children that sweatshirts with large logos are not part of the uniform policy. As a school family, we truly need to recommit to that as the weather changes. Small logos and simple designs are acceptable, but otherwise, outerwear is to be plain. Thank you for your support with this long-standing policy.

One more reminder (I would guess it might not be the last...) about drop-off and pick-up. Please show respect to each other in the driveway and parking lot. It is so important that all drivers travel slowly and carefully and adhere to all practices and requests of the staff members who take on the challenge of overseeing this process. I personally appreciate all who do this! Please watch for directives, stay in that one-way, one lane of traffic, do not pass and encourage your child(ren) to load/unload swiftly yet cautiously into/out of the vehicle. We can do this! I promise!

I hope you have a wonderful week! Keep the questions coming; the office loves to hear from you! We can't help you if we don't know what you need, and sometimes all it takes is a quick call and all things seem so clear after that simple call.

Be well,

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