



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you well-rested and ready to face 2024 with hope and grit! The holidays do that sometimes...allow a time to take inventory of all that is well with the world. I was thrilled to be back on campus today with the halls a-buzz of activity. The fresh new carpet smell fills the main hallway and it looks great! The students were thrilled to see each other and it seems that they are poised and ready to learn.

Today's forecast for the rest of the week seems ironic; no time like the present to have the first big weather event for the school year! It is a standing reminder for this first of the new year Monday Mailer letter to write about snow day cancellations. So, here goes:

Please be reminded that WCA's official procedure is to announce closures independent of all other districts as quickly as we can; this has always been our procedure and remains our procedure. I will not communicate those closures from my cell phone or email to individual families. Those independent closures will be announced on Facebook, via email and in most situations, on WCSR (92.1 FM) and WILX (Lansing, Channel 10 on DISH). I do my very best to make those decisions in a timely manner to accommodate all of your schedules. Please consider adding an early morning check of Facebook or email to your routine in case a last-minute closure is necessary. I appreciate your consideration of that!

In the event of a school cancellation, please know that all campus activities for that day will be cancelled. This consistent practice allows for your planning for the whole day when considering school activities.

I am grateful for the support that families are giving when communicating illness and absence to the office. Please, please, for the sake of the whole WCA family in this new year, keep your children home when they aren't well. We had a tough last three weeks before the break with illness, yet so far today, (I am knocking on wood!) the phone seems quiet with absence calls, so I would like to keep it that way. We will support you any way we can when considering absences and needing materials for completing missed work. We are here to help!

The January Board meeting regularly scheduled for tomorrow, January 9th has been cancelled. Please mark Tuesday, February 13th on your calendar as this will be the next regularly scheduled meeting. Hope to see you there!

There will be an 8th grade DC 2024 Parent Meeting this week on Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 pm. Parents of students planning to attend this week-long excursion to our nation's capital should plan to attend. Excited to see you there!

Have a great week. I know this first week after break brings early bed times and sleepy faces, but getting back into a routine is exactly what we all need. I look forward to making 2024 the best yet!

Be well,

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