



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy Monday to all of you! I hope your weekend of sunshine provided some time for you to do something that you love. That is always a good way to spend a few days!

Congratulations to the Student Council on a wonderful Homecoming Week! The atmosphere was great and there was so much Cougar Pride on campus, one couldn't help but be supportive. Congratulations to both basketball teams on Homecoming victories; those are always super special!

Please be reminded of your Letters of Intent to Return for the 2024-2025 academic year that were sent home last Monday, January 29th in your Monday Mailer. Those have a due date of this Wednesday, February 7th. Those forms were on yellow paper and explain that your commitment via that form allows for class sizes to be determined for the fall and advertisements to be made for the upcoming Open Enrollment period for new families. If you need help with or have questions about this process, or misplaced your form, please contact the WCA office. We are happy to help.

Valentine's Day is next Wednesday, February 14th. Please be reminded that we will have exchanges of **homemade, non-edible** valentine greetings in classrooms. If your child participates, one valentine card for each classmate is the request to be sure that all students are included in this exchange of good will.

Barring any inclement weather days, our 100th Day of School will be this Thursday, February 8th. Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will have lots of fun activities centered on this special milestone. I can't wait!

I am excited to announce a community partnership that is coming together! With the help of WCA's Parent Forum, WCA is partnering with Community Choice Credit Union to help all students open and maintain a savings account. To get this started, the Parent Forum is gifting \$25.00 to each kindergarten student and with a match from CCCU, the Class of 2036 will have \$50.00 in their new account! We will begin Credit Union Day on campus in February, on the 22nd, for the kindergarten, and in March, all students on campus will be eligible to open accounts with the credit union matching \$25.00 for each new account. I am always looking for partnerships to build within the community that will benefit our school family and CCCU was eager to get creative with me. Thank you to the Parent Forum for supporting this opportunity for our youngest K-12 students. This will be a wonderful journey! Please be looking for specific paperwork in next Monday's Mailer.

Just a reminder from the office about being tardy. If you arrive to campus late, it is policy that you accompany your student into the building and sign them in at the office. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Jackson will greet you and can then confirm your child(ren) is/are in fact on campus. This is an important part of our day each morning and we do need that step to be followed. Thank you for your support with this procedure.

It seems that another reminder is needed about dropping off out front. Please use the back parking lot for dropping off. If you are dropping off via the main driveway to the service drive and the rope is up, please use the back drive and drop off out back. Traffic is increasing in the main driveway and at that time of morning with students flowing out to Opening Ceremony, it can be dangerous. Thank you!

One can tell it is approaching spring; students are growing taller! Please notice the length of your child's skirt and be sure that it is an appropriate length for school. I do nudge the girls when I notice a skirt that is getting too short and more times than not, it is rolled at the waist so that is an easy fix. The tricky ones are the skirts that have been hemmed and the young ladies have grown. Please let me know how I might help with this. I do speak to the students about uniforms and am grateful for your support.

I noticed quite a few older students in hoodies (not uniform, I might add...) at Opening Ceremony this morning and that is simply not enough to keep them comfortably warm. Please keep those winter gear items coming! The week looks perfect for outdoor recess for the younger students!

Speaking of recess, if you have 30 minutes to spare mid-day and you want to be a consistent volunteer on the playground, we'd love to have you! Let me know if you are curious about this request. We have a need for sure!

You will find fliers in your mailer this week for opportunities to support the French Club with Valentine's flowers and the Senior Class with a Can and Bottle Drive. Also, the 8th grade Little Caesar's Pizza orders are due next week. Those orders can be placed with an 8th grader or in the office. Thank you for your support of the many activities in which our busy student body is involved!

One calendar note that I need to make: WCA has the opportunity to host an author and speaker on Friday, February 23rd for professional development for our entire staff. As a result, we will have an early dismissal on that day. Thank you for your support with this change. It is truly a gift when we can sit together and learn and grow in our profession.

Have a fabulous week! Please let me know if there is anything that you need. Like I remind my staff often, don't suffer in silence. I can't help with situations that I don't know about!

Be well,

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