



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents,

What a beautiful sunny weekend! I could have used an additional 10 degrees each day, but the sunshine was priceless. I hope you all felt its warmth at some point or another.

It was so good to see all of the father figures in the gym early Friday morning for Dads and Donuts! That is one of my favorite events as it gives time for the children to spend time with those important folks and for those special someone's to have time on campus with the students. Sounds like a win-win! Thank you to the Parent Forum for hosting this event.

WCA held its annual new family Open House yesterday. We had a very full campus! Thanks to the students and staff members who were present to give tours and answer questions. It was a lovely day for all who attended. Thank you, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Center, Mrs. Kirsch, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. Keyte, Alina, Amelia, Drue, Josie, and Landan for being a stellar representation of all that we do well at WCA.

It is time to purchase the 2023-2024 Will Carleton Academy Yearbook! Hard to believe that we are wrapping that project up for another year. Senior Madison Barnes has single handedly put this project together and her work is amazing! We will see great things from Madison in the future; there is no doubt! Jostens tells us that the order deadline is Friday, April 26th. The direct link to order on line is <https://bit.ly/willcarletonyrbk>. (I just *typed* that into my computer and it worked beautifully!) Thank you for your support of this important piece of history!

This week brings M-STEP testing for all 3rd through 8th grade students. The students will test Tuesday through Friday. Please encourage your children to take their time and do their best. That's all that we can ask for!

Pizza Day is this week on Wednesday, April 24th. Thank you, again, to the Parent Forum for hosting this event and all of the details that go along with it!

The 8th grade families who are participating will have a DC meeting this Thursday, April 25th at 5:30 pm. This meeting will cover details of the itinerary and what to pack. It is getting so close and we want to be sure all of your questions are answered! See you there!

The WCA HS Prom is this weekend on Saturday, April 27th at The Elks Lodge in Hillsdale. What an exciting time for these students! I am sure memories will be made!

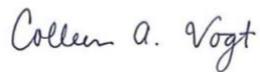
I have been asked by parents about a few dates this spring so I thought it was time to put them in a list that we keep adjusting week by week. I made a few mistakes in dates in last week's letter, so perhaps this will keep me on the straight and narrow! And of course, more details about all of these will be coming soon! Here goes:

- Subway Fundraiser, Monday, April 29th
- Fine Arts Night, Thursday, May 9th
- Carnival, Friday, May 10th
- Charter School Week, May 13th through the 17th
- Preschool Completion Ceremony, Friday, May 17th
- Mornings with Mom, Friday, May 17th
- Commencement, Sunday, June 2nd
- K-8th Field Day (on campus), Wednesday, June 5th
- 8th Grade Graduation, Wednesday, June 5th

I will keep adding to this list to keep you all in the know! Good communication is the key!

Have a wonderful week! As I stood greeting students one morning last week, I noticed a few families pulling up outside of the main entrance and simply dropping off students there. Please be consistent with the routine of drop-off and pick-up. It is so important that those procedures be followed right up until the last day of classes, which by the way, is in sight! Please be reminded to watch your speed while on campus as when that is not tended to, an accident is inevitable. It works best to be kind and allow space for each other to proceed with lots of caution. And remember: traffic through the circle is one way with no passing! Thank you!

Be well,



Colleen A. Vogt