



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy Monday! Welcome to our first full week of school! While it might not seem to make a difference, 5 days right off the bat can be grueling, so this transition to a full week should help all be adjusted. Music to my ears!

Will Carleton Academy's September Board of Directors' meeting will be held this week on Tuesday, September 9th at 5:15 pm. As always, all are welcome to attend. Our board is fully committed to making sure that all students, families, faculty and staff are treated with respect and they diligently tend to the business of the board. I am grateful for all of the time that they give to WCA.

Be encouraged that all on campus seems good! Testing began the week before last for WCA high school students and will begin this week for the elementary grades. The information that this testing provides will allow teachers to make very informed decisions about instruction, leaning on WCA's curriculum and staff resources to support all students. Please encourage a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast each day and an intentional attitude toward testing. That will be a recipe for success! We got this!

Drill season is upon us on campus! The faculty, staff and students will be participating in fire drills, severe weather drills and lockdown drills over the next few weeks. The atmosphere is one of seriousness and intention when we complete these drills. The preparation for these drills takes time and focuses on being sure that information is clear to keep everyone safe. Please talk with your children about the drills that take place. I am proud of our preparation and the attention that we give to these important scenarios.

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller tell me that paperwork is still coming in. Great news! Please turn those important documents in to the office this week as having that information on campus makes a day run more smoothly! We will send another set in next Monday's mailer as we work diligently to get all forms turned in.

Mark your calendars for next Thursday, September 11th at 5:15 pm as this will be the first official Parent Forum of the 2025-2026 academic year. The meeting will be held at Hillsdale Brewery. All WCA parents and guardians are invited to be a member of this terrific group. Come to this first forum to meet other parents and guardians and to be sure to get your foot in the door for opportunities to support students and staff. It is a great group! See the blue flyer for more information. Also included are the Parent Forum Bylaws (yellow insert) for your review and an opportunity to support the Parent Forum by using your Kroger Plus card (pink insert).

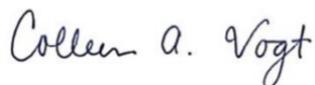
Included in your mailer today are last spring's test scores for students. These reports allow the WCA team to make great decisions regarding your child and their academic needs. If you have any questions about these reports, please contact me. I am happy to look at these with you and discuss the trends as our academic team sees them.

Also in your mailer for 4th graders and older students is a Technology Acceptable Use form that needs to be completed for each student. These forms help us remind the students what the expectations are for all WCA devices. Please talk this over with your child and return the signed form to the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this form, please feel free to reach out. We are here to help!

Time for my annual request for you to consider subbing in our classrooms! WCA is in need of subs and we'd love to have you if you qualify. Qualifications are few, but one is having 60 credit hours of college coursework. We do our best to avoid your child(ren)'s classrooms if we need you so that you can remain simply a parent and not a teacher, too. Think about it. I am happy to walk through the process with you. Again, this is a need that if your schedule allows, we'd love to have you help us fill. Please contact Mrs. Stewart if you have any interest. (carla.stewart@wcak12.org)

Have a great week! Please connect with me with questions or concerns, or to simply share a joy! I love those connections most!

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen A. Vogt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Colleen" and "Vogt" being the most prominent parts.

Colleen A. Vogt