



Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

What about the warm afternoon temperatures yesterday and then the driving wind this morning with forecasted snow? Not the type of weather I appreciate in mid-March! I had to break out the long sleeves and tall socks to keep warm today.

Congratulations to Mme Poulet and the French Club members. The Pi Day (or should I say Pie Day!) assembly was awesome! There is no medicine better for the soul than the sound of belly laughter of children and there was plenty of that! Thank you, French Club, for the joy brought to campus!

What a terrific event the Parent Forum Reverse Raffle was on Saturday! Johnny T's Next Door was filled with laughter and conversation and the prizes were tremendous. It was a fun time had by all; even those of us who didn't win the big money! Thank you to the Parent Forum E-Board for their tireless efforts and detailed planning. The night went off without a hitch. It was a ton of fun!

On top of raffle planning, the Parent Forum has been busy planning for next year! Be reminded of the nomination form that was included in your mailer last week. Those are due to the office this Wednesday, March 18th. Hopefully you have had time to ponder your participation. It is always great to have lots of support so please consider throwing your name on the list. We will always have enough seats at the table! Please holler if you have any questions!

Speaking of serving...the Board of Directors will also have an open seat for someone to serve as a trustee for an upcoming three year term. This opportunity is something that I hope some of you will consider. Your service on the board affects all students, faculty and families of Will Carleton Academy. It is a perfect opportunity to give back and support all involved. I am happy to talk with anyone about this opportunity. Please be watching upcoming mailers about the details of this opening.

Hopefully your family calendar is marked with this Tuesday's Student vs Staff Basketball Game. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the game begins at 6:30 pm. This WCA tradition supports the 8th grade DC trip this spring and brings lots and lots of laughter and maybe a few sore bodies the next day! The concession stand will be open and there will be a few games for audience members during halftime. Hope to see you there! Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us and have a few giggles along the way!

Third quarter report cards are included in your mailer today for all kindergarten through 8th grade students as well as for all Exploration Program students. All high school report cards were mailed Friday and I was told personally that they would make Friday's truck. Fingers crossed that you have them today or tomorrow! Our Honor Roll Ceremony for the third quarter will be this Wednesday, March 18th at Opening Ceremony. I hope you can join us to celebrate the academic accomplishments of our students.

Parent Conferences are this week on Thursday. If you haven't called to schedule yours, please do! 😊
Childcare will be provided for those families who need it. Please be reminded that it is most productive if children are not present during conferences. Please use the childcare option so that conversations between parent and teacher can be open and honest. Thank you!

An April calendar is included in your Monday Mailer this week. That sentence was hard for me to type! How can we be preparing for April already? Please take a look and note any and all events that might involve your family. If more events surface, an updated calendar will be sent after Spring Break. And, details about events later in the month will be forthcoming as always. So much information to share!

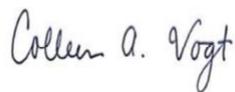
I want to write another reminder about the Hillsdale College Day of Service scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026. If you or a loved one has a daunting task that you need support with, please contact me and I will share the link for registration with you. The Hillsdale College students ask for pre registration so that planning can be done to ensure the best results from that day that will involve so many people! This truly is a wonderful gesture of community from HC. Let me know if I can help in any way.

Please keep the snow gear coming for all K-6th grade students. The playground can be muddy and frankly, this gear keeps the chill off while out at recess. By the time you read this, just three more days this week! Upon our return from Spring Break on Monday, March 30th, winter gear can be a thing of the past! Thank you for your support with this long-standing request.

Speaking of Spring Break, please be reminded of the early dismissal on Thursday, March 19th which begins our Spring Break for the students, and after Parent Teacher Conferences for the faculty and parents. Have a wonderful time off next week. The break is well-deserved by students and staff; I look forward to some downtime with those I love! Make a memory or two and enjoy the change of pace that next week will bring. Upon our return, the faculty and staff look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the students on Monday, March 30th at Opening Ceremony.

Have a great week!

Be well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen A. Vogt".

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