



Will Carleton Academy

2001 W. Hallett Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242 • 517-437-2000 • WillCarletonAcademy.com • Tuition-Free K-12

March 9, 2026

Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Wow! What a beautiful sunny Sunday...it was so good to open a few windows and let some of that winter icky out! I hope you had a great weekend!

Third quarter report cards were due to the office this morning. It is so hard to believe that the 4th quarter begins today and that we are nearing the end of this academic year. The WCA office will spend this week readying those cards for you and you should expect them either by mail or Monday Mailer next week.

It is time for our second set of Parent Teacher Conferences. Hard to believe that time is flying so quickly and that the start of the 4th quarter is upon us. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Miller are ready to support you when making those appointments. Conferences will be all afternoon and into the evening on Thursday, March 19th. The students will dismiss at 11:40 am that day. Please call the office at your earliest convenience to make your conference appointments. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Speaking of conferences, again, upon reflection of our fall conferences, the faculty and I have had meaningful conversations about students attending conferences with parents. When this happens, it makes blunt, honest conversations about progress or lack thereof difficult to have with the student present. Our teachers would like to request that students not attend the conference appointment with their parents to afford the time to be spent with clear, candid conversation as the goal. Thank you for being mindful of this request.

The March Board meeting, scheduled for tomorrow night, has been cancelled. The board of directors is very committed to school business, but when there isn't anything pressing and business is current, it isn't productive to simply meet to meet. We look forward to seeing all interested parties at the April meeting!

Friday is the day! Pi Day! Or at least when we will celebrate it as it actually falls on a Saturday this year. Some of us around here will soon know, Pie Day! 😊 Thank you for getting so excited about such a simple activity. The French Club and Mme Poulet thank you as this FUNdraiser will raise funds for the French Club and their Paris 2027 trip. Keep your eye on Facebook as I am sure there will be plenty of memories to share!

The Parent Forum Reverse Raffle is this Saturday! Thanks to everyone's participation ticket sales have gone well as there are only about 30 left! Let's work hard to have all tickets sold by mid-week so that preparations can continue. Raffle Basket donations are due this week as well. Please see the list below and know that every donation helps make these baskets the highlight of the evening!

Family Game Night: Kindergarten, 3rd and 8th grades

Spa and Comfort: 7th and 12th grades

Outdoor Fun- sports, yard games, grilling, gardening: Preschool, 1st and 5th grades

Car Care: 6th and 11th grades

Baking and Sweet Tooth- kitchen items, desserts, chocolates, or anything delicious!: 2nd and 4th grades

All Things Coffee, Tea and Cocoa: 9th and 10th grades and EP students

Thank you for your support of this annual event. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

The Parent Forum has included in today's Monday Mailer a Nomination Ballot for Executive Board positions for the 2026-2027 academic year. This opportunity to serve can be so rewarding and is the perfect way to better the WCA school community. If you have any questions about these positions, please contact one of the current E-Board members or give me a call. I will happily answer any questions about these positions from my lens. It truly is a gift to WCA to be so committed and forward thinking about serving. Thank you for considering.

Please keep hats, gloves and all winter gear coming to campus until spring break. We will make a good decision each day if the gear is necessary for recess, but until we can count on Michigan weather, we need to keep those items on campus. And, speaking of keeping items on campus, please revisit with your children the necessity for a water bottle each day. We seem to be having a shortage of them and our drinking fountains remain closed. Please keep a water bottle, not a lidded tumbler, coming to campus with each student. They need to be hydrated and we are running low on cups not to mention this is super inefficient and takes away from class time to refill the small dixie cup that we provide in an emergency. Thank you!

The March is Reading Month activities are in full swing on campus. The students and staff are reading in some way, shape or form each day and the book pots are overflowing with gold coin adventures. WCA welcomed Representative Jennifer Wertz into first and second grades last week and it was lovely to have her on campus. Next week we will welcome Hillsdale College students to read with WCA students. That will be a wonderful event!

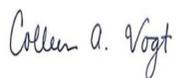
Hillsdale College has reached out to me to be sure that WCA families are included in their Day of Service opportunity. If you have a task that you or someone you know needs assistance with, please let me know and I will forward you the link to request help with that task on April 11, 2026. I think the tasks can range from simple to more complex; as long as they are registered for and approved. Please let me know if you want an opportunity to register your need with the students and staff of Hillsdale College. What a kind gesture offered to us!

Butter Braid and Jerome Country Market fundraisers are back by popular demand! The 8th grade is selling these goods as a fundraiser for their trip to DC this May. These order forms are included in your mailer and are due on Monday, March 16th. Nothing better than a butter braid pastry hot from the oven! Thank you for supporting the 8th grade!

A spring parent survey link will be sent to your email address this week. Please take a moment to complete the survey for WCA's spring data collection. WCA administration takes your responses quite seriously and uses the information to make family and student experiences more meaningful. You can expect that survey to remain open until the middle of next week. Paper copies of the same survey will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences, as well. We want to be sure that everyone has access to this opportunity. Thank you ahead of time for your participation.

I hope you all have a wonderful week! Make a difference for someone!

Be well,



Colleen A. Vogt