

THE WEEKLY

Monday, December 18, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Twas the week before Christmas Break and all through the school,
Everyone was excited and the teachers were trying to keep their cool.

You can feel the buzz of excitement around the school. It is going to be a week that requires much patience, flexibility, and understanding. It is also a week that the teachers like to teach Christmas related curriculum, including the Bible story of Jesus' birth. Our worship on Wednesday this week will also focus on Christmas. This time of year, I am always so grateful that I teach in a Christian school. Our world around us is becoming more and more secular with "holiday" trees, and "holiday" music. It is so refreshing to be immersed in an environment where we get to learn about Christ's birthday again and celebrate his coming. Our students will hear the story of God's amazing love over and over again, and for that we are so blessed. As you journey through the Christmas season, and through the holidays, I want to personally wish you God's richest blessings. May He grant you safety as you travel to family and friends, whether near or far. May this season be the one that loved ones or friends who do not know Jesus finally have their hearts opened to his unfailing love. And above all, may all the glory and praise be given to the Christ child, his, and our, Heavenly Father, and the precious gift of the Holy Spirit. Blessings to you all!

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."*

Luke 2:14

Side note: This Friday we say goodbye to Isabel Edih and her parents Mafo and Olawale. They are moving to Newmarket. Their original plans were to move in the summer, so we are thankful that we got 4 more months with them. We pray that God will richly bless them in their new community and school.

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2023/24 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Fri/Dec/22	—	RED & GREEN DAY	Dress Down Day
Fri/Dec/22	AFTERNOON	SKATING INDOOR @GOULDING	Dress Down Day
Mon/Dec/25-Fri/Jan/05 ~ CHRISTMAS BREAK			
Mon/Jan/08	8:25 am	1ST SCHOOL DAY OF 2024	Welcome back!
Mon/Jan/15	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Fri/Jan/19	—	P.A.DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon/Jan/22	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day

Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org
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PRAYER @ WCS

Join our **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting** (via Zoom) every Tuesdays @8:00pm!

Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to:
office@willowdalechristianschool.org

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Ms. Chow as she leads the last worship of 2023 on Christmas!
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Rothe (ESL)
- Families of the Week ~ Kennedy (5/3/3); Keoshkerian (SK); Kim (8); Kim (6/3) new family.

THINGS TO NOTE

CHOCOLATE MILK SOLD OUT! - Parents please note that there is no more chocolate milk to be sold this week. We will be replenishing in the new year.

LOST & FOUND - All items (and there are a lot!) from the Lost & Found bin will be put on a table outside the office. Please come and take a look before Christmas Break to see if anything belongs to your child. All items not claimed by end of the week will be taken to a donation center.
Please note the convenience in labeling the students clothing.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE A huge thank you to everyone who donated to make our food bank a HUGE success! We collected more food than we anticipated. Our prayer is that each item of food will be a blessing to those who receive it. Neighbourhood Link was so thankful for your generosity.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser

Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way for you to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Loblaws, No Frills, etc. For each dollar that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are always available at the office. Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations. THESE CARDS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SKATING and RED AND GREEN DAY ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

We will soon be going skating as a whole school!

JK-Grade 3 will be skating from 12:30-1:30 &

Grades 4-8 will skate from 2:00-3:00.

(Separate email to come with further details for volunteers)



NOTE that all K-3 students must wear gloves, snowpants and a helmet.

ALL SKATERS must wear gloves on the ice.

If you do not have skates, you can borrow from the school's supply.

They will be set up, by size order, on the stage starting today. Borrowed skates **MUST** be returned to the stage by Friday, Dec. 22.

ONLY Volunteers should meet at school prior to walking to the arena. Parents who wish to attend skating should go directly to Goulding.

It is also **Red** and **Green** Day. If you wear red or green, it does not need to be dress code.

CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ The school will be closed from **Saturday, December 23 to Sunday, January 7**. School recommences **Monday, January 8 at 8:25**. Have a restful break!

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WISHING **WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN**
SCHOOL A VERY **MERRY** CHRISTMAS!

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