

THE WEEKLY

Monday, December 4, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

As we enter the month of December, I am excited to be walking into the Advent time of waiting for Christmas. From the time I was a small child, I always got excited when I saw the advent candles at church, signaling the time of waiting and anticipation for Christmas. I always get the order of the candles mixed up (hope, peace, joy, love, Christ candle- that one I get right!), but the message always stays the same. We live as Christ followers who yearly celebrate his coming to earth as a baby, his life as a human, and ultimately his death and resurrection for our full forgiveness of sins. Christmas is not a happy time for all people, though. We remember those who have lost a loved one; for some, this time of year is a very lonely time; and for those who have money insecurity, this time can be a huge challenge. I encourage you to reach out to those in your families, churches and communities who may need help this year. We are doing that as a school for our Food Drive for Neighbourhood Link (see announcements below). Above all, may we keep our eyes on our Christ and Lord, proclaiming him as our King of Kings, Prince of Peace, Immanuel, and Lord of all!

What a wonderful time we had last week on Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. I got a chance to connect with many of our guests and was overwhelmed with their kind words and love for their grandchildren and this school. So many expressed how thankful they are to the staff of WCS for working with their grandchildren to help with their walk with Jesus. I expressed that it is we who are privileged to be part of that journey. A special thank you goes out to Paige Abuharoon for heading up the volunteers. Also, thank you to our many volunteers who helped! This day could not run without you all!

As announced last week to our Kindergarten parents and at the Membership meeting, WCS has hired two new teachers to replace Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Wen when they go on maternity leave starting January 1st. We are excited to be welcoming Ms. Beatrice Maldonado and Ms. Allison Diolanda to our teaching team. Both bring experience in kindergarten classrooms. We are thrilled to see what they will be bringing to the team and each of their individual classrooms. Please join me in praying for them as they prepare to join us on January 8.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Dec/06	LUNCH	PASTA	For those that have ordered
Wed/Dec/09	LUNCH	PIZZA	For those that have ordered
Mon/Dec/11—Fri/15 ~ WCS FOOD DRIVE			
Thu/Dec/14 @7:00pm OR Fri/15 @11:00am ~ WCS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE (Gym)			
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!

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

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

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 Mrs. Lee as she continues to lead on "Beatitudes: Admitting My Sin"
- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Winterle (Music)
- Families of the Week ~ Hsu (JK); Huang (1); Impera (3/SK); Jayatunga (SK); Jeong (7)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who bought books for their children's classrooms. In total we had \$3,745.40 in sales (7% above our goal) and raised a whopping \$1,414.79 for the school! This money will go to the teachers to purchase books, tools, and other materials for the classroom. A big thank you goes to Ellen Tannous for organizing this event and to many parents who volunteered. We received a lot of feedback which will carry over to next year's event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Looking for volunteers to help with pasta lunches for Jan. 24th, Feb. 7th, Feb. 21st, Mar. 6th, Mar. 27th, Apr. 24th, May 15th. Please email cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org if interested and have a valid VSS.

For Hot dog help for May 21 and Chic-fil-A on June 4, please contact e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE ~ DECEMBER 11-15, 2023

For our service event for the winter we will be hosting a Food Drive for Neighbourhood Link. They are an organization in our immediate community who provides services for the vulnerable. There is a flyer attached to the weekly with more information.



Food Hub | NeighbourLink

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ~ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 7:00 pm OR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 @11:00 am



Come and join us for a celebration of Christ's birth. ALL STUDENTS will be part of the presentation. On the Thursday evening performance, Grade 6-8 need to wear white tops and black or navy-blue bottoms and JK-Grade 5 need to wear Sunday best. Bring an item for our Food Drive as your entrance "fee"!

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. We need volunteers to walk with classes and help tie skates (VSS required- please sign up with your child's classroom teacher) as well as 2 volunteers to help transport skates for JK-Gr 1, and other materials to Goulding Arena (VSS NOT required). (Please contact Mrs. Miles or Mrs. Santiago if you can help).

The school has a limited number of skates for borrowing by students. Skates can be found on gym stage from Mon/Dec/18 to Thu/Dec/21. They will be arranged from smallest to largest sizes. Parents are welcome to try skates on their child BEFORE or AFTER school. (Teachers are not responsible for this.) **Borrowed skates MUST be returned to the stage by Fri/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.)

NOTE: It is mandatory for JK - Gr. 3 to have helmets, mittens, and snow pants or they cannot go on the ice.



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