

THE WEEKLY

Monday, December 5, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Our theme for this school year, The Fruit of the Spirit, is tying in very nicely right now with the season of Advent. We have just learned about *Joy* and *Love* in our recent Wednesday worship times and that coincides nicely with the first 2 advent candles lit at my church. (I know churches light the candles in different orders). Interestingly, I find that our students find 'love' the hardest one to fully understand. Oh, they have no problem understanding God's love for them and that God showed that love by sending Jesus to earth as a man who ultimately paid the price for all our sins on the cross. It's also very easy for our students to understand how to show that love to their family or to others that clearly love them. It's grappling with how to show that love for peers and others that may not be like them that is the basis of many serious conversations and, yes, some tears here at school. Truthfully, isn't this hard for all of us?

I cannot count the number of times I have said to a student, "so-and-so doesn't have to be your best friend, but you DO have to *love* them the way Jesus instructed us to do which means, treat everyone with respect and offer grace and forgiveness when needed". What I hear back most often is, "well, they did such-and-such first", or "it's not fair", or "I didn't mean to hurt their feelings when I said they couldn't play with us", or "I didn't really mean what I said" and so on. Transferring this 'love your neighbour' concept from head knowledge to heart knowledge requires all of us - home, school, and church - to work together to teach, model, and pray with and for our children.

I will end with a cute story - I was speaking with one of our younger students about something that had been overheard saying to a classmate that wasn't very nice. When I mentioned that I wanted to talk about this for a few moments, the student hit their own head with their hand and said (loudly), "oh, I forgot about the love fruit, didn't I?" And this is what I will miss next year!

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2022/23 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
TUESDAY	3:45 pm	Robotics #4 of 8 Sessions	For students that have pre-registered.
WEDNESDAY	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Christmas Concert	Admission "Fee" - Non-Perishable Food Item
FRIDAY	1:45 pm	Christmas Concert	Admission "Fee" - Non-Perishable Food Item
Wed/Dec/14	—	Gr. 4 - 6 @ "Shrek"	Toronto District Christian High School
Thu/Dec/15	—	Skating @ Goulding (Dress Down)	See Page 2 for Details.
Fri/Dec/16	—	Red & Green Day (Dress Down)	Last Day Before Christmas Break! Woot!
Tue/Jan/03	8:30 am	First Day Back to School	Happy New Year!
Fri/Jan/13	—	Pajama & Bedhead Day	Just roll out of bed and come to school!

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org
Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Miss Westerhoek
- Families of the Week ~ Keoshkerian - New Family, Kim (Daniel), Kim (Youngeun) - New Family, King (Alex)
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Miles will be leading us in a time of Prayer & Praise

Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) ~ Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) [wcpayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

DRIVER on SKATING DAY (Thu/Dec/15)

One volunteer is needed to transport baskets of skates (for JK – Gr. 1 students) and “skating aid trainers” to and from the rink. You would need to arrive at the school @ 12:15 pm, load up skates, and drive to arena. Also arrive at arena @ 1:30 pm, load up skates, and drive back to the school. VSS required. Contact Mrs. Venneri if you’re interested.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - UPDATE

Our Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated by supporting our school and enhancing home libraries. Your investment in YOUR reader helped WCS earn valuable Rewards Dollars that can be redeemed for new books for our school and classroom libraries, as well as supplies and Education Resources to benefit our students. We sold a total of \$3,884.66 and earned a total of \$1,783.15 in Rewards Dollars. Happy Reading! We also want to say THANK YOU to Ellen Tannous for her effort and time that made our Book Fair possible. Great job!

LOST & FOUND

On Mon/Dec/12 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 Fri/Dec/16 will be taken to a donation center.

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 from Mrs. Venneri. Simply email her with your order. Once your cheque or e-transfer (payment@willowdalechristianschool.org) has been received by the office, your Gift Cards will be sent home via “kid-mail”. Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations. THESE CARDS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!



SKATING – Thu/Dec/15

(JK ~ Gr. 3 @ 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm // Gr. 4 ~ 8 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

The school has a limited number of skates for borrowing by students.

(We do NOT have helmets.)

Skates can be found on gym stage from Mon/Dec/12 to Wed/Dec/14.

They will be arranged from smallest to largest sizes.

Parents are welcome to go into the gym BEFORE or AFTER school to try skates on their child. (Teachers are not responsible for this.)

Borrowed skates MUST be returned to the stage by Fri/Dec/16.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.