

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, February 12, 2024



## *A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...*

Did you watch the Super Bowl? I did. I was not happy with the outcome, though. (I wasn't necessarily cheering FOR the 49ers, but more so cheering against the Chiefs. I loved the Chiefs when they first won! Now I am ready for a new team to shine.) During worship a couple of weeks ago Mr. Baldesarra taught us about Brock Purdy, the unlikely quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers. He was drafted completely last in the draft 2 years ago. He was so unimportant that the back of the jersey said Mr. Irrelevant. Can you imagine? So happy to actually be drafted, even though it was last, and then be known as Mr. Irrelevant! No one is irrelevant! Especially in God's kingdom. Well, Brock Purdy quickly made a name for himself when he became the starting quarterback earlier this year when their usual quarterback got injured. And he was good- so good that he led his team right to the Super Bowl. That is not why Mrs. Baldesarra talked about him though, or why I am writing about him either. Brock Purdy is a strong Christian. He openly talks about how he gives God all the glory for his success. He points others on his team, in the media and in the NFL world to Christ. I am doing a lot of tours right now and I am often asked about the importance of Christian Education. I point people to our mission which states that we equip all students...for a life of service for Christ. Not just for when they are students in the walls of WCS but for LIFE! Brock Purdy is a living example of that! No matter where we end up: whether a famous NFL quarterback, or an accountant, or a teacher, or a police officer, or a zookeeper, we do everything for God's glory, pointing others to Him. That is my prayer for all our students, and I am sure it is yours for your children as well.

On a side note, I have been having a lot conversations with parents lately. Some of them are about concerns, and others are about what they think is going well. Often when parents talk to me, they say, "I have talked to other parents in the class, and they feel the same way." I then say, "When you have these conversations with other parents, please encourage them to come and talk to me." I want to repeat that to our whole community. If you have concerns or praises, no matter how big or small, please come and talk to me. I welcome feedback and view it as a way to foster growth. If you would like an appointment, please email me.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Feb/13	LUNCH	HOTDOG LUNCH	For those that ordered
Tue/Feb/13	3:50-5:30 & 6-9pm	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	Refer to next page for more info
Wed/Feb/16	—	HEAT WAVE DAY	Dress down day
Mon/Feb/19	—	FAMILY DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed/Feb/09—Fri/Feb/23 ~ GRADE 6 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO FAIR GLEN (BEAVERTON)			
Wed/Feb/28	7:00 pm	OPEN HOUSE FOR POTENTIAL PARENTS	"Word of Mouth" - best form of advertising!
Thu/Feb/29	11:30 am	PROLOGUE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTATION	For ALL Students to enjoy!

Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - [dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto: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](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to:

[office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mrs. Barnes as she continues The Beatitudes on Hungering for God
- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Thiessen (Grade 3)
- Families of the Week ~ Malaya (6); Merson (8); Mousley (8); Naseri (2)

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**INTENTION FORMS:** If you did not hand in your intention form and have not talked to Mrs. Miles you will be getting an email. Please submit your form if you still need to!

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** are tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 13** from 3:50-5:30 and 6:00-9:00. JK-Grade 3 will be in their classrooms. Grades 4-8, French, Student Support Services, and Music will be in the gym. PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME and stay within your allotted 10-minute appointments. If you have more to discuss, you can set up another appointment on a different date.



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** This Thursday we have a pastor speaker from One Church who will be speaking to us about Black History month. The students will be divided into 2 groups (JK-Gr.3 and Gr.4-Gr.8). We will also welcome an African performer at the end of month who will be sharing songs, poems, and storytelling from his culture.

**HEAT WAVE DAY:** THIS FRIDAY, February 16 is **Heat Wave**. Please see the announcement in your child's weekly for information.

**FUNDRAISING DINNER:** Please save the date for our Annual Fundraising Dinner at the **Bayview Golf and Country Club, located at 25 Fairway Heights Dr, Thornhill**, on **Friday, April 26, at 6:00 pm**. Join us for a delicious meal and a silent auction. Attached, you will find a letter detailing information regarding the dinner. You can register for the event at: <https://forms.gle/tyvD1ZAit7cto4SB6>

## **THINGS TO NOTE**

**INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK:** Thank you to the Board for hosting this amazing event last week. Even though only 38 people RSVPed, we had close to, if not over, 100! The food was delicious and the company was warm and friendly. Thank you Board, for all your hard work with making this event such a great success. And thank you to all the parents who brought the eclectic assortment of food.

**CALIPER PROJECT:** Thank you to the students who participated in the CALIPER project. The students were very brave and friendly with the people from Sick Kids.

**TALENT SHOW:** Amazing job at the Talent Show, WCS! WOW! The talent was so varied. I had many parents tell me that they enjoyed it and that they were so impressed how all the students cheered and clapped for every act, showing great respect to the performers. Thank you to Ms. Kim and her team for making it all happen!

**PIANO MOVER NEEDED:** A free piano has been found to replace one of our older ones. If you know a piano mover, please let the office know. Thanks!



**E2F UPDATE:** The Board of Trustees at Willowdale Christian School approved the Equip to Flourish (E2F) Request of Bid for architectural services. This procurement process represents an exciting and major step in securing an architectural firm to work alongside the Board and E2F Committee in expanding the school and enhancing the learning experience. The RFB was issued January 26 and the anticipated award will be made in the Spring of 2024.

Please join us in praying for God's discernment as we select an architectural firm.

Email [e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org) or visit <https://equiptoflourish.com/> for more information.

Thanks, Alice