

## A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Happy Valentine's Day - a day we express and receive acknowledgments of love. I was noticing this past week the many ways in which I use the word love. At different times, I said or wrote, 'I love you', 'love you', 'luv ya' and just 'luv'; they all meant something slightly different to me and to the person I was addressing. The English language can be so inadequate at times - in this case, one word, 'love', can have so many different meanings.

I always enjoy the words that Marilyn Duguid (Mrs. Venneri's mom) writes - none more so than these words about love:

"We know that love is not all about romance, it spills out of our hearts in a thousand different ways but trying to explain love in a word or two is simply not possible. Most of us are familiar with the three kinds of love found in our Scriptures.

**Philos** love is that warm and affectionate love that we share with our family, friends, and others close to us. **Eros** love is that physical, sexual, and intimate love shared by husband and wife. **Agape** love is the indescribable and unconditional love of God, the highest form of love every known. God is love. There is no greater love than this but this is not to say that the other forms of love are insignificant since we know all genuine love comes from God.

The Word of God abounds with verses, passages, and illustrations that give us an understanding of what God's love is like. However, today I have chosen to use a hymn to express an extraordinary picture of God's love, one that has always set my heart and soul aflame envisioning these words of truth. You are no doubt familiar with this old hymn so with words in front of you behold, envision, imagine, ponder, and yes, sing with me about the deepness of God's love.



The love of God is greater far Then tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell. Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made; Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.



The magnificence of God's love for us is everlasting and forever. As if that wasn't enough, God sacrificially dressed Himself in skin and bones and came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. He became God in flesh and for a short time lived among us, lifted Himself up to be crucified and rose again. Oh, the deep, deep love of God for those of us who experience it, is such an underserved eternal blessing.

Would you agree absolutely that there aren't enough pens, not enough ink, not enough parchment paper, nor enough scribes to write about the love of God above? And what of our love of God here below? I once heard someone say that it isn't enough to just love God but rather to be in love with Him. Maybe that's what Jesus was alluding to in Matthew 22:37 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

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

# PRAYER @ WCS

- Wednesday Worship ~ Ms. Lim as she teaches us a new name of God Jehovah-Shammah (The Lord is There)
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with SEEVARAT-NAM today (Monday) and ending with TAMONDONG on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Wen

#### Parents Prayer Group (via Zoom) - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) <u>wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com</u>. She will provide the Zoom link. When entering the meeting, TURN ON your camera. Once you've been admitted, you may turn OFF your camera.



#### \*\* UPDATE FROM TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH \*\*

Attached to this Weekly is the latest COVID Self-Screening Questionnaire - dated February 11, 2022. Effective TOMORROW, this is the document every parent must use to screen their child in the morning.

• TRAVELLING - Follow the federal quarantine travel rules. (Link can be found on attached document.) Every family's situation is different so please find the rules that apply to your specific circumstances.



• SELF-ISOLATING - When referring to the Self-Screening Questionnaire regarding who has to self-isolate and for how long, NOTE ... Toronto Public Health is now saying that if a person has had "a confirmed COVID-19 infection within 90 days on a Rapid Antigen Test or a PCR Test AND completed self-isolation", they no longer need to self-isolate if someone else in the home has symptoms or has a positive COVID test or is waiting for test results.

### **EQUIP to FLOURISH (E2F)**

<u>E2F</u> is embarking on a building transformation campaign to enhance students' learning experiences, renew the facilities, and create additional space. We are looking for volunteers to join this Committee in 2 specific areas:

1 - FUNDRAISING ~ Do you enjoy organizing events and school fundraisers? E2F could use your assistance.

2 - **COMMUNICATIONS** ~ Do you have experience with Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.? We're looking for volunteers to help with social media marketing and update the E2F website.

Parents can count their volunteer hours towards the 2022/2023 WCS Volunteer Program. For more information, please email <u>Cherie Ahlberg</u>.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Thu/Feb/17		GO CANADA! Day (Wear Red!)	Dress Down Day
Fri/Feb/18	—	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL
Mon/Feb/21	—	Family Day (Statutory Holiday)	NO SCHOOL
Wed/Feb/23	7:00 pm	Virtual WCS Open House (via Zoom)	Let your friends know!
Fri/Feb/25	3:45 pm	DEADLINE for Pizza/Pasta Lunch Forms	Late Orders cannot be processed.
Fri/Mar/11	3:45 pm	2nd Term Report Cards Distributed	3rd Term begins Mon/Mar/28.
MARCH ~ Mon/Mar/14 - Fri/Mar/25			
Wed/Mar/30	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Via Zoom
Thu/Mar/31	3:50 - 6:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Via Zoom
Wed/Apr/06	7:00 pm	Virtual WCS Open House (via Zoom)	Let your friends know!
Thu/Apr/14		Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day	Details to follow.