

THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, February 21, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

I hope everyone had a wonderful Family Day! There is something just lovely about a 3-day weekend, isn't there?

Although it has been my hope that winter is now over, I can see from the weather reports that we are in for some 'wintry' weather over the next few days. My comments today are focused on the PARKING LOT and getting our students on to our school property safely.

Because the parking lot belongs to the church (and they graciously allow us to use it during the week), we have no control over how and when it is plowed and salted. As you have seen already this year, the plow often pushes the snow up against our north fence, creating quite a significant obstacle course for parents and children walking toward the gate. However, this is still the safer option when compared to walking behind cars that are trying to exit the parking lot.

We all need to work together to keep everyone safe by following the rules below:

- ⇒ Park in a designated parking spot.
- ⇒ Leave a significant amount of space between the front/back of your car and any snow pile that may be up against the fence. That way students/parents do not have to walk on top of the snow pile, but can walk on the ground between the front of the vehicle and the snow pile.
- ⇒ Accompany all small children to the gate. There have been a few incidents lately where a small child was walking unaccompanied behind parked cars. The driver could not see the small child and started to back up. It is only due to other adults who jumped in to either move the child or indicate to the driver to stop moving
- ⇒ Do not allow children to walk behind vehicles. Always walk between the fence and the cars.
- ⇒ Do not drop off students anywhere but in a designated parking spot. There have been times when a car will stop right in the driveway to let a student out, thus preventing all other parents from entering the parking lot and causing a back up of traffic on Hilda Avenue.
- ⇒ Do not drop off or pick up students on Hilda Avenue.
- ⇒ Drive slowly when you enter the parking lot.
- ⇒ If you stop to chat to other parents, DO NOT BLOCK the small narrow space between the vehicles and the fence where students need to walk.
- ⇒ And finally, too often parents are parking in the RESERVED parking spots. Please do not use these spaces which have been paid for by other people. Whether you arrive to pick up your child from After School Care or you arrive in the middle of the day to pick them up from class, kindly stay out of those 2 designated spots.

Let's all work together to keep our students (and their parents) safe.

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PRAYER @ WCS

- Let's pray for our Grade 6 class as they travel to Fair Glen tomorrow for their overnight retreat. May they be blessed with safety in travel and a wonderful time of fellowship. Remember Mrs. Kim as she oversees this time.
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Lim
- Families of the Week ~ Merson, Mousley, Naseri, Ng (Carsten & Chasya)
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pastor Jack Klooster (Community Church of Richmond Hill) will lead this week.

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

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CHECK THOSE BACKPACKS TONIGHT!

The 2022 Tax Receipts are being sent home with your eldest child.

Sat/May/27 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm ~ RETIREMENT CELEBRATION for MRS. SALLOWS

SAVE THE DATE! Location - Willowdale Christian School Watch for an invitation coming home later this week.

1 VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED on SKATING DAY (Fri/Mar/03)

We have one volunteer and we need one more! If you are able to transport several baskets of skates to and from Goulding Arena, please contact Mrs. Venneri. 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.

LOST & FOUND

On Fri/Feb/24 all items from the Lost & Found bin will be put on a table outside the office. Please come and take a look before March Break to see if anything belongs to your child. All items not claimed by Fri/Mar/03 will be taken to a donation center.

SKATING – Fri/Mar/03 (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/Feb/27 to Wed/Mar/01. 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 3:30 pm on Fri/Mar/03!** 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.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wednesday - Friday ~ Grade 6 Overnight Trip to Fair Glen (Beaverton)			
Wednesday	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that pre-ordered.
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences Booking	"School Interviews" website will be locked.
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Open House for Potential Parents	"Word of Mouth" is the best form of advertising!
Mon/Feb/27	—	Grade 7 & 8 Class Trip	Ripley's Aquarium
Mon/Feb/27	3:30 pm	Skates (To Be Borrowed) on Gym Stage	RETURN THE SKATES AFTER SKATING!
Tue/Feb/28	6 - 9 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Online via Teams
Wed/Mar/01	4 - 6 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Online via Teams
Fri/Mar/03	AM & PM	Skating @ Goulding Arena	Dress Down Day

Mon/Mar/06 - Fri/Mar/17 ~ March Break