

THE WEEKLY

Monday, February 3, 2025



Thoughts from our Principal ...

"Somewhere, Over the Rainbow," "We Will Rock You," "You are my All in All." Violins and voices, magic show and gymnastics video – these are only a few of the many, many talents that we celebrated at the annual WCS Talent Show 2025! What a delight to watch and listen to our talented performers this past Friday afternoon.

I believe that we all have talents, that God has made us all unique with a variety of skills and passions. While we all have talents to acknowledge and hone, it takes courage to get up in front of peers and parents. Getting up on stage may seem natural to some and difficult for others, or somewhere in between. I want to take the opportunity to thank Ms. Lee, Ms. Maldonado and Mrs. Barnes for their work in organizing. Thank you to parents and all students for participating. It really was so much fun!

I wonder if I can take time to recognize not only the performers, but also the audience.

Watching as a spectator also takes a certain kind of skill – it is one of support and encouragement. We might not know it, but those of us who were sitting in the crowd and waiting to be entertained, we have the privilege of receiving a song, a speech, an act or whatever art piece the one on stage shares with others. How we smile or sit quietly or cheer at the right times and give feedback, these are all essential, probably more than we know. We are viewers, recipients and beholders of words, music, art work, comedy, magic and beauty. For those who are organizers, who are off-stage and behind the scenes, the support is one of setting the stage and making sure people are heard and seen well. I know that both the microphones and the power point needed careful attention prior to the Talent Show, all very important to this event. Everyone plays a significant part!

When reflecting on the Weekly, I couldn't help but also give thought to the report cards that went home on the same day. In addition to the Talent Show, report cards were shared with parents at the completion of Term 1. Again, we recognize skills and talents of our children in these evaluations. As parents, we eagerly read what our teachers write with care and respect about their students, knowing as you do, that each of them are "fearfully and wonderfully made." A great deal of time and detail go into each report. How have the students performed and how can we celebrate and improve?

Your children have worked hard to acknowledge and hone their talents. Similar to the stage of performers, there are those behind the scenes as well who cheer them on, instruct and correct, pray and disciple with kindness and commitment. Parents and staff help make up the supporting cast. At next week's Parent and Teacher Interviews, we hope for good conversations that build up and speak truth about our talented stars. Let us continue to work well together.

Among many things, at WCS we are also a community of cheerleaders, believing that God is the Giver of all good things – skills, performers, supporters, dedication, community, Truth and Hope. Whatever talents we have, both on and off stage, may He find us faithful to serve and give all glory and praise knowing He loves us, always.

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2024/25 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Feb/03	—	SECOND TERM BEGINS	February 3— June 25
Mon/Feb/03	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Feb/05	8:35-10:30AM	PASTORS' DAY	Invite your Pastor's! See attached.
Wed/Feb/05	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Thu/Feb/13	3:50-9:00PM	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	Online sign-up open
Fri/Feb/14	—	P.D. DAY	No School!

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PRAYER @ WCS

Weekly Parents Prayer Zoom Meeting: Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

- Wednesday Worship ~ Armor of God: Breastplate of Righteousness #2 will be led by Mr. Richard Wong
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Schuurman (Principal)
- Families of the Week: Janzen (Gr.6), Jo (Gr.5/SK-A), Kang (Gr.7/4), Kasim (Gr.6/3), Kennedy (Gr.6/4)
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE!

PASTORS' DAY: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @8:35AM

Please mark your calendar and invite your pastor to our Pastor's Day, here at WCS. We will be having our Wednesday Worship and would love for them to attend. Pastors will have a time of refreshments and then visit the classrooms and enjoy a tour of the school. Please RSVP to the office. An invitation/flyer is attached, so please remember to send it to your pastor today!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @3:50-9:00PM

The URL link is now OPEN for parents to sign up: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/2fjcr>



ENROLMENT INTENTION FORM: DUE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13.

INTERVIEW SIGN-UP QR

To help the board start preparing for the next school year, 2025-2026, the Enrolment Intention form will be distributed to every student tomorrow. Only ONE form per family is needed to be returned by February 13, 2025.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

Thank you to our parents who drove and cheered us on! Our teams did great! The Boys Team battled right to the end but sadly lost in the semi-finals. Many thanks to our dedicated coach, David Hsu, for his many years of coaching the boys team. Our Girls Team competed on the same day. You can see from this picture that they came away with the WIN! Congratulations to the team and Mrs. Nancekievill for their pennant! Way to go, Girls!



COMMUNITY BOARD

FAIR HAVEN WINTER FAMILY DAY INVITATION: Monday, February 17, 2025

<https://www.fairhavens.org/events/winter-family-day/>

FAIR HAVEN QR CODE



WCS OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, February 19 @7:00PM

Please continue to invite friends to our Open Houses. This is a great way to tell others about our wonderful school. We have two more open houses: **February 19 and April 15**. We love to share WCS with others!

GREAT WOLF LODGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GETAWAY: October 30th, 31st & November 1st, 2025

Please [see attachment](#) to register.

TD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

Thinking about TDChristian for Grade 9? Spaces are filling quickly, so we encourage you to apply soon. Don't wait - visit <https://tdchristian.ca/admissions/> and start your application today. If you have any questions about Christian education at the high school level, please feel free to talk to Patty Schuurman.