

THE WEEKLY

Monday, February 5 2024



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

This weekend I had the privilege to spend time with one of my oldest friends (we've known each other since 1988). Every year I join her and a group of her friends from church for a scrapbooking weekend at a Christian conference centre in Crieff, ON. I have been going with her for about 7 or 8 years now, so the ladies have become my friends too! Every year my heart is filled after this weekend. We talk, enjoy silence, laugh (a lot), sometimes we even cry. It reminds me how community is so important. So many people live in this world with little community. As Christians we are called to live in community. It is Biblical! In Acts the new church even lived together and shared all of their possessions.

WCS is a very special community. I am touring A LOT of prospective parents right now, and I tell them that the top thing about WCS is our Christian teaching- it has to be! I tell them that tied for second is how well our teachers know our students and our strong sense of community. I tell them that we force community sometimes, by making our parents volunteer, but that we value community so much that we actually celebrate that we make you volunteer! So many parents tell me that they have been so blessed by the WCS community that they tell others that it is what they value most about us. Right now, our community is being drawn together in grief with the Lucas family. We mourn with Duane and Matteo. We pray for them and support them in any way we can (if you would still like to donate for gift cards, please do so by this Friday (payment@willowdalechristianschool.org))

Our community members do not always agree. Sometimes we might even argue. I have learned that unity (right in community) does not always mean that everyone agrees. It means that even when we disagree, we work towards staying fixed on the same mission and vision- in this case, WCS's. I am so thankful for this community. I have felt its blessings for 23 years. I have talked, enjoyed silence, laughed, and even cried, just like I did with my scrapbooking friends. I pray that WCS will continue to be a Christ-filled community that blesses its members and our greater Willowdale community for many years to come.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Feb/06	LUNCH	CHICK-FIL-A LUNCH	For those that ordered
Wed/Feb/07	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that ordered
Wed/Feb/07	6:00 pm	BOARD HERITAGE POTLUCK DINNER	Come join us in the gym!
Fri/Feb/09	—	ENROLMENT INTENTION FORMS DUE	Hand-in to teacher or office
Fri/Feb/09	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that ordered
Fri/Feb/09	2:00 pm	WCS TALENT SHOW	Hosted in the gym
Tue/Feb/13	3:50-5:30 & 6-9pm	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	Refer to next page

Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - 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.

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

office@willowdalechristianschool.org

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mrs. Miles as she leads us for a time of Prayer & Praise.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Baldesarra (Grade 4)
- Families of the Week ~ Lo (SK); Lu (4); Lucas (1); Luey (3/1/JK)

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

CALIPER PROJECT: The Caliper project is happening tomorrow. Students involved will have Mrs. Miles in the room for support. Thank you to everyone who signed up and in turn, are supporting this research.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK: Let's celebrate the cultural diversity of our school! The WCS Board is organizing a potluck for the WCS community on **Wednesday, February 7, at 6 pm** in the school gym. Each family is invited to bring a dish from their cultural background. Consider dressing in traditional cultural clothing! More information to come.
Contact Person: Krystal Plaxton krystal.lee.d@gmail.com



TALENT SHOW PREPARATION: Friday, February 9 at 2:00pm is the talent show! Parents are welcome to attend and watch their child(ren) present their talents to the school.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Tuesday, February 13 from 3:50-5:30 & 6-9pm. The portal for online booking for school interviews is now open: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/sbb5t>. Booking will close Friday, February 9 at 3:30pm. A family may book up to 3 teachers including the core teacher, French teacher (Mme. Wiseman), Music teacher (Mr. Winterle); Student support teacher (Mrs. Wells) if applicable, and Principal (Mrs. Miles). Grades K-3 will meet in their classrooms and Grades 4-8, Music, French, Support Services will meet in the gym.

THINGS TO NOTE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: February marks Black History Month. Teachers will be doing age-appropriate activities and learning in their classrooms. As a school we will be hosting a speaker who is a pastor from one of our teacher's churches. She does speaking and teaching with youth about Black History. We also welcome an African performer at the end of month who will be sharing songs, poems, and storytelling from his culture.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Thank you to our parents that drove and cheered us on! Our teams did great! The girls' team showed increased improvement and team spirit as the day went on. Our boys went 3-0 in round robin play and then played an exhibition game against the 4-0 team from Tier 1. They won that game too! Then they swept the playoffs, taking home the banner! Congrats to Chris C, Noah B., Jacob, Matthew, Carsten, Ethan, Arul, Chris A., Andrew, Jeff, Noah A., Caleb, and John. Thank you to Mr. Thiessen, who coached our girls, and Coach Dave, who coached our boys. The boys may be playing in another tournament. Parents will be informed soon.



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 MESSAGE: Thank you very much for your generous donations to the E2F project. Are you interested in contributing to the transformation of WCS' future? Do you have great ideas, experience in building/project management, fundraising, or promotion through social media? Then joining the Equip to Flourish (E2F) committee is a great opportunity for you! Committee members meet once a month and receive Fundraising Volunteer Hours. For more information about E2F and the Committee, please email Oksana at e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org.