

THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, February 8, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

It's wonderful when we can see some 'normalcy' returning to school life – albeit somewhat different than in pre-COVID years!

For those families who are new to WCS, we have, historically, gone skating as a whole school at Goulding Arena on the last day before Christmas and March Breaks. That did not happen last year and will not be happening this year, primarily due to the mixing of cohorts. However, some of our teachers have found creative ways to still enjoy skating by taking their own students to an outdoor public rink within walking distance of the school.

The creativity doesn't stop there! Our Gr. 6 class, who would normally be going to the Fair Glen Outdoor Education Centre (associated with Fair Havens) for a 2-night/3-day winter trip, are still planning to go on Fri/Feb/25 for a 1-day field trip filled with fun outdoor activities.

And then there's the Talent Show coming up this Friday. Normally this event was a highlight of the year when we all gathered in the gym to enjoy the many and varied talents of our students.

This year (like we did last year), students have submitted a video of themselves which Ms. Chow and Miss Westerhoek are compiling into a video presentation that we can all enjoy in our classrooms.

Guest speakers who would normally come in person, will be joining our Gr. 5 & 6 classes via Zoom on Tue/ Feb/22 for a presentation by Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre.

We are blessed to have such creative teachers who are finding ways to keep our students safe while also enriching their learning experience.



EQUIP to FLOURISH (E2F)



E2F 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 [Cherie Ahlberg](mailto:Cherie.Ahlberg).

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org

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 *PARK (Ethan & Eric)* today (Tuesday) and ending with *SANTIAGO* on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Wells

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

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

WCS NEWS

EMILY GROGAN-ADI (Former WCS Kindergarten Teacher)

For those of you who remember Mrs. Grogan-Adi, we thought you would like to read this recent update from her ...
"It is so nice to hear from you! I think about my WCS family all the time. I was only there for a short time but all of you made such an impact on my life! This past Boxing Day was hard for me. It brought back so many bad memories [of my sledding accident]. I am getting stronger but, still healing. I have nerve damage in my lower back and left leg which is leading to weakness in my left leg. I am waiting for an MRI to explore the specifics of the nerve damage and see if anything can be done. Unfortunately with COVID there are delays with getting appointments. I am using my time to continue with physiotherapy and I am also working hard to do online classes to finish off a degree. Daniela [daughter] and Luke [husband] are both doing well. Luke now has a job at an accounting firm in Innisville. Daniela is now in Gr. 1 and enjoying school. I hope all is well at WCS! Please send my greetings to everyone. God bless all of you!"

GROCERY GIFT CARDS (WCS Fundraiser)

Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way for you to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Loblaws, No Frills, etc. For each dollar sold, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are always available from Mrs. Venneri. Simply email her with your order. Once your cheque or [e-transfer](#) has been received by the office, your Gift Cards will be sent home via "kid-mail". Note - we only carry \$100 denominations.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Fri/Feb/11	—	Talent Show	Via video in classrooms.
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.
Fri/Apr/15	—	Good Friday	NO SCHOOL
Mon/Apr/18	—	Easter Monday	NO SCHOOL
Wed/May/18	7:00 pm	Spring Membership Meeting	NEW ADDITION TO CALENDAR