

THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 13, 2024



Thoughts from our Principal ...

Last week during Wednesday Worship, Mrs. Well led us in a time of “Looking back” and reflecting on 2024. She used the image of a rear-view mirror and taking time to see what the year gone by was like – Where did we go? What did we do?

One of the main questions that come out of reflecting on the past is also the opportunity to focus – or re-focus – on who God is and what He wants for us. Using the armour of God also helps us do the things He asks of us, focusing on Him in the day-to-day tasks. The armour, as you remember, is our theme for this school year.

Let’s use another analogy to help us think about “armour.”

Well, it’s football playoff season! In our house, we watched a few football games on our TV yesterday. In the first game, we watched the Buffalo Bills beat the Denver Broncos, 31 to 7. While I am not an NFL fan, I do recognize that there’s a lot to the game that blows my mind. We saw one play where the Bills, Number 26 Ty Johnson, scooped up a throw by Josh Allen and made an impressive touchdown (although I don’t love the celebrating that players do for the cameras, to be honest). To slide on the ground and be able to scrape that football into his arms before it hit the ground and make a touchdown is easier because of his footwear, his helmet and all the equipment on his body. Now, if you watch a play where the defensive players push against their opponents so that no one gets to their QB, then you’ll also notice all the body-to-body contact and roughness. Needless to say, the players are huge and the tackles are crushing. The crunch of helmets and bodies on the field, sometimes with snow or rain, do not make this sport a walk in the park. So, whether on the defensive line or the offensive line, whether a running back or the QB, everyone on the team wears protective gear. Everyone has to strap on equipment to make sure they don’t get injured, put on proper shoes for good footing, and wear gloves so that they don’t drop the ball, just as a few examples.

In the same way, as we continue with the theme of “armour,” think about football as another example of what we need to wear to help us focus on the ways we serve and live for Him. This week, Mr. Eyre will be leading us at Worship Wednesday. Please come and join us at 8:35 am – we love to see parents come!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Jan/13	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Mon/Jan/13	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Jan/15	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Jan/17	—	P.A.DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon/Jan/20	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Mon/Jan/20	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.

Mrs. Patty Schuurman (Principal) - pschuurman@willowdalechristianschool.org

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PRAYER @ WCS

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Armor of God: Belt of Truth will be led by Mr. Glen Eyre
- Staff of the Week: Ms. Candance Chow (Grade 7/8)
- Families of the Week: *Emmanuel (Gr.2), Firew (Gr.7), Fowler (Gr.5), Gim (Gr.4), Goulding (Gr.6/2S)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

SAVE THE DATE!

PA DAY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

This Friday is a PA Day for teachers to start working on term 1 report cards. There is no school for students. Please remember the teachers as they start this very large task.

TALENT SHOW: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

The sign up sheet for the talent show will be up until end of day today, Monday, and the auditions will follow shortly. The talent show is scheduled for Friday, January 31; time TBD.

PASTORS DAY: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Please mark your calendar and invite your pastor to our Pastors Day, here at WCS. This will be a great way to let pastors and churches know what WCS is like!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

OPEN HOUSE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Please invite friends to our Open House that is taking place next Tuesday starting at 7:00 pm. 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!

PAJAMA DAYS: Today is our first of three Pajama Days at school! Please see the announcement in your child(ren)'s weekly for guidelines for their classroom. If not wearing pajamas, students must wear regular dress-code. Please make sure your child(ren) is dressed warm enough for recess.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC)

Just a friendly reminder that if you are planning to make any changes to your child's After School Care attendance (for those families that registered), the office must be advised immediately. We hire the ASC staff based on the number of children attending this program. Thank you.

PARKING: Parents **DO NOT** park in the reserved parking spot nor in the accessible parking spot unless permitted. Please note that this comes with recent times that those that need these spots have not been able to access them. If you have made other arrangements for drop off/pick-up, please inform them as well.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser

Fundraising is very important to help defray tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way 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 that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are available at the office year round office@willowdalechristianschool.org.