

THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 15, 2024



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

It looks like winter finally decided to show up! I am not a fan of winter- it is too cold for me. However, during Covid I would go for a daily 20-minute walk around 1:00 every day. It was the only time that I actually left my house. The winters of Covid were bright and snowy- not a lot of wind. I learned to like winter a little bit. I even came back to school in February 2021 with a bit of a tan on my face. People asked if I had been away, even though no one was travelling. Since then, I have tried to find things about winter that I enjoy. After all, we have about 6 months of winter, and I can't walk around grouchy for half the year.

I have decided that I like fresh snow. I love the brightness and stillness of it. It makes everything feel fresh and new. It also reminds me of how God washes away our sins. Isaiah 1:18 says "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." I used to share that verse with my class every time it snowed. Another thing I like about winter is the bright blue sky. In the summer we rarely have completely bright blue skies because of the great lakes and the humidity. My family calls them "Alberta blue" skies. My sister lives in Alberta and although their winters are horribly cold (-58 this past weekend), their skies are bluer than any I have ever seen. One last thing I have learned to like about winter is bundling up and going for walks. If the sidewalks are clear of ice and snow and there is no wind (I guess that is quite specific), I have loved walking in the winter, especially on sunny days. Coming back into the house with rosy cheeks and feeling completely refreshed is something I don't get when walking in the summer.

God is an incredible creator. My son and I were talking about how the earth is positioned just perfectly to have the climate that we do. Even a few metres off and our world would not exist. He said to me, "Mom, do you know that the earth's position is evidence of God being our creator?" What an awesome thing for a 16-year-old to say! I answered with, "And the tilt that God gave the earth gives us our seasons so perfectly." Even though I still don't like the cold, I don't think I could ever live somewhere where there is no winter. After all, I am finally growing to like it! I thank God for opening my eyes to the beauty in his winter creations. Although, I do admit, I am already looking forward to spring .

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Jan/15	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Wed/Jan/17		PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered
Fri/Jan/19	—	P.A.DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon/Jan/22	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Tue/Jan/23		SUBWAY LUNCH	For those that have ordered
Wed/Jan/24		PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered
Fri/Jan/26		PIZZA DAY	For those that have ordered

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

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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 Mr. Baldesarra as he leads worship on "Letting God Control Me".
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Chow (Grade 8)
- Families of the Week ~ *Krupin (5/2); Ladipo (2/JK) New family; Lai (8/7); Lam (1).*

THINGS TO NOTE

PA DAY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19. This Friday is a PA Day for teachers to start working on term 1 report cards. There is no school for students. Please remember to pray for the teachers as they start this very large task.

PAJAMA DAYS: We are very comfy in our jammies today! The next 2 Mondays (**January 22 & 29**) will be Pajama Day as well! This year we decided to make January special by having Mondays as Pajama Days. 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.

TALENT SHOW PREPARATION: God has blessed our school community with many gifts and talents, and we enjoy sharing and celebrating these talents each year at our WCS Talent Show. This year, the talent show will be held on **Friday, Feb. 9th at 2 pm**. Students may choose to participate by sharing a 1-2 minute presentation of their talent. Further details are provided by the individual class weekly's.

TORONTO MARLIES GAME: Faith and Family night: **Saturday, April 20**. There has been a change from last week's announcement. The ice time has sold out! It did so way quicker than last time. If you are still interested, the Marlies have offered that our kids can go down and high five the players as they go out onto the ice. We need to sell about 50 tickets to get the deal we have been offered. Right now, we have between 28-36 sold. Please let Mrs. Miles (dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org) know by **THIS FRIDAY, Jan. 29**, if you would like tickets.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK: Let's celebrate the cultural diversity of our school! The WCS Board is organizing a potluck for the WCS community on **Wednesday Feb 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



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.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long 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. The \$100 value Gift 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.

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SCHOOL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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