

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, January 17, 2023



## *A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...*

As we reach the midpoint of January and just about the midpoint of the 2022/23 school year, there are many things to look forward to. Please keep your eyes open for information regarding the Options program (Gr. 3-8) which will run on 3 consecutive Tuesday afternoons (February 14, 21, 28). Although the pandemic interrupted this program for a few years (we normally run it every other year), it is something I feel is invaluable and worth continuing for years to come. The idea behind Options is that school should provide opportunities to learn and experience things other than curriculum based objectives. That is why we take students skating, participate in sports tournaments and speech fests, put on musicals and Christmas concerts, and take field trips to interesting places like the Science Center, the Aquarium, Kortright Center, and the TSO (although some or all of these were put on hold during the pandemic). Options is an extension of this thinking – God is the creator and author of everything, not just Math, History and Grammar!

During Options, students will have the opportunity to choose an experience that they may not get to do otherwise. My own daughters refer to Options as being a highlight of their time at WCS. We try to offer a range of choices in terms of topic and cost. Because this is not intended to be a fundraiser for the school, we establish a fee that is only to cover the costs incurred by the workshop leader. However, some outside businesses that we bring into the school have a set fee over which we have no control. Watch for information coming home and help your child make the selection that is appropriate for them and your family.

We are also looking forward to the Gr. 6 class heading off to Fair Glen (a branch of Fair Haven Ministries) for a 3-day winter trip on February 22-24. They will be able to enjoy, and learn about, God's wonderful creation all around us. This retreat bonds the students together, creates lasting memories, provides a wonderful background for worship and devotions, and even teaches some outdoor skills!

We have so much to be thankful for!

**This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2022/23 School Calendar for ALL events.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
TUESDAY	3:40 pm	Robotics - Session #5	For students that have pre-registered.
THURSDAY	Morning	Lice Crew @ WCS	See next page for details.
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Wed/Jan/25	7:00 pm	Open House for Prospective Families	Do you have friends that would be interested?
Fri/Feb/03	3:30 pm	Term #1 Report Cards Distributed	Check those backpacks!
Tue/Feb/07	—	Boys' & Girls' Basketball Tournaments	Girls @ Burlington / Boys @ TBD
Fri/Feb/10	—	Heat Wave Day	Get out those shorts and sunglasses!
Tue/Feb/14	Afternoon	Options #1	Grades 3 - 8

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**Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)**

# **PRAYER @ WCS**

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Barnes
- Families of the Week ~ Kraev, Krupin, Lai, Lam (New Family)
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mr. Thiessen will be teaching us about Self-Control (I will think before I act.)

**Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) ~ Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm**

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).

*If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)*

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**



### **THIS THURSDAY (Morning) ~ LICE CREW @ WCS**

Firstly - do not panic! We DO NOT have any cases of head lice at our school. In an effort to ensure that it stays this way - we are bringing in a company that specializes in identifying head lice. (This is done at no cost to you.) The Lice Crew will bring 3 staff with them and will pose very little inconvenience to our students or staff. Should they find a case of lice, those particular parents/guardians will be contacted and given very specific instructions as to how to eliminate them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Venneri. Here are a few random facts for you ...

- Lice have been around since pre-historic times and even mummies have been found with evidence of head lice.
- Adult lice are commonly the size of a sesame seed.
- The most common way to get lice is by direct head to head contact with an infested individual.
- Head lice cannot hop, jump, or fly.
- A new strain of lice, termed super lice, now represent 98% of all infestations today.
- Super lice are resistant to drugstore treatment products, which also contain harmful chemicals and pesticides.
- It is a myth that lice only infest people with poor hygiene.
- It is a fact that lice actually prefer clean hair and everyone is at risk.
- Only 50% of people with head lice will show common symptoms, such as scratching or irritations, so it is very possible to be infested and not know!
- Shaving your head will not treat head lice. The nymphs (baby lice) can embed in the scalp and they will still develop into adult lice if not properly removed.
- Because of their specialized claws, lice cannot move very well on surfaces other than human hair, and will die within approximately 24 hours after being off the host's head.
- Lice can hold their breath for up to 2 hours, so washing your hair won't drown them.
- It is a myth that traditional home remedies such as tea tree oil, mayonnaise, olive oil, or coca-oil can either prevent or treat head lice. To reduce your risk use a professional lice prevention spray daily.

### **Wed/Jan/25 @ 7:00 pm - WCS OPEN HOUSE**

When it comes to advertising our school - "word of mouth" seems to garner the best results! Feel free to invite friends who are interested in Christian education for their children. They can email or call the office for further details.



## **Willowdale Christian School's Annual Fundraising Dinner**

**Friday April 28 (Evening)  
Bayview Golf & Country Club  
(Leslie Street & Steeles Avenue East).**

**Please mark this date on your calendar  
and come out to support our school.  
We will be celebrating the retirement of  
Mrs. Sallows and Mrs. Venneri.**

**It will be a fun-filled evening!  
Book your babysitter now!  
RSVP instructions to follow shortly.**