

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 23, 2023



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

Interesting facts about WCS!

1. What do you think are the most common names at WCS? Well, I did a little investigation, and here are the names followed by the number of students with that name:
 

Noah – 5	Grade – 4 (3 of them in Kindergarten!)
Ethan – 5	Joshua – 4
Esther – 5	Abigail – 4
2. Currently, out of our 172 students, there are 89 boys and 83 girls.
3. We have 72 different churches represented in our school.
  - 9 families list People's as their home church
  - 8 families list Spring Garden as their home church
  - 5 families list Bayview Glen as their home church
  - 5 families list Chinese Gospel Church as their home church
4. We have families attending our school from as far north as 19th Avenue in Richmond Hill, south down to Bloor Street West over to Pine Valley Drive and East to Markham Road.

What a diverse school community we have! It is humbling to see just how far some of our families commute to get to WCS every day. I am reminded once again that the differences between those 72 churches pales in comparison to what we have in common - we are all serving the same Lord and Saviour and desire that our children be raised to love and serve Him in all areas of their lives.

**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.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Open House for Prospective Families	Do you have friends that would be interested?
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Fri/Feb/03	3:30 pm	Term #1 Report Cards Distributed	Check those backpacks!
Fri/Feb/03	4:00 pm	Enrolment Intention Forms	<b>DEADLINE</b> (See Page 2)
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
Mon/Feb/20	—	Family Day (Stat Holiday)	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Wed/Feb/22	7:00 pm	Open House for Prospective Families	Do you have friends that would be interested?
<b>Wed/Feb/22 - Fri/Feb/24 ~ Grade 6 @ Fair Glen (Beaverton)</b>			

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

# **PRAYER @ WCS**

- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Chow
- Families of the Week ~ Lanois, Lee (Lauren), Lee (Jacob), Lee (Lucas)
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Miles will be leading us in a time of Prayer & Praise

## **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)*

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

### **OPTIONS ~ Tuesday Afternoons on February 14, 21, 28**

Students need to fill out and return their Choice Forms by THIS FRIDAY. Next week students will be told which Option they will participate in and how payments can be made. Contact Mrs. Miles ([dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)) with any questions and/or concerns.

### **2023-2024 ENROLMENT INTENTION FORM**

The WCS Board, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, has begun the annual process of building the budget for the next school year. In addition, the administration is beginning to decide on class sizes. Presently, over 90% of the necessary revenue for WCS comes from tuition fees. In order to help us accurately forecast the tuition revenue for the 2023-2024 year, you are requested to complete an Enrolment Intention form. Your eldest child will be bring home this document this afternoon. Please indicate whether your child will be returning to WCS in September. If you have any questions, kindly contact Mrs. Venneri.

- 1 - Parents must attach a post-dated cheque to the form. (We will not be accepting e-transfers for this payment.)
- 2 - **Please adhere to the deadline of Fri/Feb/03.**
- 3 - If your family is NOT returning in September 2023, kindly indicate that on the form and still return it to the office.

### **THIS FRIDAY is FAMILY LITERACY DAY**

Are you familiar with Family Literacy Day? Since 1999, schools, libraries, and families have all celebrated this awareness initiative that aims to encourage reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. This year's theme is Celebrate Your Heritage. Canada is a great diverse country full of different cultures. Take time to explore and learn about your heritage. Celebrate what you've found and share your culture with others. There's no better way to learn about your family, than together as a family.

Back by popular demand, BARBARA REID will be on a virtual event that your family is welcome to join. It will be held THIS THURSDAY @ 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm. Barbara will be doing a demonstration on how to use clay to create a picture. She will share unique techniques you can use to make different things. The event will end with a Q&A. This special event is ideal for children in Grades 1 - 6. Go to the link below to register.

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>



### **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO AS A FAMILY?**

Consider fostering just-hatched ducklings!!  
Start dates from late February to early July.  
Watch them grow, swim, and follow you around!  
Some clients keep them a weekend  
and others for the entire summer!  
(Mrs. Venneri will DEFINITELY be doing this once she retires!)

<https://crittervisits.square.site/s/appointments>