

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, January 3, 2023



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

Happy New Year and welcome back! There were a few bleary-eyed arrivals this morning (some students, some parents!), but I see that as a good sign. It means that many of us had a restful and relaxing 2 weeks and getting back into routines was a little bit of a challenge today. I will admit that when my alarm went off, it took me a minute to grasp the fact that I actually had to get up that early! I just have to share that spending time with my 2½ year old grandson, Max, was the highlight of my 2 weeks.

Although I gave up doing this many years ago, I know a lot of people make resolutions or plans to do something or change something in their life when the calendar flips to January 1st of a new year. I received the following words of encouragement from a very wise man (who wishes to remain anonymous), and they really resonated with me so I thought I would share them with you as we begin this new year.



*“As we enter into a new year, I pray that we each continue to seek and glorify Christ in all we do in 2023 and beyond. May the Lord grant us the strength and courage to proclaim Christ Jesus through our words and lives. We are blessed by His grace which pardons and forgives, and also gives us the strength and power to conquer sin and live lives of holiness. A new year is often filled with many resolutions, but as we each press forward in the new year, I pray that we would live lives of increasing holiness, and that we would continue to work out those areas where we are not where God would want us to be.”*

May the Lord bless each of your families and fill you with much joy and peace in the coming year.

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’ And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” ~ 1 Peter 1:14-19

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Tue/Jan/10	3:40 pm	Robotics - Session #4	For students that have pre-registered.
Fri/Jan/13	—	Pajama & Bedhead Day (Dress Down)	Just roll out of bed and come to school!
Mon/Jan/16	—	Professional Activity Day	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Thu/Dec/19	9:15 am	Lice Crew @ School	See Page 2 for details.

**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**

- We praise God for the safe arrival of Jillian Lam on December 23 (during the biggest snowstorm of the year!). This makes Justus (SK-B) a big brother. Let's pray for Kathy (Mom) & Derek (Dad) as they navigate being parents to 2 sweet children ... and they try to find time to sleep!
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Sallows
- Families of the Week ~ King (Axel), Kirischian (New Family), Koh, Kok
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Barnes will be leading us in a time of New Year's praise!

**Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) ~ Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm**  
(Will begin again NEXT Tuesday.)

Contact Person ~ Surance Tungal (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)*

# **VOLUNTEERING**

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS - REMINDER**

If you have completed any Volunteer Hours from September - December 2022, be sure to write this information in the turquoise coloured binder on the cart outside Mrs. Venneri's office. It is the responsibility of each parent to record their own hours. NOTE ~ We do not record in 15 minute increments - only 30 minute time blocks. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Venneri.



# **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**



## **LICE CREW**

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.

## **STUDENTS BRINGING GAMES FROM HOME**

We would appreciate parental assistance in keeping students' personal toys, cards, and games at home and not bringing them to school. The reasons for this request are as follows:

- ⇒ Disagreements about who gets to "share" in playing with these items.
- ⇒ Hurt feelings when trading goes on that is viewed as unfair by some.
- ⇒ A sense of inequity when another child doesn't have a similar game.
- ⇒ Students don't get any physical exercise as they tend to sit to play these types of games.
- ⇒ Different parental views on what is acceptable for their child to play with which simply cannot be monitored by teachers outside on duty.

Children are encouraged to play with balls, skipping ropes, the games painted on the south parking lot, running games, and when we finally get some snow that stays ... crazy carpets on the hill and fort building! Thank you.

## **THANK YOU to SUJI JOEN (Suah's Mom)**

You may have noticed already (if not, be sure to pop by and take a look) at the wall outside the office. Last year several Gr. 8 students painted the lovely butterflies. They also wanted to paint a specific verse to complete the mural. However, time ran out. But then ... Mrs. Venneri discovered that Suji Jeon has a Cricut! God bless her for taking the time to create the verse and install it for us. Volunteer parents are the best!

## **ADDITION to PHONE DIRECTORY**

The Seevaratnam family wishes to add their contact information to the WCS Phone Directory, as follows:  
MOM's EMAIL ~ [anjan.seevaratnam@gmail.com](mailto:anjan.seevaratnam@gmail.com) MOM's CELL ~ 647-544-6321

## **PAJAMA & BEDHEAD DAY ~ Fri/Jan/13 (Dress Down Day IF Wearing Pajamas)**

This is one of the students' favourite days! Just roll out of bed and come to school! I am pretty sure that the staff enjoy being in their jammies all day as well!