

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 30, 2023



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

My thoughts today are completely personal but they are on my heart so I thought I would share them. Tomorrow (Tue/Jan/31) is my 15 Year Cancer Free Anniversary and for some reason this milestone feels very significant to me.

I remember finding out I had breast cancer that had spread to my lymph nodes in the summer of 2007 and, strangely, my first thought was, "Oh no, who is going to teach my Grade 8 students!" Looking back on it, this was an extremely self-centred thought - as if there weren't many other teachers who could teach those incoming Grade 8 students just as well, if not better, than I could. And, indeed, the 2 teachers sent to the school by God (Mrs. Parenteau and Mrs. Wells) did a fantastic job! I was just trying to not think about the journey I had in front of me.

I would like to say that I was brave, that I immediately laid everything at the feet of Jesus and rested in the assurance that God was in control and that, if it was His will, I would be healed, but that would not be true. You see, it's those few words in the sentence above - "IF it was His will" - that I could not, would not, accept. I had 2 children at home who needed me, a husband that I loved dearly, and a job I looked forward to going to every day. Of course He would heal me!

And so, I entered the journey of major surgery and chemo saying all the right things, "God's got this", "I will be healed", "God is the ultimate healer and He is healing me", but in my heart, I had never even considered that God's plan might be different than mine. My prayers were completely one-sided, I was telling God what to do.

Fortunately, I was surrounded by Godly people who covered me in prayer (and meals, housecleaning, cards, flowers, etc., etc.) and one day a very wise woman was praying with me. While praying she said, "Lord, I know that you will heal Cathy, either this side of heaven or the other..." Her words hit me profoundly. God IS the great physician and He would heal me. But that didn't mean this would happen the way I wanted it to - here on earth! And so, after many, many weeks of feeling so sick and the future seeming a little less clear, I was finally able to pray "Thy will be done" and mean it with all my heart.

So, now, 15 years later, it is clear that God chose to use the doctors and amazing medical care I received at Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Unit to heal me physically and for that, I am unbelievably grateful. Grateful that I have been able to continue to serve him for these past 15 years. I am keenly aware that each day is a gift and that I have no idea what the future holds, but I know, without a doubt, who holds the future.

A WCS alumni (who has gone through her own life threatening health issues) sent me the following scripture verse that she leaned on throughout her journey. It was, and is, a verse that I say to myself almost every day:

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,  
for His compassions never fail;  
They are new every morning; Great is thy Faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

**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 #6	For students that have pre-registered.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Open House for Prospective Families	Reschedule from Last Wednesday
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	3:30 pm	Term #1 Report Cards Distributed	Check those backpacks!

**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 ~ Mr. Eyre
- Families of the Week ~ Lee (Kevin), Li (Alexis), Li (Sophie & Zoe), Lim
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Wen will teach the Fruit of the Spirit ~ Peace (I won't be afraid because I trust God.)

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

**Cancelled for this week.**

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**

### **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 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.

### **Fri/Feb/10 ~ HEAT WAVE DAY (Dress Down)**

Get ready for some fun in the sun! Students can wear/bring their summer clothes so they can have fun on our "tropical island" (in the gym). Proper footwear with socks is required as students will be playing various activities which included bouncing on a tropical inflatable!

### **Fri/Apr/28 @ 6:00 pm ~ WCS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**

Please join us at the Bayview Golf & Country Club (25 Fairway Heights Drive, Thornhill) for a great evening. Book a babysitter now, if needed. To reserve your seat/s, use this link: <https://forms.gle/WGd4p7SGDkaBK4B4A>

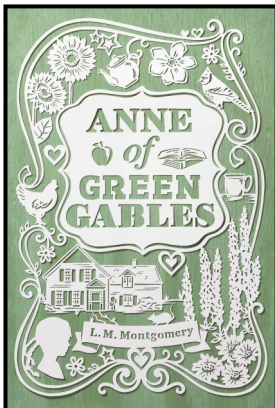
### **GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser**

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. 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 always available from Mrs. Venneri. Simply email her with your order. Once your cheque or e-transfer ([payment@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:payment@willowdalechristianschool.org)) has been received by the office, your Gift Cards will be sent home via "kid-mail". Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations.



### **JOB POSTING - Office Administrator**

As you may know, Mrs. Venneri will be retiring from WCS this coming June. Hence, the Office Administrator position has now been officially posted. Resumes will be accepted until Fri/Feb/17. See attached document for further information.



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