

THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 31, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

The end of January is when we typically 'hunker down' for the remaining weeks of winter and start looking forward to days that aren't dark when we get up and dark when we go home. For me, however, February is when I start focusing a large part of my time on the next school year. Will there be any changes in staffing? What will our enrollment numbers be? Are any of our current families leaving?

This year, I am also pondering pandemic related questions such as - What do we do with the classroom in the gym? The library? What should class sizes be capped at for the next school year? Can we get rid of the trailer that the church next door has so graciously allowed us to park on their lot? So much to think about and many decisions to be made well in advance of us actually knowing what next September will look like in terms of the pandemic.

However, here are some things I do know:

- Thanks to many of you telling others about WCS, we have received many early registrations for September – far more than any previous year at the end of January.
- We had an excellent response to our first Virtual Open House and I am expecting quite a few more registrations to come in this week!
- Our current families are enthusiastic and supportive of all the school is doing to continue to provide Christian education in very trying circumstances.
- I am in awe of the way our current families have been able to establish and maintain a sense of community by welcoming new families and supporting each other even though so many community building activities have been cancelled for almost 2 years!

Please continue to pray for your child's teacher, for the Board as they start to wrestle with decisions for next year, and for each other. We may all be in the 'same boat' as they say during this pandemic, but it has affected every one of our families differently. There have been health issues, cancer diagnoses, death of loved ones, job losses, financial stress, and mental health issues to name just some of the things our families have struggled with during this time. But there have also been babies born, birthdays and anniversaries celebrated, new jobs started, homes purchased, new families welcomed to WCS, our building campaign launched, prayers requested and answered, cancer treatment started, and a new appreciation of what grace looks like in a diverse community such as ours.

"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."
John 8:12

2022-2023 ENROLMENT INTENTION FORM

Last week you should have received next year's Enrolment Intention Form. In order to help us accurately forecast the tuition revenue for the 2022-2023 school year, please complete this form indicating whether your child will be returning to WCS in September. This helps us plan accordingly. If you have any questions, kindly contact Mrs. Venneri.

- 1 - Attach a post-dated cheque to the form. (We will not be accepting e-transfers for this payment.)
- 2 - If you have not received your hard copy, please email Mrs. Venneri.
- 3 - Please adhere to the **deadline of THIS Friday**.
- 4 - If your family is NOT returning in September 2022, kindly indicate that on the form and still return it to the office.

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org
Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

- Wednesday Worship ~ Ms. Chow as she teaches us a new name of God - Jehovah-Rohi (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with *NASER!* today (Monday) and ending with *PARK (Maven)* on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Miles

Parents Prayer Group (via Zoom) - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com. She will provide the Zoom link. When entering the meeting, TURN ON your camera. Once you've been admitted, you may turn OFF your camera.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri/Feb/11 - TALENT SHOW

God has blessed our school community with many gifts and talents and we love to celebrate them at our annual Talent Show! Although we are unable to gather together in person, we want to ensure these gifts and talents are celebrated. (Due to privacy concerns, this will be an in-house event for students only and will not be live or shared with families.) We are asking all participants to submit a pre-recorded performance (**30 seconds - 2 minutes MAX** in length) of their gift or talent. In previous years, we have had magicians, musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, and artists of all kinds! If you are unsure if your child's performance qualifies, please email Ms. Chow or Miss Westerhoek (cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org; westerhoek@willowdalechristianschool.org) to discuss it before you begin practicing and recording. **Videos MUST be submitted in mp4 format (landscape) by Fri/Feb/04.**



WCS NEWS

VALENTINE'S DAY COOKIE FUNDRAISER by E2F COMMITTEE

The Equip to Flourish (E2F) Committee is excited to proudly announce our 1st Valentine's Day Cookie Fundraiser! All the proceeds of this exciting event will be donated to the E2F Campaign. Here is a link to the campaign website for more details: <https://equiptoflourish.com>. Thank you in advance for your support of the E2F campaign.

The cookies may be purchased by PRE-ORDERING ONLY. The Valentine's Day Cookie is \$5.00 each and 6 for \$25.00. Parents/Guardians can order the cookies for their child/ren, a teacher, or to give to friends & family. The cookies will be distributed at the end of the day on Mon/Feb/14.

To order these special cookies, print and complete the Order Form attached and return it to the office by Mon/Feb/07 or email it to e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org. Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Willowdale Christian School), cash, or an e-transfer to payment@willowdalechristianschool.org. If you use e-transfer, write "Valentine's" AND your child/ren's name/s on memo line.

(Ingredients - flour, icing sugar, eggs, butter, vanilla, meringue powder, water, baking soda, cream of tartar.)

NEW WCS FAMILY

Last week it was our privilege to welcome a new family to our school community Dad is Jayesh Kasim and Mom is Alicia Tan. The new student is Zayne Kasim (Gr. 3). alicia.kasim@gmail.com

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Fri/Feb/18	—	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL
Mon/Feb/21	—	Family Day (Statutory Holiday)	NO SCHOOL
Wed/Feb/23	7:00 pm	Virtual WCS Open House (via Zoom)	Let your friends know!
MARCH ~ Mon/Mar/14 - Fri/Mar/25			
Wed/Mar/30	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Via Zoom
Thu/Mar/31	3:50 - 6:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Via Zoom
Wed/May/18	7:00 pm	Spring Membership Meeting	NEW ADDITION TO CALENDAR