

THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, January 4, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Well, here we are – 2022! I have to be honest and say I'm not loving it so far! I'm looking around me as I type this and there are no students or teachers in the school. Although I know that this is keeping our students and staff safe, I am still having a hard time believing we are back to this! Now that I have whined just a little, I am going to remind myself of something that I wrote in The Weekly on October 12, 2021. I said, *“So, I choose to be thankful, every day – even for those days, people, and circumstances that can be challenging. Really, shouldn't it be Thanksgiving Day every day of the year?”*

How quickly I forget. So, here's what I am thankful for today:

- ◇ I know that I love and serve a risen Lord who walks beside me every day.
- ◇ The gracious, loving, and invested families we have here at WCS.
- ◇ Students who are continually flexible, even when being asked to learn in a way that does not compliment their learning style or needs.
- ◇ Staff who want each and every one of their students to succeed and are willing to put so much time, effort and creativity into ensuring they do.
- ◇ Volunteers who serve on our Board and/or committees or respond to every single request for 'help needed' – selflessly giving of their time and talents to help WCS run efficiently and smoothly.
- ◇ Technology that allows us to have remote learning and to keep in touch.
- ◇ A government that I may not always agree with, but I know their intent is to keep people safe, the healthcare system viable, and the economy working. I am reminded that they have what is often a thankless job and their decisions will never please everyone.



◇ My amazing little grandson, Max! (Mrs. Venneri says, “How cute is this little man?!”)

And that's just today's list! How about you? I hope you can pause at some point this week and consider what you are thankful for.

As we head into online learning until at least Monday, January 17, please know that we, as a staff, will be praying for you and your families. This is tough for everyone, and I know that for some of you learning online is almost impossible for a variety of reasons. Your child's teachers understand this, so please let us now if you need help with something related to your child/ren's learning. We are, after all, a community, woven together with a shared desire for a Christ centered education for our children and a belief that we are all different parts of the body of Christ.

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PRAYER @ WCS

- Pray for mental wellbeing of BOTH our students and parents as we, once again, pivot to online learning.
- Pray for extra patience and endurance for our staff.
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mrs. Miles as she lead us in a time of Prayer & Praise. (Parents are warmly welcomed to join our worship times while we are online. Your child's teacher will provide you with the Zoom link.)
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with LAI today (Tuesday) and ending with LEE (Kevin) on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Hay

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to office@willowdalechristianschool.org

NOTE: Meetings begin again THIS Wednesday. ** There is a NEW Zoom link - please be sure to contact Surance. **
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.

WCS NEWS

VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you have completed any Volunteer Hours for the school from September - December 2021, be sure to email the office. Mrs. Venneri is tracking the hours this year (instead of writing them into the binder in the office). Kindly included in your email - First & Last Name, Date of Volunteering, Task Completed, How Many Hours. NOTE: We do not record in 15 minute increments—only 30 minute time blocks. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Venneri.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If you were unable to watch our Christmas presentation on Thu/Dec/16 or you would like to view it again, please contact Mrs. Venneri and she will send you the private YouTube link.

IN NEED OF "LOANER" TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

As we switch back to online learning, some of our families (with more than 1 child) do not have enough tech devices at home for all their children to do their online learning at the same time. If your household has an extra laptop or iPad and you would be willing to loan it to another WCS family, kindly contact Mrs. Venneri ASAP. Thanks!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Jan/17	8:30 am	School Resumes	God willing and Ford permitting!
Mon/Jan/24	—	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL
Wed/Jan/26	7:00 pm	Virtual WCS Open House (via Zoom)	Let your friends know!
Fri/Feb/11		Talent Show	Details to follow.
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!
Fri/Mar/11		Report Card Distributed	End of 2nd Term
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
Fri/Apr/15	—	Good Friday	NO SCHOOL
Mon/Apr/18	—	Easter Monday	NO SCHOOL