

THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 8, 2024



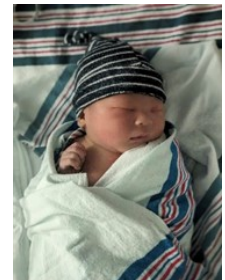
A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing 2-week break! I was blessed to be able to take a trip with my family to Las Vegas. When your children are 20, 19 (my daughter had her birthday in Vegas) and 16, you don't often take family trips anymore. I remember when my kids were little, I couldn't wait for them to be big! On this trip I kept looking around for little kids and would then be shocked to see 3 adults staring back at me. It was a wonderful trip, but my highlight was not actually in Vegas. We drove the 4-hour (one way) trip to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. It was my first time seeing it and it did not disappoint. The whole time I was there Psalm 8 kept going through my mind, "Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." My youngest son said to me, "Mom, it looks like God just put his finger in the earth and dragged it along," That was the perfect description. I see God in nature, and He was so visible in the Grand Canyon.



Some thanksgiving! I want to thank you, the community of WCS, for all your generous greetings and gifts before Christmas. Our staff is so blessed to have such a supportive community behind them. We were spoiled with treats in the staff room, precious homemade cards from students, and beautifully hand written encouraging messages from you. Thank you!

Some praise! The WCS community just grew by 2 babies! Micah Hajoan Lee (son of Mrs. Lee) arrived on Saturday, January 6 at 7:26pm. He was 4 days overdue and was a huge 8lbs 12oz! Mom and baby are both healthy and doing well. Levi Wen (son of Mrs. Wen) would not be out done and arrived (2.5 weeks early) 10 hours later on Sunday, January 7 at 5:29am weighing 7lbs 2oz. Again, both mom and baby are doing well. We give God thanks for the safe arrival of both babies, his new precious children. If students or parents have something they would like to drop off for the Lee or Wen families, please do so in the office. We will make sure it gets to them.



Micah Hajoan Lee

And finally, a special welcome does out to our new Kindergarten teachers! Ms. Beatrice Maldonado (bmaldonado@willowdalechristianschool.org) is teaching KA and Ms. Allsion Diolanda (adiolanda@willowdalechristianschool.org) is teaching KB. Please lift them in your prayers as they quickly become part of the WCS family.

Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2023/24 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Jan/08	8:25 am	1ST SCHOOL DAY OF 2024	Welcome back!
Tue/Jan/09	—	HOTDOG DAY	For those that have ordered
Fri/Jan/12	—	PIZZA DAY	For those that have ordered
Mon/Jan/15	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Wed/Jan/17		PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered
Fri/Jan/19	—	P.A.DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon/Jan/22	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day

PRAYER @ WCS

Join our **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting** (via Zoom) every Tuesdays @8:00pm!

Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to:

office@willowdalechristianschool.org

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Ms. Chow as she leads the first worship of 2024 on New Years!
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Santiago (Office Administrator)
- Families of the Week ~ Kokolakis (8/5/4/3); Koolma (1); Kossarev (5/3/2); Kraev (4).

THINGS TO NOTE

SKATES: If you borrowed skates but have not returned them, please do so soon. We will be skating again before March Break, and skates can be reborrowed then.

PAJAMA DAYS: Yes, you read that correctly- dayS! The next 3 Mondays will be Pajama Day! This year we decided to make January special with having 3 days! Please see the announcement in your child(ren)'s weekly for guidelines for their classroom. If not wearing pajamas, students must wear regular dress-code.

PA DAY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19: Next Friday is a PA Day for teachers to start working on term 1 report cards. There is no school for students. Please remember the teachers as they start this very large task.



E2F MESSAGE: Thank you very much for your generous donations to the E2F project.

Are you interested in contributing to the transformation of WCS' future? Do you have great ideas, experience in building/project management, fundraising, or promotion through social media? Then joining the Equip to Flourish (E2F) committee is a great opportunity for you! Committee members meet once a month and receive Fundraising Volunteer Hours. For more information about E2F and the Committee, please email Oksana at e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org.

TORONTO MARLIES GAME: We were approached by the Toronto Marlies (farm team for the Leafs) about their "Faith and Family Night". This message is for information only (WCS does not endorse the event). The night will be on Saturday, April 20, 2024. The game starts around 4pm and the first 250 people to book are invited to skate on the Marlies ice post game, and there is a special guest speaker coming in to speak to the group before the skate. The first time they did this the ice skating sold out. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Miles know (dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org) by Friday, January 19th and she will order the tickets as a group.

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**WISHING WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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