

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 9, 2023



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

Several years ago, the Intermediate Division (Gr. 7 & 8) staff and I began to discuss how, and if, we were preparing our young adults to go out into the world with a clear understanding of what they believed and how to defend it in a culture that is, more often than not, anti-Christian. We knew we were giving them a firm foundation in Biblical facts, scripture truths and worldview, but we were not as certain that we were doing all we could do to prepare them for the culture/world they would be engaging in as young adults. Would they be able to stand up to challenges to their faith? Would they be able to, not just defend their faith, but also to engage in our culture to help redeem it? As a result, we became much more intentional about including apologetics in our curriculum using several methods including (but not limited to), 'The Case for Christ – Young Reader's Edition by Lee Strobel'.

Recently, I was sent an email from Timothy Christian School (TCS) in Barrie. They are hosting a weekend called 'EQUIP' that is designed for young people (Gr. 6-12) on the Friday night and for parents/caregivers/teachers/pastors on the Saturday. Below is the email they sent me along with registration forms (attached) for both events. I encourage parents with children in Gr. 6-8 to consider attending.

"We have planned a Worldview/Apologetics Conference entitled 'EQUIP'. This conference will be geared towards equipping both Youth and Adults towards a Biblically confident faith in Christ. As a school, we have felt the growing need to equip students with Biblical Worldview training that will help them to understand their faith, the gospel, and why it is reasonable and worth living for in our current culture. Our heart is to see Christian students and educators be equipped to face challenges they encounter and to be emboldened to respond to these challenges with both truth and with grace.

Below is a quick summary of the event. There are 2 components to this conference.

Friday night is a Youth Event for students in Gr. 6-12. There will be a live worship band, food/snacks, fun crowd games/activities, and 2 'World Class'. Speakers ~ Tim Barnett and Brett Kunkle

Saturday is a full day Conference (9:00 am - 4:30 pm) with 3 keynote speakers and break-out sessions, hosted at TCS (Barrie). We are really excited about the following speakers that will be joining us for the event!

Tim Barnett - Stand to Reason (Toronto, On)

Brett Kunkle - Maven Ministries (California)

Alan Shlemon - Stand to Reason (California)

Wesley Huff - Power to Change (Toronto, On)

Elizabeth Urbanowitz - Creator of the Foundation Worldview Apologetics Curriculum Series

These are all people who have been involved in equipping children and youth within their ministries. The main focus of Saturday's event will be to equip parents, Youth Pastors, youth leaders, teachers, young adults, etc. with tools to help walk alongside their children/families towards a Biblically confident and solid belief in Christ and His work of salvation for them.

**Registration for both events opens today. There's an early bird registration rate available until February 22! Registration will be available through our school website ~ [www.timothychristianschool.ca](http://www.timothychristianschool.ca).**

**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 #4	For students that have pre-registered.
FRIDAY	—	Pajama & Bedhead Day (Dress Down)	Just roll out of bed and come to school!

**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 ~ Mrs. Venneri
- Families of the Week ~ Kokolakis (Axel), Kong (New Family), Koolma, Kossarev
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mr. Thiessen will be teaching us about Self-Control (I will think before I act.)

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

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)*

# **VOLUNTEERING**

## **“OPTIONS” PROGRAM (Gr. 3-8) - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Miles sent an email to all parents with information about our upcoming Options Program (February 14, 21, 28). Thank you to those who have already offered to help! Do you have an idea for an Option that you would like to lead or co-lead? Do you love cooking and are willing to have a small group of students come to your house for a cooking lesson? Please contact Mrs. Miles ([dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)) by THIS Friday. (NOTE: You must have a current VSS on file in the school office. Volunteer Hours will be given.)

# **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.

## **CORRECTION to PHONE DIRECTORY**

Make the following correction to the Seevaratnam family's contact information in the WCS Phone Directory  
MOM's EMAIL ~ [anjana.seevaratnam@gmail.com](mailto:anjana.seevaratnam@gmail.com)

# **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

## **THIS FRIDAY ~ PAJAMA & BEDHEAD DAY (Dress Down Day **IF** Wearing Pajamas)**

No need to get changed! No need to brush your hair! It is Pajama and Bedhead Day! Come to school in your pajamas and you can bring a small sized stuffy to keep you company. Dress Down Day is ONLY for those in their jammies!



**Willowdale Christian School's Annual Fundraising Dinner will be held on Friday April 28 @ Bayview Golf & Country Club (Leslie Street & Steeles Avenue East). Please mark this date on your calendar and come out to support our school and celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Sallows and Mrs. Venneri. It will be a fun-filled evening! Book your babysitter now and plan on joining us. Next week we will provide you with registration details.**