

THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, March 28, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

This is the time of year when I am busy doing tours, conducting meetings on Zoom, and answering all the questions that parents have as they seek to find the school that is the right fit for their family. I am always interested in how people hear about our school and why they have reached out to us. It probably comes as no surprise to many of you that a large portion of the inquiries we receive are as a direct result of someone already part of our school community telling them about WCS! There is simply no marketing budget that could produce more positive results than 'word of mouth' testimonials. I just wanted to share a couple of things that have been shared with me by prospective families:

- ⇒ "If this school is good enough for my friend ----, then it is good enough for me!"
- ⇒ "I'm so tired of being invisible at my child's current school. I want my family to be known by name and to feel like I have a voice."
- ⇒ "It would be such a relief to have my child in a school that teaches the same values we have at home. I'm tired of telling my child that their teacher is wrong when they say the Bible is just fiction."
- ⇒ "To be able to know my child is prayed for and that devotions happen every day while at school is something I am so looking forward to."
- ⇒ "I've come to realize that Christian school tuition is not an expense – it is an investment."

Thank you to all of you who pray for our school, make significant financial sacrifices to send your child to WCS, and tell others why you have chosen a Christian education at WCS for your family.

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2022/23 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
THURSDAY	—	Grade 4, 5, 6 Class Trip	Royal Ontario Museum
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Wed/Apr/05	—	NO WORSHIP	Moved to Thu/Apr/06
Wed/Apr/05	7:00 pm	Open House	For Perspective Families
Thu/Apr/06	8:35 am	Worship - Good Friday	Leader - Mrs. Venneri
Fri/Apr/07	—	Good Friday	NO SCHOOL
Mon/Apr/10	—	Easter Monday	NO SCHOOL
Tue/Apr/11	8:35 am	Worship - Easter	Leader - Mrs. Venneri
Wed/Apr/12	—	NO WORSHIP	Moved to Tue/Apr/11
Wed/Apr/12	—	Principal For A Day - Abigail Firew	DRESS DOWN DAY!
Fri/Apr/14	—	Sport Team Day	DRESS DOWN DAY!
Fri/Apr/28	Morning	Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day	Details on Page 2 of The Weekly
Fri/Jun/09	3:00 - 6:30 pm	Fun Fair	Details on Page 2 of The Weekly

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

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Wed
- Families of the Week ~ Rothe, Saad, Santiago, Seevaratnam, Senkerekere
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mr. Eyre will teach about FAITHFULNESS ~ "I will not quit."

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

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Fri/Apr/28 (Morning) ~ GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

Within the next week your child will bring home a very special invitation that can be given to their grandparents or a special friend. This annual celebration is one that everyone looks forward to - both young and old alike! Here is a brief overview of the morning - Guests arrive between 10:15 am - 11:00 am and enjoy a delicious continental breakfast. From 11:00 am - 12:00 pm guests will be entertained by the students in the gym. And then, from 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm, guests will have an opportunity to make a classroom visit to see where their grandchild spends their day.

NOTE: If grandparents/special friends would like to take their grandchild out for lunch, please advise the office **BEFOREHAND**. Simply send an email providing us with the names of who will be taking your child for lunch and whether your child will be returning to school after lunch or if they will be spending the remainder of the day with their grandparents. Grandparents will be asked to "check out" of the office if they are leaving with students. (We have received several questions regarding whether parents should attend this event. Please note that this is a special day specifically for GRANDPARENTS. If you have any further questions about this, kindly contact Mrs. Venneri. Thanks.

VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED ASAP - We are looking for 1-2 people to oversee this special event. This would mean planning the drinks, setting up tables, clean up, etc. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Venneri ASAP.

ALL PARENTS NEEDED - to provide food for the breakfast. Please see attached Sign-Up form. Kindly complete same and return to the office at your earliest convenience. (If you do not have a printer at home, simply email Mrs. Venneri and let her know what baked goods you will be providing and whether you are available to assist in the kitchen that morning.



Fri/Apr/28 @ 6:30 pm ~ ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Fundraising Dinner is the school's single largest fundraising event and it's happening at the Bayview Golf & Country Club (25 Fairway Heights Drive, Thornhill). For the night to be a success, we need each family to donate an item or service. Attached to The Weekly you will find a donation document to help with ideas. Also, if you haven't reserved your tickets yet, please do so before Tue/Apr/18 by completing this form [WCS - Annual Fundraising Dinner](#). Please email wcsfundraisingdinner@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Fri/Jun/09 @ 3:00 - 6:30 pm ~ ANNUAL FUN FAIR

Your family and friends are invited to celebrate the end of the school year at our Annual Fun Fair! Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, FUN, and a hot dog meal! Highlights include - inflatable bouncer, obstacle course, carnival games, cotton candy, and much more! All activities and food will require purchased tickets. This event will be your LAST opportunity to earn Fundraising Volunteer Hours. Watch for details on ticket sales and volunteer opportunities in May.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Fundraising Hours) - The Fun Fair Committee is looking for 4 volunteers to join this planning committee. Volunteers will meet every 2 weeks starting April 10 in the evenings, online, to plan this event. This will include deciding on logistics, setting up Volunteer Sign-Up forms, creating flyers, purchasing food, etc. If you're interested, contact alice.ng.bouwma@gmail.com

