

THE WEEKLY

Monday, May 1, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

As I write this, I am still feeling exhilarated from the amazing events last Friday. Our gym, hallways, and classrooms were filled with grandparents & special friends all morning. I overheard students asking excitedly if their guest had arrived, grandparents proudly sharing about their grandchild/ren with their table mates, and a lot of “oh look, there he/she is!” and “aaahhh, they are so cute!” Most of all, I saw and heard expressions of love and gratitude. I am so grateful for the prayers and support from grandparents and other important people in our students’ lives who model what faithfulness and looks like and who pray for them and WCS as we work together to raise children that love and serve the Lord.

And then there was the Fundraising Dinner on Friday evening. This was a humbling, joy-filled, and encouraging evening for me. To be surrounded by people who have been supporting the school for decades (long after their own children and grandchildren left the school), as well as past principals who were such an encouragement to me personally and past Board members/chairs who continue to pray for, and support, the school literally brought me to tears several times. These people laid the groundwork and built the foundation that WCS is firmly planted on physically, spiritually, and educationally.

But then, as I looked around the room, I was filled with a sense of encouragement as I saw so many families who are relatively new to WCS and to Christian education in general. As I said on Friday night, I honestly believe that our school is in good hands and that the vision for Christian education at 60 Hilda Avenue that began way back in 1959 will continue for years to come.

On a personal note, I just wanted to let everyone know that I will be away for a few days starting Thu/May/04. I am having ear surgery that will, God willing, help to prevent my hearing from continuing to decline. Although not particularly painful, I will experience significant dizziness for a few days following the surgery. I hoping to be back in the office on Tue/May/09. Your prayers that the surgery will be successful and that side effects will be minimal would be appreciated.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Tue/May/09	6:00 pm	Kindergarten Open House	Do you have friends interested in WCS?
Wed/May/10	7:00 pm	Membership Meeting	Receive 2 Volunteer Hours for Attending
Fri/May/12	2:00 pm	Talent Show	Parents are welcome to attend.
Fri/May/19	—	WCS Holiday	NO SCHOOL
Fri/Jun/09	3:00 - 6:30 pm	Fun Fair	Community Event

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Eyre
- Families of the Week ~ Wan, Wong (Emmanuel, Skylar, Grace)
- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Miles will lead us in a time of Praise & Prayer
- Email from Nicole & Phillip Amoabeng - "Good morning! We thank God for the safe arrival of our precious baby BOY on Saturday night. Thank you for all your prayers and support! God bless you! Baby and I are doing well by God's grace. We are in the process of picking a name."
- Ms. Lim ~ Please be praying that God will completely heal Ms. Lim of all the cancer that is in her body.

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

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Wed/May/10 @ 7:00 pm (In-Person in Gym)

As part of the WCS community, you are warmly invited to attend this important school meeting. All are welcome to attend, however only those who are members of the school society may vote. If you are interested in becoming a member of the school society, please contact Krystal Plaxton at krystal.lee.d@gmail.com. A reminder that each parent that attends this meeting will receive 2 Volunteer Hours. This meeting will cover important items such as the 2023/24 Budget, the election of new Board members, the latest update on the Equip to Flourish building campaign, and brief reports from the various committees. We will also take a moment to thank and appreciate our departing principal, Mrs. Sallows, and office administrator, Mrs. Venneri. The Membership Meeting Information package was emailed out last week. **We look forward to seeing you in-person!** Questions? Contact Dave Santiago.

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

To celebrate the end of the school year, WCS is hosting our Annual Fun Fair. Join us for an afternoon of games, an inflatable bouncer and obstacle course, dunking the teachers and Gr. 8's in a water tank, prizes, and food! Tickets must be purchased in advance. See attached document for all the details! Questions? Contact Alice Bouwma.

YEARBOOK ORDERS ~ Deadline is Fri/May/16

Yearbooks are now available for ordering. Simply click here [Yearbook Order Link](#) or use this QR code. You will be prompted to create a free account to order online. ONLY credit cards are accepted (Visa / Mastercard). The Yearbooks will be shipped directly to the school and distributed to students in June. Cost = \$17.55 (\$16.71 + 5% Tax) per Yearbook. You may purchase multiple copies, however, there is no discount for buying more than 1. Questions? Contact Ms. Lim.

