

THE WEEKLY

Monday, May 12, 2025



Thoughts from our Principal ...

I hate weeds. Actually, let me clarify. I dislike weeding (I shouldn't use the word, "hate.") This past weekend, I had no excuse but to spend the day outside where the sun was shining and my husband, Tim, had set aside time to work on our backyard. It's not a big back yard – a lawn, some tall grass along the fence, bushes and orange, white and pink flowers that bloom at different times. We also have a vegetable and herb garden that will quickly dry up if not watered regularly, something I learned last summer, but of course obvious to everyone else. Tim is the green thumb in our family, and if it wasn't for him, we would have dry dirt and weeds because that's all I know. So, with his help, he tells me what is a weed and what is a bush/plant/herb and then I pull it out with our weed-puller-thingy or bare hands.

Equipped with a hat, light clothing, rubber footwear, glass of water, tools and a brown paper bag for the debris, I set out to conquer and eliminate that which was nutrient-sucking, prickly, overgrown, damaging and unwanted.

I had lots of time to think about weeds as I was doing my time. As time progressed, sadly but aware of my level of energy, my mood was deteriorating, and my strength was depleting. But before everything was zapped away, here are some take aways as I reflected on the act of pulling weeds that may – or may not – relate to life.

First, weeds are damaging. When tending a garden and wanting it to flourish, removing weeds that by nature take away soil and water from other plants/grass/flowers is necessary.

Second, we need to take time to remove the dandelions in our life, preferably by the root. It has less chance of coming back too quickly, if at all.

Third, using a tool like a "weed puller thingy" and/or just a basic knife are helpful in plucking them out. Use what you can. Maybe have a strategy and maybe even prioritize if necessary. But set out to get those rascals.

Fourth, this is hard work. It is not done after one shot. So, I know I will have to get back at this exercise next weekend, and the next, and the next...

What is the "hidden message" or reminders from this spring season? Some may call, "weeds" the "messy things in life" or some may call them, "sin." I came to the conclusion that I need to pay attention to the things that are obstacles to flourishing. As much as I dislike pulling weeds, I will say that the hard work was essential. My back was sore, my hamstrings were tight, and Tim and I could hardly move that evening. But when we looked at the garden after all that labour, we loved this little bit of paradise. In the end, we know it was worth it!

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2024/25 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/May/12	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH—Meatball Sub	For those that have ordered.
Wed/May/14	7PM	SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING	All are welcome!
Thu/May/15	—	WCS SR. TRACK & FIELD DAY	Parent Volunteers Needed
Thu/May/15	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/May/16	—	WCS HOLIDAY	No School!
Mon/May/19	—	VICTORIA DAY	No School!

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PRAYER @ WCS

Weekly Parents Prayer Zoom Meeting: Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

- Wednesday Worship ~ Mr. Ramon Gomes will lead part 2 of Worship with the Armour of God: Sword of the Spirit
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Rosalie Tsang (Kindergarten—A Teacher)
- Families of the Week: *Wan (Gr.6/4)*, *Wang (Gr.6)*, *Wong (Gr.8/6/2)*, *Yim (Gr.5)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WCS SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 @7PM

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Spring Membership Meeting in the school gym, on Wednesday, May 14, starting at 7PM. We are thankful for the Board and their leadership. It is important to meet together as the WCS community and ask for the parents to attend. If you wish to have a voice and vote, membership registration forms will be available at the meeting. See you then!

PD DAY ART CAMP — Friday, Jun 6th with Artnection

We are thrilled to offer PD Day Art Camp hosted by Artnection happening on Fri Jun 6th from 9-4pm! Perfect for students between 4-10 years old and all skill levels. Students will be creating 2-3 projects using mixed media on **5000 Buffets**. Spaces are limited, so be sure to [register](#) your child by Fri, May 30 to secure your spot.

WCS GIFT CARDS PROGRAM

We're offering a limited selection for Tim Hortons, Starbucks, Amazon, Esso, and Loblaws grocery gift cards. Stock up for your summer adventures. Show your appreciation to teachers, staff at school or extracurricular activities while supporting our school. [Order](#) before Friday, June 13th to ensure delivery before the end of the school year.

CALL OUT FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

WCS JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 27 (During school hours)

This is an opportunity for all students to enjoy a day outdoors as they take part in various physical activities. To make this event a success, we will need the help of parents to lead each activity and help with the set-up and taking down of activities. If you have submitted your VSS to the office and would like to volunteer, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your valued support.

FUN FAIR – Friday, June 13 @ 3-6:30pm

Get ready for a great day of fun and community! Please feel free to start inviting family and friends! You can now pre-order tickets & sign-up to volunteer on the day of. All the details are available at: funfair.wcs.rocks. If you have any questions, please email wcsfunfair@gmail.com. Thank you!



Fundraising Announcement!

We're raising money for RENOVATIONS

It's time for you, your friends, and your family to stock up with **Little Caesars Pizza Kits!** Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! We are asking that everyone sells 2-3 kits to help us reach our goal.

How: Fill out the top portion of your order form with your name and the best contact phone number (cell phones preferred). Collect payment at the time you take orders. We can take cash or checks made payable to:

Willowdale Christian School. We accept e-transfers Please message "Pizza Kits" in the descriptions board.

You may also order and pay online by credit card:

- Go to www.PizzaKit.ca
- Click on "Products" then "Shop"
- Select "Ship Order to the Group"

Our Fundraiser ID # is 460384

When: Fundraiser start date: May 5, 2025

Order form and payment due: May 25 2025 (Late orders will NOT be accepted.)

Time and Date of Pizza Kit Pickup: June 13, 2025 2-7pm

Where: Pickup will be at: Willowdale Christian School
Please pick up your pizza kits as soon as possible as we do not have onsite storage.
We are not responsible for orders that are not picked up on delivery day.

Volunteers Needed: We'll also need several helpers on the day of delivery to help sort orders. Please call or email for details.

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: _____ Phone: 416-222-1711

Email Address: office@willowdalechristianschool.org
Thank you for your support and participation! Have fun!



PIZZA KIT GIVEAWAY

WIN THE EASY WAY

THE FAMILY WITH THE MOST ITEMS
SOLD WILL BE GIVEN:

- 2 TICKETS TO CANADA'S
WONDERLAND,
- MR LUBE OIL CHANGE AND;
- ESSO GIFT CARD



Greetings Willowdale Christian School,

As we work together to fundraise for our school, we have launched a new initiative. We have collaborated with Little Caesars to sell Pizza Kits! There has been some frequently asked questions that we would like to share with you:

FAQ:

1: Will we be able to store it and have the pizza kits remain frozen?

A: Yes! The product upon delivery has an 8 hour storage life in room temperature. Plenty of time to collect and bring home.

2: Will I only be getting ONE Pizza?

*A: NO! Each kit comes with **three** pizzas and the personal kits come with **six**!*

GRAND PRIZE!!

Along with this, we will be giving a Grand Prize for the family that sells the most! We have decided that pizza often brings family together and parents work just as hard to sell as children.

Who else thinks getting an oil change is a super insane way to waste your money? Worry no more, we've got you covered. Our grand prize is both child and adult friendly. The Grand Prize is ALL of:

- 2 Tickets to Canada's Wonderland
- 1 Mr. Lube Gift Card
- 1 Esso Gas Card

In Christ,
Fundraising Committee