

THE WEEKLY

Monday, May 29, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

I am overwhelmed today with gratitude. My Retirement Celebration this past Saturday was so special for me that I am almost at a loss for words – a very rare occasion for me!

To be able to visit with some of my previous students from as long ago as 1994 (and to hear all about their lives including spouses, children, occupation), to reconnect with colleagues that I worked with almost 3 decades ago (and to share some laughs about fun times we shared), and to chat to people who have been parents, committee members and board members over my 29 years at WCS was just amazing. I cried, laughed, listened, and talked (a lot of talking!) for the entire afternoon.

The icing on the cake for me, however, was to see so many of our current families (including the children) dropping in to wish me well in this next season of my life. Many of you were also helping out in the kitchen or taking on some of the many, many tasks that need to be done for event like this. There are just far too many of you to thank by name, but please know that I saw you refilling the jugs of punch, keeping the cream and sugar containers filled, making sure the food platters were replenished, setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, making sure my flowers were placed in water and that I had water in my hand at all times, cleaning the kitchen, helping my daughter load our car with flowers and gifts, etc. My heart overflows with gratitude.

I want to specifically mention one person who was there on Saturday. Many of you may not know him or even have noticed him. Mr. John Cappon was part of the original group of people who worked tirelessly to take the dream of a Christian school in Willowdale and turn it into a reality. This involved money (their own), physical work (never hire someone for work you can do yourself!), patience (everything takes longer than you expect), perseverance (so many hurdles to overcome), much prayer and faith that God would walk beside them as they worked to build a school that would honour and serve Him for years to come. WCS today is the legacy of men and women like John Cappon. To have him there on Saturday was, for me, both humbling and an honour at the same time.

Lastly, I just want to thank the committee that organized everything on Saturday – taking so much time out of their already busy lives to meet and plan this event. So, thank you to Miriam Venneri, Donna Miles, Christina Ng Kennedy, Carol Griffioen, and Krystal Plaxton.

My cup runneth over!



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PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Miles
- Family of the Week ~ Yu
- TUESDAY Worship ~ Mrs. Kim will teach us about GENTLENESS (I will care for others when they mess up.)

Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) ~ Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm
 Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We have approximately 15-20 tablecloths that need to be laundered. (A few of them have coffee stains so maybe a little bleach?) Please contact Mrs. Venneri if you are interested. Job needs to be completed by Fri/Jun/09.

Fri/Jun/09 ~ Hat & Gum Day (Dress Down Day)

Students can wear their favourite hat or create a silly hat or just wear a simple cap! This is the only day students are permitted to wear hats indoors and chew gum at school! On this day, students can bring gum to chew and a hat to wear. Gum cannot be shared nor will it be provided to the students. Candy substitutions are not permitted.



Friday, June 9
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Details attached to email.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
TUESDAY	8:35 am	"Wednesday" Worship	Moved to Tuesday re: Track & Field Days
TUESDAY	Lunch	E2F Meal - Chicken Nuggets & Fries	For students that have pre-ordered.
WEDNESDAY	—	Primary (Grades JK - Gr. 4) Field Day	DRESS DOWN DAY
WEDNESDAY	—	Senior (Grades 5 - 8) District Track Day	Off Site (Not All Students Attend)
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	3:30 pm	DEADLINE re: FINANCIAL FORMS	If you need another form, call office.
Mon/Jun/05	—	Professional Activity Day	NO SCHOOL
Thu/Jun/08	—	Grade 2 & Grade 3 Class Trip	Legoland
Fri/Jun/09	—	Hat & Gum Day	DRESS DOWN DAY
Fri/Jun/09	Lunch	Pizza Day	LAST LUNCH OF THE YEAR!
Fri/Jun/09	3:00 - 6:30 pm	Fun Fair	Community Event
Tue/Jun/13	8:35 am	"Wednesday" Worship	Also - Grade 8 "Good-Bye" Assembly
Wed/Jun/14	—	JK/SK-A & JK/SK-B & Grade 1	Hendon Waterpark
Fri/Jun/16	8:00 pm	Grade 8 Graduation	All school families are welcome to attend!
Monday, June 19 - Wednesday, June 21 ~ Grade 7 Canoe Trip @ Fair Glen			
Monday, June 19 - Wednesday, June 21 ~ Grade 8 Graduation Trip @ Ottawa			
Wed/Jun/21	—	JK/SK-A & JK/SK-B & Grade 1	Legoland
Fri/Jun/23	2:45 pm	Year End Assembly (Parents Welcome)	Last Day of School