

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, May 5, 2025



## *Thoughts from our Principal ...*

This past Saturday's anniversary event was FANTASTIC! On May 3, the big day finally arrived and over 200 guests gathered together, over 200 finger sandwiches were made, over 200 balloons and decorations were put up, over 200 bidding paddles were made, four amazing speeches, three thank-you flower bouquets, two types of auctions (silent and live) and ONE Willowdale Christian School – one school, one community of families, one God. In celebrating 65 years, there were moments of evoking the past, enjoying the present and envisioning the future. What a joy! As we opened the event, here is part of the prayer that I had the honour of sharing...

*Dear Father in Heaven,*

*You are a good God, a faithful and loving Father, Creator and King.*

*We say, first and foremost, thank you so very much for this day that You have made.*

*You are the One who put the passion and people and plan together so that today, on May 3, 2025, we have the profound blessing of truly celebrating 65 years of Willowdale Christian School providing Christ-centered learning.*

*For decades of graduates and families, staff and Board members, you have lavished your goodness and grace into the WCS community so that we may be the hands and feet, hearts and minds, to serve you locally and globally. And Lord, where we have made mistakes, we pray for your forgiveness. We are not perfect, but we trust in the God who redeems and can make all things new.*

*As we participate in today's memorable event, may we continue to see your miraculous work.*

*We see you in the many, many people who helped make this day come alive – volunteers who set up and take down, prepare food and ensure that the program and the sound all run smoothly. We see you in our staff, past and present, who love your children and care for them. We see you in our students, fearfully and wonderfully made.*

*Father, widen our joy and deepen our gratitude so that we may tell more and more stories of your love for us and the world you created.*

*You are our God, Redeemer and Comforter, in whose name we pray,  
Amen.*

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/May/05	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH – Chicken Fingers	For those that have ordered.
Fri/May/09	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	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
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 Worship with the Armour of God: Sword of the Spirit
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Allison Diolanda (Kindergarten—B Teacher)
- Families of the Week: *Tran (Gr.6/3/SK)*, *Tropiano (JK)*, *Tunggal (Gr.7)*, *VanOosterom (Gr.6)*, *Velbovets (Gr.8)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

### **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 extra-curricular activities while supporting our school. [Order](#) before Friday, June 13th to ensure delivery before the end of the school year.

### **EQUIP TO FLOURISH SURVEY**

A big thank you to everyone who has already completed the [Equip to Flourish survey](#) — your input is truly appreciated!

If you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, we value your input and ask that you help by completing the survey and submitting the responses by **May 7**. Your feedback is important to the Board and your insights will help shape what's next for our school. Thank you for being part of this exciting journey!

🔗 [Take Survey](#) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QDMKD9>)

Please see attached Case Statement for more information.

### **WCS 65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: FORWARD TOGETHER**

What a blessing to celebrate 65 years this past Saturday with so many former and current staff, parents and students of WCS! Thank you to many, many of you who volunteered to help make this event an absolute success! This grand event was planned since the fall, meeting on Zoom every other week, then weekly. Many thanks to this team of organizer: *Larry, Brian, Julia, Taleen, Alicia, Cissy, Kathy, Betty, Kien, Jason, Jackie, Bernard, Susan, Carol, Miriam, and Cathy* — your help is greatly appreciated. God has used all of us to celebrate a miraculous and memorable anniversary!

For donations that are pending, we ask that the E2F e-transfers to be sent to:

[E2Fund@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:E2Fund@willowdalechristianschool.org)

## **CALL OUT FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!**

### **WCS JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 28 (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—SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 13 @3-6:30pm**

It's FUN Fair time soon! You, your child(ren), families and friends are invited to celebrate the end of the school year with an afternoon of fellowship, bouncy castles, and carnival games. There will also be food and snacks! Please save the date and start inviting!

More details will follow on volunteer opportunities to run games and stations, and how to purchase tickets for games and food. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email [wcsfunfair@gmail.com](mailto:wcsfunfair@gmail.com). Looking forward to having fun with you all!