

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 14, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

As soon as I flip my calendar (yes, I still use an old fashioned desk calendar) to November, I start to think about Christmas. Our tradition here at WCS (prior to getting all mixed up due to COVID) has always been to do a large scale musical in the spring on even years (next one is scheduled for May, 2024) and a small Christmas concert on odd years. So, this year we will be putting on a Christmas concert that involves all the students in the school.

As we started planning, it became very apparent that with 175 students, their parents, siblings and perhaps other family members, it was simply not possible to fit everyone in our gym for 1 performance. As a result, we have decided to offer 2 performances:

Thursday, December 8 @ 7:00 pm

- and -

Friday, December 9 @ 1:45 pm

Every student in the school will be participating in the concert which we expect to run for approximately 30 minutes. You can look forward to singing Christmas carols, listening to some of our students sing in a large choir with percussion added by some of our older students, and then wrapping up the concert with the Gr. 7/8 Band.

I encourage any of you (or grandparents, etc.) who can make it to the afternoon performance on Fri/Dec/09 to do so. This will help reduce congestion both in the gym and the parking lot as well as ensure you will have a chair to sit on!

In addition, we are always looking for ways to put our faith into action and so we are asking each family to bring at least 1 non-perishable food item for a local food bank as their 'ticket' in to the performance. More details about this missions project will be provided next week from Mrs. Venneri.

Be sure to mark your calendars now!!!!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
TUESDAY	3:45 pm	Robotics - Class #1	For students that have pre-registered.
WEDNESDAY	—	Volleyball Tournament (Gr. 6 - 8)	Girls (Woodbridge) / Boys (Mississauga)
FRIDAY	—	Dress Down Day	Chocolate Sales Prize for Students
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	End of Day	Progress Reports Go Home	Check those backpacks!
FRIDAY	4:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Conference Site CLOSES	Have you signed up yet?

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ We will see you there!

Tue/Nov/22 (6:00 - 9:00 pm) & Wed/Nov/23 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

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

PRAYER @ WCS

- Last Monday we asked for prayer for Keith & Michelle (Li) TRAN and their children Ethan (Gr. 7), Eliza (Gr. 5), and Esther (Gr. 1). Mom was undergoing surgery that day. We are thrilled to share with you a portion of an email that Mrs. Venneri received this weekend from Michelle ~ “By the grace of God, I was out of ICU on Friday evening, rested yesterday, today I am feeling much better! All glory to be the Lord! Please help me to say thank you to everyone for praying for me and my family! Thank you! We will see you all soon!” How great is our God!
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Miles
- Families of the Week ~ Han, Hau, Henry, Impera
- WEDNESDAY ~ Pray for Mrs. Sallows as she leads Worship. Topic ~ “Joy” (I will be okay with what I have.)

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

ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM ~ THANK YOU!

Last Monday our Boys & Girls Ultimate Frisbee team participated in a tournament with many Christian schools. This was only made possible because 2 of our parents volunteered to coach our students. A big thank you to Albert Yu and Monica Kay who gave up many hours of their own time to run, throw, and strategize with our students resulting in a cohesive team that was excited to play!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING! Wed/Nov/30 - Thu/Dec/01

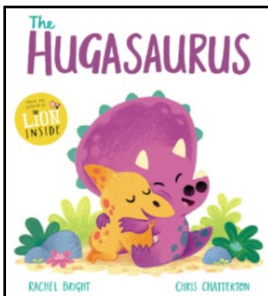
This event is a fantastic way to continue to give our students access to the books they want to read. We are so happy that our students can interact with the Fair at our school, and choose their next favourite book! For parents who don't have time to pop into the school, you can shop at our Virtual Book Fair Extension on our Book Fair dates and select the books that inspire their readers from the comfort of home. All purchases benefit WCS by earning Rewards that can be redeemed for books and other education resources. Starting Tue/Nov/29, you can visit the Virtual Book Fair using this link ~ <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5194192>

Please support WCS by purchasing books for your family and friends (especially with Christmas just around the corner!) and consider making a donation by buying a book for your child's classroom library. Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thanks for supporting our readers and WCS! Here is a preview of books that will be available.

PICTURE BOOK ~ GRADES K-2

AUTHOR ~ RACHEL BRIGHT & ILLUSTRATOR ~ CHRIS CHATTERTON

A lighthearted celebration of friendship and kindness from the bestselling creators of *The Worrysaurus*. One sunny morning, a happy little Hugasaurus waves goodbye to her Pappysaur and sets off into the world on her own for the very first time. When she finds a playground, some new friends welcome her to their games. But it isn't long before the other little dinosaurs start to squabble. Can Hugasaurus bring her new friends back together using the magical power of kindness? A joyful celebration of kindness and its potential to change the world from Rachel Bright, the bestselling author of *The Lion Inside* and *Love Monster*. Chris Chatterton's charming illustrations are sure to draw readers. *The Hugasaurus* will become a story time favourite!



GRAPHIC NOVEL ~ GR. 4+

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR ~ DAN SANTAT

Dive in to this whimsically adventurous graphic novel from Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat. Ever since her father was lost at sea, Sophia has been moping around Aqualand, the marine theme park her dad and uncle created. But Sophia's world is turned upside down when an “aquanaut” breaks into the park's research lab. To her amazement, Sophia discovers that the aquanaut is not what it seems – inside lives a band of four goofy sea creatures! And when they all realize that Aqualand has evolved into something much darker than Sophia's dad had envisioned, Sophia is determined to help the aquanaut crew free the park's captive marine life before it's too late.

