Tuesday, November 16, 2021

THE WEEKLY



A few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Here is some information you need to know:

THIS FRIDAY (November 19)

There is going to be a very large funeral at the church next door starting at 11:00 am. The church has asked that all staff park along the fence rather than next to the church. Obviously, this will mean there are very few spots for parents along the fence when dropping off their children in the morning. There is also going to be a large tent set up behind the church - I am not sure how early that will be in place - which may make parking even more challenging. Please note that when coming to drop off your child that day, you will need to be very patient in terms of parking. There is street parking permitted on Connaught Avenue, if the church lot is full. The church expects the funeral to be over by the time parents arrive @ 3:15 pm.

SNOW DAYS

Although it is hard to imagine being in a snow storm when we've had delightfully warm weather over the past week, it will, unfortunately, come at some point. I have very specific criteria that must be met prior to calling a Snow Day (meaning school is closed for the day). Once the decision has been made, all staff start calling families that have been assigned to them. There will also be notification put up on the school's website and an email sent to all families. On days where there is particularly bad weather, please listen for a phone call, or check your emails and/or the website.



Our teachers will either provide you with a Zoom link (primary grades) or use Teams to have a Morning Meeting (the time will be advised by the teacher). You are welcome, but not obligated, to have your child attend this meeting with their class at the start of the day. Teachers will not have their resources at home with them, but they will be prepared to provide 1 or 2 learning activities for their class to do during the Snow Day. In addition to the Morning Meeting, teacher will also provide 1 additional time during the day when students can meet with them in a live chat to offer clarification, if needed, related to their assigned activities.

PLEASE NOTE - A Snow Day is NOT a regular learning day. Students do not have to attend. If you would rather go play in the snow, feel free to do so! (Attendance will not be taken.)

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

When you email Mrs. Venneri regarding your child's absence from school, be sure to include the REASON they are away that day. If your child is stick, you must list their symptoms in your email, according to Toronto Public Health and Sick Kids Hospital.

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - <u>csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org</u> Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

- Pray for our teachers as they work on Term 1 Report Cards. This is a large and time consuming task.
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mrs. Wells as she teaches us another name of God ~ El Shaddai.
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with *CHIHIREV* on Tuesday and ending with *CHUN* on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Anstey

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to office@willowdalechristianschool.org

Parents Prayer Group (via Zoom) - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) <u>wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com</u>. She will provide the Zoom link. When entering the meeting, TURN ON your camera. Once you've been admitted, you may turn OFF your camera. **NOTE - Prayer Group will be cancelled on Wed/Nov/24 to allow parents to attend Membership Meeting.**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed/Nov/24 @ 7:00 pm ~ WCS MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Notice from WCS Board)

- Would you like to pray together as a school community?
- Do you want to be a part of the official launch the Equip to Flourish building transformation campaign and learn about all the exciting plans for our school?
- Do you want to learn about the school's committee Finances, Pandemic Protocol, Building & Facilities, Technology, and Christian School Foundation?
- Would you like to meet the school's board members?

If YES, then you need to come to the Membership Meeting! All school families are welcome to attend and build community together. We look forward to seeing you there!

PLUS As a parent volunteer operated school, consider becoming a school member. As a member you can vote on decisions at all Membership Meetings and be eligible to be a candidate for the Board of Trustees. For more information about becoming a member, see the attached letter and application form. (If you require a hard copy to be sent home, simply email Mrs. Vennet at office@willowdalechristianschool.org.)

ZOOM LINK FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82322638167?pwd=dXJZZIV0Y0p5TzVGait0MGViZytSUT09 Meeting ID: 823 2263 8167

Passcode: yD3h9q



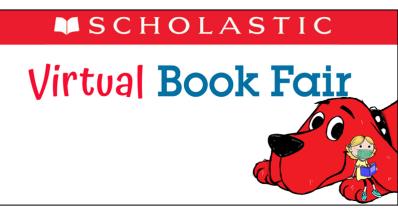
ADDITIONS and/or CORRECTIONS to WCS PHONE DIRECTORY

CHEONG - Olive's email address should be <u>oliveau@gmail.com</u>

CHOI - Tae-Seok Choi & Hyun Kyung Woo ~ PLEASE ADD Joy Choi (Grade 6) to this family.

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | TAKE NOTE |
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| Virtual Book Fair ~ Monday, November 22 - Sunday, November 28 | | | |
| Wed/Nov/24 | Lunch | Pasta Day | For students that have pre-ordered. |
| Wed/Nov/24 | 7:00 pm | Fall Membership Meeting (via Zoom) | Watch for upcoming details. |
| Fri/Nov/26 | Lunch | Pizza Day | For students that have pre-ordered. |
| Fri/Nov/26 | — | Book Character Day | BOOK Characters (Not Movies) |
| Fri/Dec/03 | 3:15 pm | Report Cards Distributed | Students asked to open @ home. |
| Sat/Dec/04 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm | Pick Up Christmas Bazaar Orders | Outside Front of School |
| Fri/Dec/10 | — | Red & Green Day | Dress Down |
| Christmas Break ~ Monday, December 20 - Friday, December 31 | | | |
| Fri/Jan/14 | — | Pajama & Bedhead Day | Dress Down |
| Mon/Jan/24 | _ | Professional Development Day | NO SCHOOL |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Mon/Nov/22 - Sun/Nov/28 (Inclusive)

It's a fact - children enjoy reading for fun with their parents! Not only does reading unlock a child's imagination, it can also help them get into university! Here are some ways you can develop your child's reading skills. Use the following tips to encourage your reader:

- Keep books in your home. Update the collection frequently to give your child new choices. Read what your child is reading so you can ask questions about the story.
- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Support our school's Virtual Book Fair.
- Let your children choose their own books.

Our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair features a huge selection of engaging and affordable books for every age. Your child is certain to find a book that they will love! Please make plans to visit our online Scholastic Book Fair. Further details on how to access the virtual book fair will be provided in next Monday's Weekly. 20% of every purchase will go towards resources to support our school. Purchases will all be shipped by Scholastic and delivered directly to your home. Please support WCS by purchasing books for your family and friends (especially with Christmas 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!

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Cornerstone Book Shop (89 Finch Avenue West) is seeking a Sales Associate. Are you passionate about serving others? Do you enjoy engaging in discussions with people about how to choose the right Bible study tools for them? Are you a quick software learner and can provide excellent customer service? Our Sales Associate position would be a great way to leverage your skills and talents while growing in a Christian work environment. Cornerstone Bookshop's mission is to provide Christ centered products that equip, enrich and inspire Christians within the GTA.

Job Responsibilities

- Provide outstanding customer service in person with customers and/or over the phone.
- Assist with point of sale. i.e. purchases, opening and closing procedures, refunds.
- Receive new product in our inventory using our software program.
- Maintain and fill special order requests from customers.
- Perform inventory tasks including the update of product pricing, product returns and stocking of incoming product.
- Assist with visual merchandising and seasonal and/or promotional resets.
- Giving advice and guidance on product selection to customers.
- Keeping the store tidy and clean. I.e. Vacuuming and dusting.
- Willing to work evenings and Saturdays.

Experience

- Minimum 5+ years in a customer service role.
- Previous employment in retail sales or the Christian book industry is preferred but not necessary.
- Some basic knowledge of Bible translations, Christian books, and media is an asset.

Please submit your application by email or in person to John Tadros. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted. johnptadros@hotmail.com

