

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 21, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

My heart is overflowing with gratitude this morning as I write this! If you were here on Saturday in any capacity, you will know why. After 3 long years of having no in-person Christmas Bazaar, I have to admit I was a bit nervous about whether things would go well. I worried that vendors would not return, parents would not want, or be able, to volunteer and people wouldn't come to shop and enjoy lunch! I prayed about it and tried to leave my worries with Him, but, to be truthful, I still drove in on Saturday morning with butterflies in my stomach. Well, not only did our families donate and serve in every capacity imaginable, but lots and lots of people came! One minute I was speaking to a lady who attended our school 50 years ago (you read that correctly) and was reminiscing fondly about the many, many bazaars she has attended over the years, and the next minutes I was talking with new parents as they served food, collected dirty dishes, and loaded the dishwasher! The laughter and chatter that accompanied all this hard work was just a joy to hear and watch. This is really what the Christmas Bazaar is all about ~ working together as a community, meeting new people whose children might be in different grades from yours, creating wonderful memories, and helping to ensure the legacy of Christian education here at WCS continues for years to come. At some point, the Fundraising Committee will let us know how much profit was made on Saturday, but, in my mind, the 'profit' can best be described in the words of a lady from the neighbourhood who has been coming for years - "This school puts on the best bazaars because everyone is so friendly and the food is the best!" (As an aside, whoever made the Bundt coffee cake that I bought at the bake table, it was delicious and my husband was very appreciative!)



I want to clarify a couple of things regarding our Christmas Concerts on Thu/Dec/08 @ 7:00 pm and Fri/Dec/09 @ 1:45 pm. We need the students at BOTH concerts. Unfortunately, that means that if you are planning to actually attend the concert on Friday afternoon, we still need you to drop off your child/ren on Thursday evening. Every student is participating in some way (singing, being a narrator, playing a percussion [Gr. 5/6] or Band instrument [Gr. 7/8]) during the concert.

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 #2 of 8	For students that have pre-registered.
TUESDAY	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Have you uploaded Teams, if needed?
WEDNESDAY	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Have you uploaded Teams, if needed?
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Wed/Nov/30	7:00 pm	Fall Membership Meeting (Gym)	2 Volunteer Hours for Attending
Wednesday, November 30 - Thursday, December 1 ~ BOOK FAIR			
Fri/Dec/02	—	Book Character Day	Teachers will provide details.
Fri/Dec/02	3:30 pm	Lunch Order Forms - DEADLINE	Payments must be received on time.

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

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

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Thiessen
- Families of the Week ~ Jayatunga, Jeong, Ji, Jo
- 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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

KITCHEN HELP (Fundraising Hours)

To support the Equip to Flourish Building Transformation Campaign, the "Eat to Flourish" lunch program will start in January 2023. Eat to Flourish will offer meals to accompany the pizza and pasta lunches. A combined lunch order form for Eat to Flourish, pizza and pasta lunches has been sent home. Volunteers are needed on January 13, February 10, March 28, April 18, May 9, and May 30 at 10:00 am to cook meals with Oksana Tarassenko, Project Coordinator. If you're interested, please email Oksana at e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

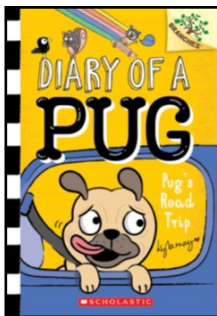
PLEASE REMEMBER that these meetings will be held via TEAMS (not ZOOM). If you are planning to join your meeting using a cell phone or iPad, you will need to download the TEAMS app **AHEAD OF TIME**. If you will be using a desktop computer, you can simply select "Continue on this browser" after hitting the link you have been provided.

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

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair starts next week! Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library. For parents and friends that cannot enter our school, don't forget to visit our Virtual Book Fair Extension! Orders will ship to WCS for free. More information will follow regarding the pickup of your order.

Visit our Virtual Book Fair Extension site using this link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5194192>

Before the Fair begins, click the link to - **SAVE** it to your browser; **WATCH** videos of popular new titles; and **PREVIEW** Featured Books. Thank you for supporting our readers and our school Below is a preview of a few books that will be available at the Book Fair.



ILLUSTRATED CHAPTER BOOK ~ Gr. 2-3 **AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR ~ Kyla May**

This book features everyone's favourite pug, Bub, and his human, Bella! Bub the pug; his human, Bella; and their friend Jack are excited to go on a road trip. There will be so much to see and do! But when Jack can no longer come, Bella and Bub vow to bring him something special from their trip. Can Bub and Bella find the perfect souvenir for Jack? With full-colour artwork throughout, this funny and charming diary-format early chapter book is perfect for anyone who believes a furry pal is the best kind of friend.

GRAPHIC NOVEL ~ Gr. 5-7

AUTHOR ~ Christina Soontornvat & ILLUSTRATOR ~ Joanna Cacao

Trying out for middle school cheerleader means: performing in the giant school gym, with the whole school watching, and risking total humiliation. As one of the only Asian American kids in her small Texas town, Christina just wants to fit in. Luckily, her best friend, Megan, who is Iranian American, can totally relate. But middle school is a reality-check, and suddenly popularity is way more important. When cheerleading tryouts are announced, Christina and Megan literally jump at the chance to join the squad. But does fitting in actually equal belonging?

