

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 27, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Last Wednesday we had the Parent/Teacher Conferences. What a great night of connecting with teachers, parents, and even some students! All the teachers reported good conversations that were constructive to their students' learning journey. Not all of these conversations were easy. Some included talking about difficulties with learning; others had challenges with social interactions. Sometimes parents and teachers don't always agree. No matter what the challenges were, the meetings almost always ended with something positive, even if that positive was an agreement to disagree. Parents and teachers share the united goal of doing what is best for each individual child. When we stay focused on that, coupled with growing in their walk with the Lord, only positives will result. Thank you to everyone who came out, even for just 10 minutes. We believe that these conferences are vital for your children's education.

This week we have the privilege to meet together as a whole society at the Wednesday evening membership meeting. Everyone is invited to attend! At the meeting the Board of Trustees will be reporting on its various committees, updating the school community on the work they have been doing. A highlight will be the E2F Building Committee as it shares important information on an exciting VERY BIG next step. You do not have to be a member to attend, but you do if you want to vote. For membership information please visit <https://www.willowdalechristianschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Membership-Letter-Policy-Application-2023-2.pdf> or email me (dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org).

And finally (it is a busy week!), don't forget that Friday is Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day! Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping and all those who volunteered to bring in food. This day is a huge highlight of the year, especially for our visitors!

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2023/24 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Nov/29	LUNCH	PASTA	For those that have ordered
Wed/Nov/29	7:00pm	FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (GYM)	2 Volunteer Hrs/parent
Wed/Nov/29—Thu/Nov/30 ~ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (GYM)			
Fri/Dec/01	10:15-12:30pm	GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS	See Attached for Invitations
Fri/Dec/01	3:30 pm	LUNCH ORDER FORMS - DEADLINE	Payments must be received on time.
Wed/Dec/06	LUNCH	PASTA	For those that have ordered
Wed/Dec/09	LUNCH	PIZZA	For those that have ordered
Mon/Dec/11—Fri/15 ~ WCS FOOD DRIVE			
Thu/Dec/14 @7:00pm OR Fri/15 @11:00am ~ WCS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE (Gym)			
Fri/Dec/22	—	RED & GREEN DAY & SKATING	Dress Down Day

Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

Join our **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting** (via Zoom) every Tuesdays @8:00pm!

Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to:

office@willowdalechristianschool.org

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mrs. Lee as she leads this week on “Beatitudes: Admitting My Sin”
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms, Wiseman (French/Student Support)
- Families of the Week ~ Ha (SK); Han (5/2); Hau (4/2); Henry (2); Hong (JK)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

VOLLEYBALL: A special thank you goes to Mr. Bouwma for coaching the girls team. They made huge improvements because of Mr. Bouwma’s expertise and patience. Congratulations to both our boys and girls team for an excellent day of volleyball at their tournaments last week. The boys placed 2nd, losing 2 sets to 1 in the final game. Our next sport is basketball. Mr. Dave Hsu (former parent) will be coaching the boys and Mr. Thiessen will be coaching the girls.

HOT LUNCHES: Order forms are due THIS Friday, December 1. **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please note that the **PASTA and PIZZA lunches raise much needed funds for the Grade 6,7,8 overnight trips**. The other lunches raise money for the building expansion E2F campaign. Payments can be made through cheque, cash, or e-transfer (please include Child’s name, grade and LUNCH ORDER in memo line).

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE ~ DECEMBER 11-15, 2023

For our service event for the winter we will be hosting a Food Drive for Neighbourhood Link. They are an organization in our immediate community who provides services for the vulnerable. There is a flyer attached to the weekly with more information.



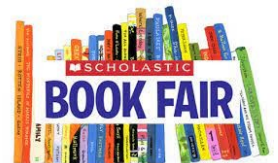
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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ~ THIS WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY!

We’re excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is here! Come discover new and bestselling titles right in our school.

Bonus: All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school’s classrooms and library. Happy reading!



GRANDPARENTS’ & SPECIAL FRIENDS’ DAY ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 (10:15 am—12:30 pm)



This annual celebration is one that everyone looks forward to - both young and old alike! Here is a brief overview of the morning - Please note that this is a special day specifically for GRANDPARENTS. If you have any further questions about this, kindly contact the office. Thanks.

ALL PARENTS NEEDED - to provide food for the breakfast. Please see attached Sign-Up form. Kindly complete and return to the office at your earliest convenience. If you do not have a printer at home, simply email the office informing us of what baked goods you will be providing.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ~ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 7 pm & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 @11:00 am

Come and join us for a celebration of Christ’s birth. ALL STUDENTS will be part of the presentation. On the Thursday evening performance, Grade 6-8 need to wear white tops and black or navy-blue bottoms and JK-Grade 5 need to wear Sunday best. Bring an item for our Food Drive as your entrance “fee”!

