

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 28, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

After 3 long years of not having an in-person Christmas Bazaar, it is so amazing to announce that this year's financial results are the best ever!! Because you baked, served, donated, purchased items, bought lunch, collected payments, loaded the dishwasher, set up tables, scraped dirty dishes, set up on Friday night, worked in the Cheese Room, organized games and crafts, painted faces, and encouraged people to purchase used items in the Rummage Room, this year's Christmas bazaar raised over \$10,000!! Praise the Lord!

Wow! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, particularly the Christmas Bazaar Committee who spent endless hours planning and organizing everything that goes on behind the scenes and on the day of the Bazaar. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Carol Griffioen, the 'boss' of the Bazaar as I like to call her, for her endless energy, organization, and leadership as the Chair of the Bazaar Committee for many years. Unfortunately, this was Carol's last year in this leadership role and it would be an understatement to say that she will be missed. I know Carol would want me to say that the success of this year's Bazaar (and all previous ones) can be attributed to a team of people who all deserve acknowledgement. She would also want me to say that the baton has been passed to some very capable people and that she has no doubt next year's Bazaar will be equally successful and enjoyable!



All true, but, Carol, we want you to know how much you will be missed and how thankful we are for all you have done for WCS!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY ~ Scholastic Book Fair (Gym)			
TUESDAY	3:45 pm	Robotics #3 of 8 Sessions	For students that have pre-registered.
WEDNESDAY	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Fall Membership Meeting (Gym)	2 Volunteer Hours for Attending
FRIDAY	—	Book Character Day	Teachers will provide details.
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	3:30 pm	Lunch Order Forms - DEADLINE	Payments must be received on time.
Thu/Dec/15	—	School Skating @ Goulding Arena	Details will be emailed TOMORROW.

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

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Wen
- Families of the Week ~ Kang (New Family), Kasim, Kay, Kennedy
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Ms. Chow as she leads this week. Topic ~ Love Theme ~ Fruit of the Spirit
- Please be in prayer for the Naseri family. (Dad is Arash, Mom is Sara, Student is Avina in Gr. 1) Message from Mom ~ "We would like to have prayer for my baby and me. I am pregnant now and unfortunately the baby is having some health issues. I have already had 2 procedures this month and we are still not sure what could possibly happen until she is born. We hope God will show His mercy to our family."

Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) ~ Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tungal (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. Volunteers are needed on Jan/13, Feb/10, Mar/28, Apr/18, May/09, May/30 at 10:00 am to cook meals. If you're interested, please email Oksana at e2f@willowdalechristianschool.org.

GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Are you athletic and skilled in basketball? Our seniors girls would desperately like to participate in an upcoming tournament in February. Taking on this responsibility would include daytime practices and attending the tournament. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sallows at csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SNOW DAY

Here is what you need to know if the school should be shut down due to inclement weather. The office has very specific criteria that must be met prior to calling a Snow Day (meaning the school is closed for the day and there is NO online learning taking place). Once that decision has been made, all staff begin phoning the particular families that have been assigned to them. (Staff will only call a family ONCE. They will leave a message if no one picks up.) Notifications will go on the school's website and Facebook page. Also, parents will receive an email early in the morning.

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

It's finally here! The Book Fair is happening this week! Students will have time to browse/shop in the gym from WEDNESDAY to THURSDAY. Families are welcome to browse/shop before school, during recess, during lunch, and after school. Even if you can't join us at school, you can experience the joy of our Book Fair online starting TOMORROW by visiting <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5194192>. Extended family can also participate in the Virtual Book Fair from the comfort of 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. (Teacher have chosen books they'd like for their classroom. See the red bags in the gym.) All purchases benefit WCS by earning Rewards that can be redeemed for books and educational resources.

Wed/Nov/30 @ 7:00 pm ~ WCS MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Notice from WCS Board)

Would you like to pray together as a school community? Do you want to hear the update on the Equip to Flourish building transformation campaign? Do you want to learn about the school's committees? Do you like cookies? Would you like to meet the Board members? Would you like to receive 2 Volunteer Hours for attending this meeting?

If YES, then you need to come to the Membership Meeting! *PLUS* As a parent volunteer operated school, consider becoming a member so you can vote on decisions at Membership Meetings and be eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees. For more information about becoming a member, see the attached letter and application form.

CAN YOU HELP or DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT CAN HELP?

This is a request from a WCS Mom - "I am walking with a woman in her 30's who has custody of her 17 year-old nephew. Unfortunately, they are in desperate need of housing (preferably in North York or Scarborough). They have no where to live after November 30. Would you know of someone that might have space in their home to share or rent? I believe they can pay around \$1,300/month. The woman is also excellent with children and seniors, if there is someone who could use some help in these areas." Contact Mrs. Venneri if you can help!