

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 29, 2021



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

I can hardly believe that we will be turning our calendar pages (for those of us who still use paper calendars!) to December this week and the season of Advent began yesterday!

As we look forward to our Christmas Break, many families are hoping to travel outside of Canada. I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the current protocols regarding students (both fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated) returning to school after travelling outside this country.

As per Memo addressed to Principals of Private Schools (dated November 18, 2021) from Julia Danos, Executive Lead - Education Reopening Secretariat:

UNVACCINATED STUDENTS

"Individuals must follow Federal testing/quarantine requirements upon return from travel. This includes not attending school or child care for the 14 days following a return from international travel for individuals advised to quarantine or not attend school/child care upon their return. While unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travelled internationally with a fully vaccinated companion are exempt from federal quarantine, they are not permitted to attend school or child care for 14 days following their return."

VACCINATED STUDENTS

"Generally, individuals (staff and students) who are fully vaccinated are exempt from Federal quarantine and may continue to attend school or child care."

In other words, if a student is not fully vaccinated, regardless of quarantine/testing requirements or vaccination status of the people they travelled with, they may **NOT** return to school until 14 days following their return to Canada.

If the student is fully vaccinated (currently this would **ONLY** apply to students who are 12+ years), they **MAY** return to school upon re-entering Canada.

Please keep these protocols in mind as you make your plans for Christmas Break.

In addition, please remember that our teachers will not be able to provide full online learning for students staying at home for 14 days. After just returning to work from 2 weeks away, teachers will need a few days to get their classes back on the learning track. Parents should reach out to their child's teacher to see what work could be provided through Teams and/or picked up.



IMPORTANT

Since Mrs. Venneri must track every student's travel plans (if going outside of Canada), in order to comply with Toronto Public Health protocols, be sure to email the office with your plans **prior to Fri/Dec/17**. Please include in your email the date of departure, date of return, country your family is visiting, and the date you plan to send your child back to school.

If you have any questions, we are happy to help!

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

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PRAYER @ WCS

- Pray for our teachers as they put the finishing touches on the Term 1 Report Cards.
- One of the wonderful things about being in a Christian community is that we have both the responsibility and the blessing of carrying each other's burdens. Recently **Howard & Linda Cheung** (Chris - Gr. 6 & Kayla - Gr. 8) were given the heavy news that Howard has Stage 4 Lung Cancer. As a school family, let's daily lift this family before the Lord. You can receive updates about Howard's journey by following "howishoward" on Instagram.
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Ms. Anstey as she teaches us the name of God ~ El Roi (The God Who Sees).
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with GIM today and ending with *IMPERA* on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Chow

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

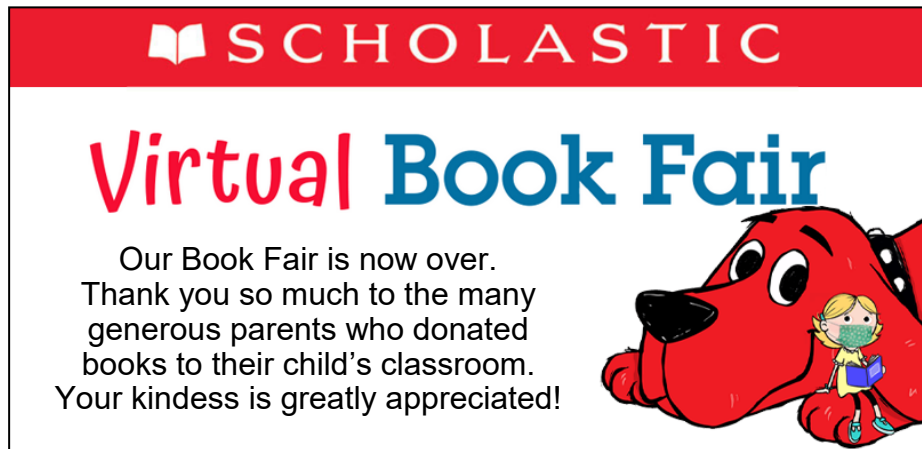
Parents Prayer Group (via Zoom) - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com. 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.

WCS NEWS

SUPPLY TEACHERS NEEDED!

Due to a variety of reasons, primarily COVID-19 related, all private and public school boards are experiencing a severe shortage of supply teachers. WCS is no exception. If you know of a retired teacher, a teacher not currently working, or even a teacher who is currently working part-time but has 1 or 2 days available each week and may be interested in joining our supply teacher list, please ask them to send their resume to Cathy Sallows at csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org or call her @ 416-222-1711.



| DATE | TIME | EVENT | TAKE NOTE |
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| THURSDAY | 3:30 - 4:30 pm | Try Outs for Boys Volleyball Team | (Gr. 7/8's only - with permission) |
| 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 |
| FOOD DRIVE ~ Mon/Dec/06 - Fri/Dec/10 | | | |
| Fri/Dec/10 | — | Red & Green Day | Dress Down |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ Mon/Dec/20 - Fri/Dec/31 | | | |
| Fri/Jan/14 | — | Pajama & Bedhead Day | Dress Down |
| Mon/Jan/24 | — | Professional Development Day | NO SCHOOL |