

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 6, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

This weekend we all turned our clocks back an hour. I remember when my kids were young I would be excited for the extra hour of sleep, but then I never got it. I always feel like this weekend is the full start of fall. Even though fall arrived back in September, now I am really starting to feel it. I usually like the changing of the seasons, but not this time of year. The darkness really gets to me. The mornings are better (for a few weeks) but going home in the dark really hits me. I have a “happy lamp” at home. I sit by it while I eat my breakfast and find it really helps with the decreased sunlight hours. One thing that I always try to remember this time of year is God’s promises. In Genesis 8:22 God is promising Noah that he will never flood the earth again. “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” God is promising that the seasons will continue until He comes again and establishes a new heaven and earth. So even as we are going into a season of increased darkness, we know that it will end- the days will get longer (I am counting down to the shortest day: December 21). The light will return! I am also reminded of God’s faithfulness. Psalm 103: 17 says “But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children.” God’s love is always with us! This is also a very fitting verse for remembering God’s love throughout the generations. Friday, December 1st is Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day (please see announcement below). My parents tell me that the older they have gotten the faster the years fly by. I am starting to feel the same way. The darkness of November is going by more quickly, Christmas is coming quickly, the events of the school year are piling up, one after the other. But through it all, God’s love is with us. God’s faithfulness never leaves us. So if you are like me, not looking forward to the cold, dreading the increased darkness as the days get shorter, join me as I cling to God’s love and faithfulness to get me through this time of year.

On a completely different note, this week is Veterans Week. Our students will be learning (at age-appropriate levels) about what this means and how we, as a free country, are so blessed to live in Canada. We will not be having worship on Wednesday morning, but instead will be having a special assembly for Remembrance Day on Thursday morning at 8:35. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Nov/07	Morning	Photo RETAKE Day	Student Dress-Code Attire
Fri/Nov/10	—	P.A. Day	NO SCHOOL!
Wed/Nov/15	11:30am	Prologue Performing Arts Theatre Show	For ALL Students to enjoy!
Fri/Nov/17	—	Mid-Term Progress Reports	Going home with students at end of day
Sat/Nov/18	9am-2pm	Christmas Bazaar	Save the date!
Wed/Nov/22	3:50-5:30 & 6-9pm	Parent-Teacher Conference	Sign-up Link will be provided shortly
Thu/Nov/23	All Day	Volleyball Tournament (Gr. 7-8 Boys/Girls)	Off Site
Fri/Nov/24	—	Book Character Day	Teachers will provide details
Wed/Nov/29—Thu/Nov/30 ~ Scholastic Book Fair (Gym)			

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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

- Thursday Remembrance Day Assembly/Worship ~ Mr. Eyre
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Lee (Kindergarten—B)
- Families of the Week ~ *Edwards/Battiston (JK/5); Emenine (4); Emmanuel (1); Firew (6)*.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PHOTO DAY PROOFS: If you wish your child/ren to redo their photos, please return the proof to us before the re-takes are done on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**. The attire is school uniform dress-code.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: The Ultimate Frisbee tournament was today. Thank you to the parents who drove the team. A HUGE thank you goes to Ms. Kay and Mr. Cheung for coaching the team again this year. The students learned so much and really came together as a team! If you are an Ultimate Frisbee enthusiast, please let Mrs. Miles know as both Ms. Kay and Mr. Cheung will be graduating as parents of WCS, so a new coach will be needed next year.

GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023 (Morning)

Within the next week your child will bring home a very special invitation that can be given to their grandparents or a special friend. This annual celebration is one that everyone looks forward to - both young and old alike! Here is a brief overview of the morning - Guests arrive between 10:15 am - 11:00 am and enjoy a delicious continental breakfast. From 11:00 am - 12:00 pm guests will be entertained by the students in the gym. And then, from 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm, guests will have an opportunity to make a classroom visit to see where their grandchild spends their day. Please note that this is a special day specifically for GRANDPARENTS. If you have any further questions about this, kindly contact the office. Thanks.

VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED ASAP - We are looking for 1-2 people to oversee this special event. This would mean planning the drinks, setting up tables, clean up, etc. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Santiago ASAP.

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 Mrs. Santiago and let her know what baked goods you will be providing and whether you are available to assist in the kitchen that morning.



WCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

A reminder for Christmas Bazaar please make your favorite entree's for November 18. Donation for the rummage room are now being accepted. Please bring donations and place them on the gym stage. Also sign up for kitchen help is needed, so if you haven't signed up, help is needed in the kitchen.

We appreciate everyone's help! [Christmas Bazaar 2023 - Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

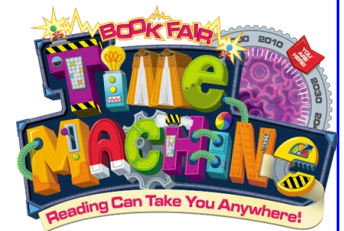
Vendors are also wanted, for we want to fill our gym with various shopping opportunities for our community! Vendor Fee = \$55 + \$13 (insurance) (\$45 for WCS families).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ~ Save the date! NOVEMBER 29th AND NOVEMBER 30th.

Mark your calendars! We're excited to announce that the fun and excitement of an in-school Scholastic Book Fair is coming back! Come discover new and bestselling titles coming right to 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!

Please assist by signing up for a time slot at: <https://signup.com/go/fELKMMmh>



CHECK THOSE BACKPACKS TODAY (or TOMORROW)

Each student is bringing home a SMALL WHITE ENVELOPE. This envelope is for your child's poppy donation. Kindly return BEFORE Thursday. Students will receive their poppy on Thu/Nov/9 so that they can wear it during our Remembrance Day service.

*The Poppy is our emblem of supreme sacrifice..it is the symbol of Remembrance.
Lest we forget.*