

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 8, 2021



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

As I write my "few thoughts" for today's Weekly, the sun is shining and our Junior & Senior Ultimate Frisbee Teams are headed to a district tournament in Burlington. The weather forecast says it will reach a high of 15° today so the student should have a wonderful time of playing outside. I am so thankful for another glimpse of 'normalcy' in our school routines.

The below prayer was shared at a recent Principal's Conference I attended. It really helped put things back in perspective for me. I'm sharing it with you in the hopes that it will strike a chord with you as well:

Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

This prayer was first presented by Cardinal Dearden in 1979 and quoted by Pope Francis in 2015.

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PRAYER @ WCS

- Thursday “Assembly” ~ Pray for Mrs. Sallows as she leads the Remembrance Day Service.
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with *CAI* on Monday and ending with *CHEUNG (Howard & Linda)* on Sunday.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Venneri.

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.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed/Nov/24 @ 7:00 pm ~ WCS MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Notice from WCS Board)

- Would you like to pray together as a school community?
- Do you want to be a part of the official launch the Equip to Flourish building transformation campaign and learn about all the exciting plans for our school?
- Do you want to learn about the school’s committee - Finances, Pandemic Protocol, Building & Facilities, Technology, and Christian School Foundation?
- Would you like to meet the school’s board members?

If YES, then you need to come to the Membership Meeting! All school families are welcome to attend and build community together. We look forward to seeing you there!

PLUS As a parent volunteer operated school, consider becoming a school member. As a member you can vote on decisions at all Membership Meetings and be eligible to be a candidate for the Board of Trustees. For more information about becoming a member, see the attached letter and application form. (If you require a hard copy to be sent home, simply email Mrs. Venneri at office@willowdalechristianschool.org.)

ZOOM LINK FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82322638167?pwd=dXJZZlV0Y0p5TzVGait0MGViZytSUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 2263 8167

Passcode: yD3h9q

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Thu/Nov/11	—	Remembrance Day	<i>Will YOU be wearing a poppy?</i>
Fri/Nov/12	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that pre-ordered.
Mon/Nov/15	—	Professional Activity Day	NO SCHOOL
Virtual Book Fair ~ Monday, November 22 - Sunday, November 28			
Wed/Nov/24	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Wed/Nov/24	7:00 pm	Fall Membership Meeting (via Zoom)	Watch for upcoming details.
Fri/Nov/26	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
Fri/Nov/26	—	Book Character Day	BOOK Characters (Not Movies)
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
Fri/Dec/10	—	Red & Green Day	Dress Down
Christmas Break ~ Monday, December 20 - Friday, December 31			
Fri/Jan/14	—	Pajama & Bedhead Day	Dress Down
Mon/Jan/24	—	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way for you to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Loblaws, No Frills, etc. For each dollar that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are always available from Mrs. Venneri. Simply email her with your order. Once your cheque or e-transfer payment@willowdalechristianschool.org has been received by the office, your Gift Cards will be sent home via "kid-mail". Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Check those backpacks ... if you ordered student photos, they are coming home tonight!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Virtual)

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. Also, 20% of every purchase earns Book Fair Rewards that will be used for resources to support our school. So save the date! Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place from **Mon/Nov/22 - Sun/Nov/28**. Watch for more information leading up to our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair! Happy reading!



POPPIES & REMEMBRANCE DAY

Check those backpacks - today (or tomorrow) each student will bring home with a small white envelope.

Please make your poppy contribution in that envelope and return same to school, if you wish. The Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign is suffering greatly this year due to Covid restrictions so your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Your child will receive their poppy on Wed/Nov/11 so they can wear it during our Remembrance Day service. Why not take a few minutes to explain to your child how the poppy donations help to honour and support our veterans. (Be sure to wear a poppy yourself to set an example for your child.)



Who is a Veteran? Any person who is serving or who has honourably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or its wartime allies, or as a regular member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or as a Peace Officer in a special duty area or on a special duty operation, or who has served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime. All funds raised through the Poppy Campaign support veterans, serving military, RCMP and their families. Your donations help support:

- ◆ Programs and assistance for veterans;
- ◆ Medical training and research. Provide community medical appliances to assist in the care of veterans;
- ◆ Services through Canadian Military Family Resource Centres;
- ◆ Housing and care facilities for elderly, disabled, and homeless veterans;
- ◆ Bursaries for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of veterans;
- ◆ Veterans' drop-in centres and meals-on-wheels program;
- ◆ Sponsorship of cadet and youth programs.

*The Poppy is our emblem of supreme sacrifice.
It is the symbol of Remembrance.*



Did you know that THIS YEAR marks the 100th Anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada?

Madame Anna Guérin, later christened "The Poppy Lady from France", inspired by John McCrae's poem ("In Flanders Fields"), had an idea - to adopt the distribution of the Poppy on Armistice Day as a way to raise money for Veterans' needs and to remember those who had given their lives during the First World War.

In July of 1921 the Great War Veterans Association (which in 1925 would unify with other Veteran groups to form the Canadian Legion) adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance.