

THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 10, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

What are you thankful for? This past weekend was a busy weekend for me with lots to be thankful for! Two of my children who are in university were home, making my family complete again. It was wonderful to have them in the house (even though they were in their rooms a lot). My heart was full! I also had the privilege to have my WHOLE family together with my sister and her children visiting from Alberta for my dad's 75th birthday. We had a celebration with all my aunts and uncles (my mom and dad are both the babies of the family, so that means I was around a lot of old people!). I am so blessed to be part of a large family. We have so much to be thankful for! This weekend I also thought of Ms. Lim. Her birthday was on Friday. I was texting her to wish her a happy birthday and she was so thankful. She started her next round of chemo on Thursday, and so far, she is tolerating it well. Her heart is also filled with joy! She is a perfect example of what Mr. Eyre taught us about during our Thanksgiving worship last week: Give thanks in ALL circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18a). It is easy to give thanks when your life is going great, but what about when things are hard, when you are sick, when you have lost a loved one, when life doesn't seem right. Sometimes it is hard to be thankful. But our God is a great God, a sovereign one whose promises are greater than we can imagine. It is with the power of His Holy Spirit that we can give thanks, no matter what is happening in our lives. May we live as continuously thankful people, and then by doing so, others will see the light of Christ in us, and we may proclaim Him as the source of our thanksgiving! Finally, I wanted you to know that I am so thankful for all of you! It is our community that makes WCS what it is!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Oct/11	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered
Fri/Oct/13	—	Chocolate Sale Ends	Money must be received
Wed/Oct/18	—	Pastor's Day	Invitation attached to this email
Fri/Oct/20	—	Backwards Day	Dress down day
Thu/Oct/26 & Fri/Oct/27 ~ Professional Development Days for Staff ~ NO SCHOOL!			
Mon/Nov/06		Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (Co-Ed)	Off Site
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
Wed/Nov/22	3:50-5:30 & 6-9pm	Parent-Teacher Conference	Sign-up Link will be provided shortly

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) tonight @8:00pm!**
The Parents Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday evening at the same time.
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. Miles as she leads Prayer & Praise and what it means to be blessed.
- Remembrance Day Worship, Thursday, November 9 ~ Lead by Mr. Eyre
- Staff of the Week ~ Mr. Rick Balderserra (New Gr. 4 Teacher!)
- Families of the Week ~ *Chan (SK); Chen (New family: (Jk/JK); Chen (6); Che (6/1).*

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW


NEW GRADE 4 TEACHER: Today Mr. Rick Baldesarra started in the Grade 4 class. We welcome Mr. Baldesarra and pray that he will quickly feel at home. He is working on setting up his email address (rbaldesarra@willowdalechristianschool.org) and once he emails the Grade 4 families, you are welcome to email him. Grade 4 parents, please be patient with receiving this week's Weekly.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Practices continue on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Your child should have taken home their paperwork with a full schedule. Please read it, fill it in, and return it signed to Ms. Kim. We also need drivers for the tournament on Mon., Nov. 6. Please contact Ms. Kim.

VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball season also starts this week. Mr. Martin Bouwma is coaching the girls with tryouts on Tuesday and Thursday after school (3:30-4:45). Contact Mrs. Wells to let her know how your daughter is getting home and if you have any questions. Mrs. Miles is coaching the boys with tryouts Tuesday and Thursday at lunch recess.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

PASTOR'S DAY ~ Wednesday, October 18 @ 8:35 am (SEE ATTACHMENT)



This special day is coming up quickly! By now, your child has brought home an invitation to give your pastor and/or /children's pastor inviting them to visit our school NEXT Wednesday. WCS was built on a foundational belief that church, home, and school should all work together to raise a child to love and serve the Lord. This is most successful when church, home, and school all know each other and acknowledge the specific roles played by each one. Our goal for Pastor's Day is for our families' churches to know a little more about Willowdale Christian School and the role we play in the lives of those families. We are inviting YOUR pastor to attend our Wednesday Worship so they can share in a time of corporate worship with the students, staff, and some parents who attend. Following that time, the pastors can enjoy some light refreshments, as we share about the school's history, what we are currently doing, and our vision for the future. The pastors will then visit classrooms where they can see "their" children in their learning environments. We hope the Pastors will leave having a better understanding of why you send your children to WCS and view us all as kingdom building together!

WCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ Saturday, November 18, 2023

Plans are already underway for this wonderful event! This is a great opportunity to receive FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER Hours and to meet new people. Please see the Attachments for the following: (1) WCS Information (README); (2) Community Save-the-Date Invitation; (3) Sign-Up Form/Link; and (4) Volunteers Job Description.

We want to fill our gym with different shopping opportunities for our community so we are looking for vendors for that day. Vendor Fee = \$55 + \$13 (insurance) (\$45 for WCS families).

Please note - all questions should be emailed to the Bazaar Committee (not the office.) Contact Helen Kapetanios and Cissy Ho at - wcsbazaar@yahoo.ca.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser

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 at the office. Simply email your order and upon receiving payment (cash/cheque/e-transfer (payment@willowdalechristianschool.org), your Gift Cards will be sent home via "kid-mail". Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations.