

THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, October 11, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

One of the interesting things about being a principal is being able to spend time with families looking at possibly enrolling their child/ren in a Christian school. It was during one of those interviews, after discussing the cost of tuition, that a prospective parent said to me, “Why did you send your own children to Christian school? Was it worth the cost?” I certainly answered from my heart but later I thought about that in more detail. Here are some things that I think every Christian parent needs to take into consideration when deciding on whether Christian school tuition is an ‘expense’ or an ‘investment’ (taken from www.discoverchristianschools.com):

1. If Jesus Christ is Lord, He is Lord of all. We cannot divide things into secular and sacred.
2. Deuteronomy 6 instructs parents that, in all they do, they should provide a godly education.
3. Three key institutions that shape a child are the home, the church, and the school. Children are served best when all three institutions point them in the same direction.
4. Only an education that has the liberty to address the whole child (social, intellectual, emotional, physical AND spiritual) reaches the possibility of excellence.
5. The best preparation for effective service is to be well grounded and rooted BEFORE direct engagement in the culture (i.e. high school, college, university, the work place).

Were any of the above reasons the same thought you had when your family decided to send your child to WCS? It’s something to think about as we interact with others about Christian education.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
WEDNESDAY	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	3:30 pm	Chocolate Sales End	DEADLINE for SUBMITTING \$\$
Wed/Oct/19	Morning	Pastor’s Day	Invitation attached to this email.
Fri/Oct/21	—	Backwards Day (Dress Down)	More Information from Teachers.
Thu/Oct/27 & Fri/Oct/28 ~ Professional Development Days for Staff ~ NO SCHOOL!			
Fri/Nov/04	Morning	Photo RETAKE Day	Student MUST bring original photo.
Mon/Nov/07	—	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	Off Site
Fri/Nov/11	—	P.A. Day	NO SCHOOL!
Wed/Nov/16	—	Volleyball Tournament (Girls & Boys Teams)	Off Site
Sat/Nov/19	9 am - 2 pm	Christmas Bazaar	Save the date!
Tue/Nov/22 (6:00 - 9:00 pm) & Wed/Nov/23 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences			
Tue/Nov/29 - Thu/Dec/01 ~ Scholastic Book Fair (In the Gym)			

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

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Chow
- Families of the Week ~ Chen (Joshua), Cheong, Cheung, Chigirev
- Pray for Miss Westerhoek as she leads Wednesday Worship ~ Patience (I will wait without complaining.)

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

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

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

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - ORGANIZING & TAGGING GYM UNIFORM INVENTORY

There is no rush on this job. Will most likely take 1-2 hours. Contact - Mrs. Venneri

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - DO YOU OWN A CRICUT?

There is no rush on this job. We need a verse printed in vinyl letters to adhere to a wall. School will pay for supplies. Contact - Mrs. Venneri

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed/Oct/19 @ 8:35 am ~ PASTOR'S DAY (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. At the end of worship time, the students and parents will be dismissed so that the principal, vice-principal, and an E2F Committee member can meet with the pastors, enjoy light refreshments together, and share about the school's history, what we are currently doing, and our vision for the future. Following that time, the pastors will 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 as all kingdom building together!

Fri/Nov/04 ~ CHANGE OF DATE ON SCHOOL CALENDAR - PHOTO RETAKE DAY

For students who wish to have a Photo Retake done - please note that the photographer will be back at the school on Fri/Nov/04 (not Wed/Nov/02). NOTE: If you choose to have a retake done, THAT photo becomes the ONLY photo you can order. You do not get to choose between the original and the 2nd picture.

Sat/Nov/19 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (See attachments.)

VENDORS ~ Our goal is to fill the gym with different shopping opportunities for our community so we are looking for vendors for that day. Vendor Fee = \$55 (\$45 for WCS families). To reserve your table, email wcsbazaar@yahoo.ca to ensure we do not already have a table of your category, and submit the vendor fee via e-transfer (with your name + VENDOR in the memo line) to payment@willowdalechristianschool.org or via cheque made payable to WCS. Once payment has been received, we will send you a confirmation email.

SCHOOL FAMILIES ~ Please use the attached (printed) Order Form as the previous one had several price errors. All prices on the Google form are correct. A VSS is NOT required to work at the Bazaar since it is a community event. Newly Added - Gingerbread cookies can now be ordered online. Each cookie is \$4 or 3 for \$11. These cookies are big (14cm height x 10.5cm width).

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, Loblaw, 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.