

THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 18, 2021



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

There are many changes that I have noticed over my many years in the world of education, but the one that I would like to take a few minutes to talk about this week is manners. This subject has come up a lot recently in quick conversations with parents and with staff both individually and collectively, as well as with some students. I also am able to observe almost all students in the school at some point or another.

Before I go any further, I want to add a few disclaimers:

1. Much of what I am highlighting today, applies to adults as well as children/adolescents. I am sure you, like me, have observed a significant decrease in manners among adults you interact with in places like stores (especially grocery store line ups), while driving, in medical facilities and even, unfortunately, in churches.
2. Many of our students have impeccable manners. Just this week I saw a young man hold a door open for another student that was approaching with an armload of things. While watching a frisbee game outside my window, I saw a student fall hard and several other students rush over to help them up. Every day I hear students saying "thank you Mr./Ms./Mrs." to their teachers.

I believe that when Jesus said in Matthew 7:12 that we should "do unto others what you would have them do to you", is a good starting point for why manners matter. We need to be respectful and polite to others because that is the way we would want to be treated. Classroom teachers use modelling and intentional teaching to remind students to say, 'thank you', 'please', 'excuse me' and to share, let others go first and apologize when necessary. One of the areas I like to focus on is responding to an adult when they speak to you and making eye contact. That is why I try to greet every student every morning. Many of them now respond to me by saying 'Good Morning' back and even making eye contact with me.

This is an area where home and school can work together to ensure our students are good ambassadors for Jesus in the way they treat others. I think sometimes we think children will just pick these things up, but, in my experience, we need to be intentional about what we want our children/students to learn. The following list of manners that parents may want to focus on modelling and teaching their children is from a website called 'Family Life'. It is by no means exhaustive or even the only list available to parents, but it IS a place to start. I hope it prompts discussion in families and perhaps even a renewed focus for some.

1. **SAY "PLEASE"** - This shows consideration for others.
2. **SAY "THANK YOU"** - This shows appreciation and gratitude.
3. **LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYE** when you speak to them or they are speaking to you - To shows respect for the other person.
4. **APOLOGIZE** - This shows empathy and that you are taking responsibility for your actions.
5. **SMILE** and have a **GOOD ATTITUDE** - This makes everything better for yourself and others.
6. **ASK QUESTIONS OF OTHERS** - This shows interest in others' ideas and feelings.
7. **SAY "EXCUSE ME"** - This shows consideration for others.
8. Look for opportunities to **COMPLIMENT** others - This makes others feel good and helps with reciprocal relationships.
9. **SHARE** - This shows others you care and helps you think of others.
10. **TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED** - This is what Jesus tells us to do!

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PRAYER @ WCS

- As we look forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences next week, let's be praying for united efforts from both home and school to benefit our students' academic and spiritual lives.
- Pray for Mrs. Hay as she leads Wednesday Worship. Name of God ~ Jehovah Yahweh

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/03 @ 9:00 am ~ PHOTO RETAKE DAY

- RETAKES ~ If you choose to have your child's photo retaken, you do not have the option of picking between the original photo and the retake photo. You will be given the RETAKE photo, if you order a package.
- RETAKES ~ If you choose to have your child's photo retaken, your child MUST return the original photo package to school. This is given to the photographer on Retake Day. Without it, a new photo will not be taken.
- ORDERING ~ Orders must be done ONLINE with Lifetouch directly. [WCS is not accepting manual orders.](#)
- CLASS PHOTOS ~ Each student will receive (at no charge - whether they place an order or not) a composite of their classmates photos.

Wed/Nov/03 - DEADLINE for CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ORDERS

WCS's Annual Christmas Bazaar is a fundraising event that has occurred for over 20 years! It is always a family favourite! However, unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we will be unable to hold the Bazaar in person for the second year in a row. Attached is an Order Form for the delicious products we are selling to help raise funds for our school. You can stock up on Christmas plants or porch pots, cheese, croquettes, chocolates, and other treats.

NOTE: Order Forms MUST be submitted no later than Wed/Nov/03.

NOTE: Item/s will be available for pick up at WCS on Sat/Dec/04 @ 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

You may use the attached Order Form or you may order online with this link: <https://forms.gle/2JX5gZddiBjGfxh47>

Please consider placing your order knowing that you will get a quality product and ALL the profits benefit WCS. If you have any questions, please email carol.griffioen.01@gmail.com. Thank you, in advance, for your ongoing support of our school!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Oct/20	—	Pasta Lunch	For students that pre-ordered.
Thu/Oct/21	3:00 pm	Booking of Parent-Teacher Conferences	DEADLINE!
Fri/Oct/22	—	Pizza Lunch	For students that pre-ordered.
Fri/Oct/22	—	Backwards Day	Dress Down
Tue/Oct/26	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Have you signed up yet?
Wed/Oct/27	3:50 - 6:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Have you signed up yet?
Thu/Oct/28 & Fri/Oct/29 ~Professional Development Days (Edvance Convention) ~ NO SCHOOL			
Wed/Nov/03	9:00 am	Photo Retake Day	More information above.
Wed/Nov/03	—	Christmas Bazaar Orders	DEADLINE!
Mon/Nov/08	All Day	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (Off Site)	Co-Ed Team (Gr. 5 - 8)
Thu/Nov/11	—	Remembrance Day	Lest We Forget
Fri/Nov/12	—	Pizza Lunch	For students that pre-ordered.
Mon/Nov/15	—	Professional Activity Day	NO SCHOOL
Wed/Nov/24	7:00 pm	Fall Membership Meeting (via Zoom)	Watch for upcoming details.