

THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 23, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

We had a wonderful turnout for Pastors' Day last Wednesday! What a blessing to have so many (16 to be exact) pastors visiting the school. Many of the pastors were here for the first time. We started our visit with worship where we learned about how pastors are a blessing to those in their churches, and how we, as students and teachers at WCS, can be a blessing to others in our classrooms, our homes, our churches, our neighbourhoods and even our whole world! It was wonderful to have the worship team leading the singing portion of worship. Thank you to John T., Zayne, Grace W., Yuna S., and a group of Grade 1 girls for doing such an amazing job. After worship I had an opportunity to chat with the pastors about what WCS does and what our mission and vision are. I shared about how we believe that church, home, and school need to work together to help a child grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Mr. Alex Krupin, a Board member and WCS parent who is also a pastor, shared more about why his family chose to send their children to WCS. He had a wonderful testimony of how WCS is making a difference in his children's lives. He also spoke more about our capital building extension campaign, E2F. It was great to share our future vision with the pastors as well. After this time, the pastors were able to visit classrooms around the school. I was so encouraged by Pastors' Day. I shared that when I was growing up pastors all looked the same- white men in full suits. But our visiting pastors were different! They represented our school's population, male and female, diverse in ethnicity, mother tongue, age, and background. It was encouraging to see that our children view themselves when they see their pastors. As the pastors were leaving, I had a wonderful conversation with one. He was so encouraged by our vision of church, home, and school working together. He was a young pastor for whom this was something he had not experienced before. He was excited! He loved that the school is supporting both parents and the church. I was invigorated to see his excitement! We were so blessed by the pastors. Thank you for inviting them!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
WEDNESDAY	Lunch	Pasta Day	For students that have pre-ordered.
FRIDAY	3:30 pm	DEADLINE for Christmas Bazaar Orders	See Next Page/Attachments
Thu/Oct/26 & Fri/Oct/27 ~ Professional Development Days for Staff ~ NO SCHOOL!			
Fri/Nov/03	—	Chocolate Sale Prize for WCS	Dress down day!
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
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

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) 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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mr. Thiessen as he lead this week on "Beatitudes: Asking for Help".
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Westerhoek (Gr. 2)
- Families of the Week ~ *Choi (8/3); Clarence (SK); Coulter (5); Dankworth (2)*.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PHOTO DAY PROOFS: Note that orders must be in by today, **OCTOBER 23** to have delivery through the school (no fee). Instructions are on the proof sheet. If you are unhappy with your child's proof, please return the proof to us before the retakes are done on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Practices continue most Mondays and Wednesdays after school (check your schedule that was in the initial paperwork). Reminder that the tournament is on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**. Contact Ms. Kim (jkim@willowdalechristianschool.org) if you have any questions.

VOLLEYBALL: Please have the students bring in the signed forms ASAP if they have not been done so. If you can help out by driving to the tournament on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**, please contact Mrs. Miles for the boys (dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org) or Mrs. Wells for the girls (pwells@willowdalechristianschool.org)

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: Just a reminder that Thursday and Friday of this week are PD Days. The teachers will be attending the Edvance Annual Gathering with over 1,000 other Christian educators from across Ontario. We hope you enjoy the days off school!

WCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ Saturday, November 18, 2023

This is the last week to order Christmas Bazaar items for **Gouda cheese, Dutch croquetts, poinsettias, seasonal flowers, and Milk chocolates and Ginger cookies. (DUE FRIDAY)**

See attached Mini Catalog with clickable link or use the Google form link here: <https://forms.gle/2cA3cAtoY6vqN9b8A>

The Christmas Bazaar Committee is looking for volunteers to bake gingerbread cookies for the bazaar. No baking experience is required and you'll be given the prepared dough! Please email Suan at aylsuan@yahoo.ca

Vendors wanted, for we want to fill our gym with various shopping opportunities for our community! 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 Kapetanos 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 to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Lo-blaw, 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 available at the office year round - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

DO YOU KNOW...

... that October 31st is **REFORMATION DAY?**

This is such an important historical event for Christians everywhere!

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in Germany. He was a theologian and religious reformer who was the catalyst of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation.

Through his words and actions, Luther precipitated a movement that reformulated certain basic tenets of Christian belief and resulted in the division of Western Christendom between Roman Catholicism and the new Protestant traditions - mainly Lutheranism and Calvinism.

Martin Luther is one of the most influential figures in the history of Christianity!



A short animated video for children - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tox2TfIUH90>

A great article for adults - <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/what-is-reformation-day/>