

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, October 25, 2022



## *A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...*

This is a short week because the teaching staff are off to a convention at Redeemer University hosted by Edvance Christian Schools Association of which we are a member. There are approximately 90 elementary and high schools in Ontario that belong under the umbrella of Edvance. As a member of this association, Edvance provides us with invaluable support in many areas ~ legal advice, policy templates, professional development, HR assistance (including a job posting website), salary guidelines, governmental advocacy for independent schools, support networks for principals/vice principals, chat/share groups for teachers, annual conventions, and much more. This Thursday, we will be with approximately 900 other Christian educators sharing in worship, learning from keynote speakers, and meeting in workshop groups related to our school responsibilities. Some staff will stay at the conference on Friday for some more intense sessions in specific areas while the rest of us will be back at school participating in some in-house professional development.

On a completely different note, I would like to remind all parents that the 1st morning bell rings at 8:25 am. At this time, students are let into the school by their teachers. The school's front doors remain open until 8:35 am when the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell rings. At 8:35 am, the doors are locked and students are deemed to be 'late'. This morning we had 35 students arrive late! Arriving late causes extra work for the office, interrupts the playing/singing of "O Canada", and the school-wide prayer. It is also very disruptive to individual classes who may have already started their Morning Meeting and devotions. I know these dark mornings can be particularly challenging to get out the door on time, but your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to remind all parents that the school policy with respect to student absences is this ~ Parents **MUST** email/call the office **no later** than 8:00 am. When the office is not informed, it means that Mrs. Venneri has to contact each parent to find out if there child is attending school. This can be very time consuming when a lot of children are away.

**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.
WEDNESDAY	3:30 pm	<b>DEADLINE for Christmas Bazaar Orders</b>	See next page for details.
<b>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY ~ Professional Development Days for Staff ~ NO SCHOOL!</b>			
Wed/Nov/02	—	Grade 7 & 8 Day @ TDCH	Bus to/from Woodbridge
Fri/Nov/04	Morning	Photo RETAKE Day	Student <b>MUST</b> bring original photo.
Fri/Nov/11	—	P.A. Day	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Tue/Nov/22 (6:00 - 9:00 pm) & Wed/Nov/23 (4:00 - 6:00 pm) ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences (Watch for Details)			
Tue/Nov/29 - Thu/Dec/01 ~ Scholastic Book Fair (In the Gym) + Fri/Dec/02 ~ Book Character Day			

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# **PRAYER @ WCS**

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Kim
- Families of the Week ~ Cristescu (New Family), Dankworth, Der, DiLuciano
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Ms. Chow as she leads this week. Topic ~ Love ("I will put others first.")

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

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).

*If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)*

# **VOLUNTEERING**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - ASSIST with SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (VSS Required)**

Week of Mon/Nov/28 - Fri/Dec/02. Sign up for a time slot at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1037022061736712050/false#/invitation>

# **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

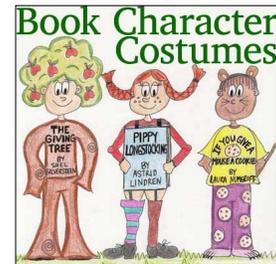
## **Fri/Nov/04 ~ PHOTO RETAKE DAY**

If you want your child's photo redone, on RETAKE DAY, students MUST bring back to the school their original photo package. Please attach a note to the package indicating what you did not like about the original photo so that the photographer has an idea of what to do differently with the retake. If a student was absent on Photo Day, please email their teacher to inform them that your child needs a photo taken.

## **BOOK CHARACTER DAY - Fri/Dec/02**

Just a "heads up" ...

now is a great time of year to be on the hunt for costumes for Book Character Day. Please remember that it is **BOOK** Character Day and not **MOVIE** Character Day!



# **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/>