

THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 31, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

What an amazing, refreshing, and affirming time we had at the Edvance Convention for Christian educators last week! There were over 1,100 participants from all over Ontario and even a couple of people from PEI!

Our keynote speakers were Lynn Swaner and Andy Wolfe, authors of a book called 'Flourishing Together ~ A Christian Vision for Students, Educators and Schools'. Individually and together they outlined some of their research findings about what is important for a school to truly *flourish*. In the book, they categorized these findings into 5 domains or areas that are directly connected to whether or not a school is flourishing. Briefly, they are:

- **PURPOSE** - Is there a clear understanding of our shared purpose? *Why* are we together at this school?
- **RELATIONSHIPS** - The degree to which we value, honour, and care for each other (students, teachers, leaders, and families alike) impacts our mutual flourishing.
- **LEARNING** - Do our teaching and assessing practices affirm progress and growth in learning as opposed to simply task completion? Are our teachers continually learning and employing ways for all students to flourish in their learning
- **RESOURCES** - Practicing good stewardship and generosity when it comes to the school's resources contributes to flourishing whereas scarcity-mindedness inhibits it.
- **WELL-BEING** - The physical and emotional health of students, characterized by healthy habits and developing resilience is critical to whether (or how) students flourish. That holds true for teachers and leaders as well.

As a staff, we will be digging into these 5 areas in depth during the balance of this year. Where do we need to grow to ensure that, not just our students, but our entire school community flourishes?

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
WEDNESDAY	—	Grade 7 & 8 Day @ TDCH	Woodbridge
FRIDAY	Morning	Photo RETAKE Day	Student MUST bring original photo.
FRIDAY	Lunch	Pizza Day	For students that have pre-registered.
Mon/Nov/07	—	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	Oakville
Fri/Nov/11	—	P.A. Day	NO SCHOOL!
Wed/Nov/16	—	Volleyball Tournament	Girls (Woodbridge) / Boys (Mississauga)

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) - Flyer Attached to This Email

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Lee
- Families of the Week ~ Diomed, Edih, Firew, Fleming
- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for Mrs. Miles as she leads this week.

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

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

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to 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>

DRIVER NEEDED - Wed/Nov/16

The Boys' Volleyball Team needs another driver to transport students to and from their tournament in Mississauga on the above mentioned date. If you are available to drive (YOU MUST HAVE A VSS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE), please let Mrs. Miles know. dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org You do not have to have a boy on the team to drive.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY ~ 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.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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 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.



BAKING for CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We require **EACH** family to contribute to the Bake Table at the Christmas Bazaar with **HOMEMADE** goodies.

(Items must be labelled with the ingredients.)

NO Volunteer Hours are given for food donations since this is a requirement for all families to make the day a success.

Please drop off your baking in the kitchen on Fri/Nov/18.