

THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 4, 2021



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

As you read this, I am away at a Leadership Conference put on by Edvance Association of Christian Schools of which our school is a member. I am looking forward to a time of reconnection with principals and leaders of other Christian schools, some of which are very similar to ours and some that are very different. As leaders, we have not met in person for over a year and half (like many of you who have not seen professional colleagues in person for many, many months) and I am looking forward to those in person connections as well as hearing from the main speaker, Danielle Strickland.

Danielle's website says this about her - "Her aggressive compassion has served people firsthand in countries all over the world. From establishing justice departments and church plants, to launching global anti-trafficking initiatives, to creating new initiatives to mobilize people towards transformational living. Danielle trains, advocates, and inspires people to live differently." She is the author of a book called *Better Together – How Women & Men Can Heal the Divide and Work Together to Transform the Future*. There will be 3 opportunities for us to hear Ms. Strickland. She has entitled her talks "Leading NOW", "Cultivating Curiosity", and "The Colossian Way".

On a completely different note, we have been asked by some parents if they may use rapid antigen tests for their child when they are symptomatic and require a negative test to return to school. The simple answer is 'no'. Here is the exact quote from Toronto Public Health - "All students who go for testing need a PCR test. A PCR test is a lab based test. Students should NOT use a Rapid Antigen Test."

Please watch for an email in the near future from the office with new information regarding PCR saliva tests that can be used by symptomatic students or staff. These will not be rapid tests. They will still need to be sent to a lab and there will be a 24-48 hour turnaround time for results. These tests will be available at the school - supplied to us by Sick Kids Hospital.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Oct/05	—	World Teacher Day	See page 2 of The Weekly
Tue/Oct/05	—	Soccer Tournament (WCS Team)	Off Site (Grade 7 & 8 Students)
Fri/Oct/08	—	Pizza Lunch	For students that pre-ordered.
Mon/Oct/11	—	Thanksgiving Day	No School
Wed/Oct/20	—	Pasta Lunch	For students that pre-ordered.
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 Interviews	Details to follow next week.
Wed/Oct/27	3:50 - 6:00 pm	Parent-Teacher Interviews	Details to follow next week.

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PRAYER @ WCS

- Pray for Miss Westerhoek as she leads Wednesday Worship this week. The name of God we will be learning is ELOHIM (Strong Creator).

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.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

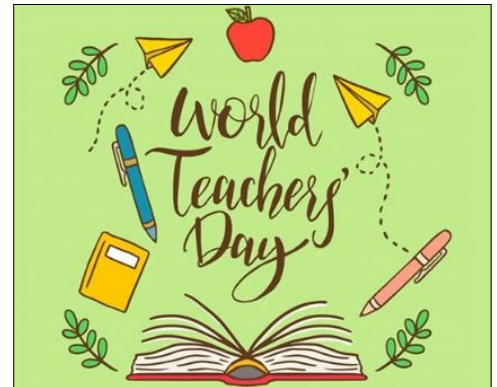
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Due to the pandemic, we will not be holding our Christmas Bazaar this year. Instead we will be selling Gouda cheese, croquettes, and flowers. The order form will be distributed very soon. We ask that you continue to support our school by making a purchase. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

INTERNATIONAL WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - Tue/Oct/05

This day is held annually to celebrate all teachers around the globe. It commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions. **Have you thanked a teacher today?**

"On World Teachers' Day, we are not only celebrating every teacher. We are calling on countries to invest in them and prioritize them in global education recovery efforts so that every learner has access to a qualified and supported teacher. Let's stand with our teachers!" Joint message from Audrey Azoulay (Director-General of UNESCO), Guy Ryder (Director-General of the International Labour Organization), Henrietta H. Fore (Executive Director of UNICEF), David Edwards (General Secretary of Education International) on the occasion of World Teachers' Day 2021.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

INVITATION from TDChristian High School re: Fall Open House ~ Thu/Oct/07 @ 6:30 pm



What do you want when choosing a high school?

- You want a school where ...
- ... each student is known and valued;
- ... the atmosphere is friendly and supportive;
- ... teachers engage with students in dynamic learning;
- ... serving God and others is at the core.

Find out why so many families choose TDChristian High School.

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