

THE WEEKLY

Monday, September 12, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

You know school is in full swing when you see soccer tryouts happening and preparations for the Terry Fox Run starting up. There is a lot happening this month and a lot of paperwork coming your way - Gym Uniform Order Forms (Gr. 4-8), Information Sheets (should already be submitted to the office), and you will soon see a Pizza/Pasta Order Form and Chocolate Fundraising Registration Form coming home. This morning you were emailed information from the Board regarding how to apply for Membership.

I don't know about you, but I was very saddened to hear of Queen Elizabeth's death. Many of our students know very little about the Queen and her role here in Canada, but they are learning a little bit about her and the new King Charles III in these days leading up to the funeral on the Mon/Sep/19. I'm sure most of you aren't old enough to remember this, but when I attended elementary school, we sang 'God Save the Queen' every morning. There was always a picture of the Queen in our classrooms as well. So, I'm feeling a little nostalgic as I watch the endless loop of information on TV about her life and am reminded once again about her sense of duty, integrity and commitment – attributes that are often lacking in leaders today.

As we enter our 2nd week of school and routines become more established, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about class routines, homework, or learning expectations. Our teachers will respond to you within 24 hours.

The Reformed view of education sees the home, the school, and the church forming a triangle around a child – each with its own role, but working together to help that child grow not just academically, but also physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

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

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | TAKE NOTE |
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| Wed/Sep/14 | 3:45 pm | 1st Tae Kwon Do Lesson | Registration Form Attached |
| Fri/Sep/16 | Morning | TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day) | More Information from Teachers |
| Mon/Sep/19 - Fri/Sep/23 ~ Used Clothing Sale ~ \$3 per Item ~ Outside School Office | | | |
| Wed/Sep/21 | 7:00 pm | New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom) | Details on Next Page. |
| Mon/Sep/26 | — | Professional Development Day for Staff | NO SCHOOL! |
| Tue/Sep/27 | Morning | Photo Day | DRESS CODE CLOTHES ONLY! |
| Fri/Sep/30 | — | Truth & Reconciliation Day | Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down) |
| Mon/Oct/10 | — | Thanksgiving Day | NO SCHOOL! |
| Wed/Oct/19 | Morning | Pastor's Day | Watch for upcoming details! |
| Fri/Oct/21 | — | Backward Day (Dress Down) | More Information from Teachers |

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

- Pray for our new teachers ~ Mr. Thiessen (Gr. 3) and Mr. Winterle (Music) as they adjust to our school.
- Pray for Mrs. Miles as she oversees our Student Support Services department for the first time.
- Pray for Mrs. Miles as she leads the school in a time of Prayer & Praise during Wednesday's Worship.

Did you know that our school hosts a **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)?**

It will begin on Tue/Sep/13 @ 8:00 pm and will be held every Tuesday evening at that same time.

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

Email Surance directly and she will provide you with the Zoom link.

IMPORTANT ~ When entering the meeting, **TURN ON** your camera.

Once you've been admitted, you may turn **OFF** your camera.

If you have items to include in our PRAYER section, please send an email to office@willowdalechristianschool.org

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PIANO LESSONS

If you're interested in arranging piano lessons for your child, you may wish to contact Mrs. Hye Jin Im. She is a former parent and employee of WCS. She is also the music director at the church next door. She comes highly recommended. Feel free to call her directly @ 416-858-7400.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (Fundraising Hours) ~ PASTA LUNCHES

We are looking for parents to help make Pasta Lunches. You must have a VSS filed in the office. You can see the exact Pasta Lunch dates on the Order Form your child is bringing home. The time you will need to be at the school is 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Contact Person ~ Mrs. Chow (cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION re: STUDENTS OF CELL PHONE USAGE

We are aware that many students come to school with cell phones - some with data and some not, depending on the needs and wishes of individual families. In an effort to create an environment where parents can be confident that no child will be viewing/listening to something on a cell phone belonging to one of their peers that they do not want their child to have access to, we have a school wide policy that clearly states that cell phones **MAY NOT** be used on school property. That means that as soon as your child comes on to school in the morning, all cell phones must be put away in their backpack. That cell phone must remain on silent during the day in their backpack or locker. The 'no cell phone use' policy also applies to after school care and any other activity on school property that a student may be involved with after regular school hours. Parents need to be aware that, if you text/call your child on a cell phone during the day, they will not be able to access their phone. If you have a message that you need to get to your child, please call the office and we will ensure that message is delivered to your child. We recognize that there are, on occasion, extenuating circumstances where a child must use their cell phone to contact a parent about last minute pick up arrangements for example. In that case, the student should ask a teacher if they may use their cell phone and explain the reason. The teacher will give permission but the phone must be returned to their backpack or locker immediately. The students have been told that if they are caught using their cell phone on school property without permission, their phone will be confiscated until the end of the day. Normally, an email will also go home to the parent(s) explaining why the phone was taken for the balance of the day.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

THIS FRIDAY ~ TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)

Most students will do a 2.5 km walk on Friday morning. Your child's teacher emailed you information about how your child can help raise money for cancer research over the next couple of weeks. Students will be given a Freezie/popsicle after participating. If you prefer your child to NOT receive this treat, please let their teacher know ASAP.

Wed/Sep/21 @ 7:00 pm (Zoom) ~ NEW PARENTS EVENING

If you're a new parent to our school and have questions about procedures, policies, or just general ones, this is your opportunity to ask!! No need to RSVP. Simply sign in to the Zoom session (link below) and we will take it from there.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89965867244?pwd=MmgYWDY2MTA4WGowWXBORDh0T28vUT09>