

THE WEEKLY

Monday, September 13, 2021



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Well, our first week went extremely well! A few tears, a few frazzled looking parents, and a few exhausted teachers, but, all in all, there were very few hiccups! This week, I just want to share a few important things that are not in order of importance:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We recently purchased new Math curriculum for Grades 7/8. Things have changed considerably in the past few years and student 'textbooks' are now, apparently, soft sided. In an effort to ensure these 'text books' (and I use that term loosely) last as long as possible, we are going to put plastic coverings on each of them. Our previous librarian, Hetty Veldkamp, has done this on hundreds of books and is willing to show other people how it is done. To quote her, "it is not difficult, just a bit tedious". She has ordered the plastic covering for us (it is adhesive) and we should have it in a week or so. I am looking for 2-4 volunteers who would be willing to be 'trained' and then take home some plastic and books to cover. Please let the office know if you would be willing to do this.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Speaking of volunteers ... I just want to remind everyone that the required volunteer hours program is cancelled again this year. However, there will be times when volunteers are needed (see request above). If you volunteer for a task or a field trip, please send the office an email outlining your family name, the nature of the task, and the # of hours you volunteered. These hours will be tracked by Mrs. Venneri and applied to your required 30 Volunteer Hours for the 2022-2023 school year.

VULNERABLE SECTOR SCREENING (VSS)

All volunteers in the school are required to have a current (less than 3 years old) VSS on file in the office. Due to the pandemic and the elimination of all opportunities to volunteer last year, there are many people who no longer have a current VSS on file because they have expired. If you think you may be one of those people and you hope to be able to volunteer for the limited number of opportunities that will be available this year (we hope to have some field trips, drivers for at least the soccer tournament, pasta lunches etc.), please contact the office to make arrangements to get a current VSS.

NEW PARENTS EVENING

If you are a new WCS parent and have questions about anything related to our school (sometimes those questions crop up after school has been in session for a couple of weeks), please plan to attend our New Parents Evening (via zoom) on Tue/Sep/21 @ 7:00 pm. This will be relatively informal and there will be plenty of opportunity to answer your questions. Below is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86158402072?pwd=NEdxN0JKM0c3amwwK1pKcjMram0vUT09>

Meeting ID: 861 5840 2072

Passcode: LNXfC5

"His compassions never fail. They are new every morning!

Great is His faithfulness...."

(Lamentations 3: 22-23)

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Sep/15	8:00 pm	Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)	Everyone welcome!
Thu/Sep/16	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Used Clothing Sale (Dress Code Approved)	Items are only \$2 (in West field)
Fri/Sep/17	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Used Clothing Sale (Dress Code Approved)	Items are only \$2 (in West field)
Tue/Sep/21	7:00 pm	New Parents Evening	See 1st page of The Weekly
Fri/Sep/24	Morning	TERRY FOX RUN	More information from Teachers
Mon/Sep/27	—	Professional Development Day for Staff	NO SCHOOL!
Mon/Sep/27	7:00 pm	2021 Graduation Ceremony @ Church	Private Event
Thu/Sep/30	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Tue/Oct/05	—	Soccer Tournament (WCS Team)	Off Site

PRAYER @ WCS

- We thank God for the many new domestic and international students who have joined us for the first time this year. Let's pray that they quickly settle in to our school community.
- We thank the Lord for a wonderful first week of school. We're excited to see what God has in store this year!

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

Parents Prayer Group

WCS hosts a Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm. If you are interested to participating, please contact Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) for the Zoom link. She can be reached at wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com. **IMPORTANT** – When entering the Zoom meeting, be sure to **TURN ON** your camera. Once you have been admitted to the meeting and the host has seen you, you may turn **OFF** your camera, if you wish.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS

If your child will not be at school (due to illness, travel, etc.) or he/she will be arriving late, be sure to contact the office in the morning with that information. Feel free to leave a voicemail for Mrs. Venneri or send an email. Please note that if your child arrives after the bell rings, they are considered late.

MID-DAY APPOINTMENTS

If your child needs to be off-site for an appointment during the day, kindly advise the office in the morning. Your child will wait for you on the bench by the front door. Ring the buzzer and your child will come out to meet you.

SNACKS & LUNCHES

Please remember that WCS is a nut-free environment so any nuts or food with even traces of nuts should not be brought to school at any time. Please also be mindful of the environment by striving towards waste-free lunches by making use of reusable containers or at least those which can be recycled.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE (Used items for sale outside office until THIS Friday!)

Please be sure that your child wears the proper clothing as set out in the school's Dress Code document. We appreciate your compliance. If you have questions, please contact the office. For your review - Dress Code is attached.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

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.

