

THE WEEKLY

Monday, September 18, 2023



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Last week was a busy one for me with Board Meetings. The Board of Trustees has their monthly meeting on Tuesday and on Thursday, I, along with our Board Chair, Krystal Plaxton, attended a Board Governance session put on by Edvance Christian Schools. What does all that mean? For starters, our school society, Calvin Christian School Society, is run by a volunteer Board of Trustees. To be on the Board, you have to be a member of the society (for membership, see <https://www.willowdalechristianschool.org/wp-content/uploads/WCS-Membership-Letter-Policy-Application.pdf>) The Board's job is to guide the school in following its mission and vision. The Board develops policies and procedures in line with our constitution. They also oversee all the working committees of the school, with many of the Board members either chairing or on these committees. At the Board Governance session, I learned more about what a healthy board looks like and sounds like. It taught me about the duties of the directors of the board: care, loyalty, obedience, honesty, diligence and prudence. It was an incredible informative session that jumpstarted our year.

WCS is blessed to be a part of a larger association of Christian Schools called Edvance Christian School Association. Edvance supports their member schools with expertise in leadership, learning, school services and advocacy. I will be attending the fall leadership retreat put on by Edvance next week where many school leaders from across Ontario will meet. (For more about Edvance visit: edvance.ca)

It is amazing that WCS is supported by Edvance and run by an amazing group of volunteer Board members. Please lift our Board in prayer as we strive to hear God's calling for our school. Feel free to reach out to any member of the Board, especially if you feel called to serve on a committee.

2023/24 BOARD MEMBERS:	BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:
Krystal Plaxton	Executive, Chair
Alex Krupin	Executive, Vice-Chair, E2F, Building and Facilities
Ron Tiemens	Executive, Treasurer, Christian School Foundation (Chair), CPC, Regulatory
Joey Ng	Executive, Secretary, Regulatory, Membership
Christina Ng Kennedy	Community Standards (Chair), Education, CPC
Aylmer Ng	PSC (Chair), Technology, Building and Facilities, E2F
Carol Griffieon	PSC, Finance, Community Standards
Dave Santiago	Regulatory (Chair), Fundraising, Community Standards
Matt Tannous	Building and Facilities (Chair), E2F
Lucas Koolma	Technology (Chair)
Cissy Ho	Fundraising (Chair), Technology

Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org
Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2023/24 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Sep/20	3:45 pm	1st Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Contact Master Thomas
Wed/Sep/20	7:00 pm	New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom)	Email and Link to follow
Fri/Sep/22	Morning	TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)	See Below & Attachment
Mon/Sep/25	—	Professional Development Day for Staff	NO SCHOOL!
Thu/Sep/28	Off Site	Soccer Tournament (Gr. 6-8)	Mr. Thiessen (Boys) & Mr.
Fri/Sep/29	—	Chocolate Sales Begin	Fundraiser
Fri/Sep/29	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Mon/Oct/2	—	Ultimate Frisbee Tryout (Boys & Girls Gr. 6-8)	Contact: Mrs. Miles
Thu/Oct/5	—	Photo Day	DRESS CODE CLOTHES ONLY!
Mon/Oct/9		Thanksgiving Day	NO SCHOOL!

PRAYER @ WCS

Join our **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)!**

It will begin this **Tue/Sep/19 @8:00 pm** and will be held every Tuesday evening at that same time.
Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for our new theme **THE BEATITUDES Matthew 5: 3-10**
~Pray for Mrs. Wells as she leads the introduction: **Beatitudes Living for God.**
- Staff of the Week: Ms. Candice Chow
- Families of the Week: *Abuharoon; Ailabouni (New family); Akingbade; Amoabeng*
- Pray for Ms. Lim as her chemotherapy treatments continue. She is on a three-week treatment plan. Pray that her body tolerates the treatments, that the medication does what it is supposed to, and the tumor shrinks quickly.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP: The end of day procedures are going great. Just a couple of quick reminders: 1. Always walk **ALONG THE FENCE**, not behind the cars. 2. Leave the marked spots for whom they are reserved for.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PICK-UP: After-school care students are to be picked up from the gym doors (by the playscape) at the back of the school. Parents must sign their children out. A reminder that billing starts at 3:30, even if you were late in picking up your children. Billing is rounded to the quarter hour. Please ask Zoe if you need help.

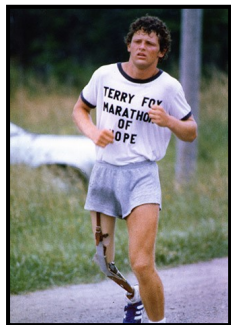
PHONES AND STUDENTS: Students must have cell phones stowed away in their bag while at school. They may not respond to messages or phone parents without asking for permission from the teacher. Any phone calls to parents will be made from a school line (unless teacher permission is given to use personal cells) and be started with a staff member on the phone first.

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NEW PARENTS EVENING ~ WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)

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 emailed) and we will take it from there.

TERRY FOX RUN: The day is fast approaching where this **Friday September 22**, the school will be doing the 2.5km walk! This will be a **NON UNIFORM DAY** so that students can wear clothing that will be comfortable to take a long walk in.



Students will be given a Freezie after participating. If you prefer your child to NOT receive this treat, please let their teacher know ASAP.

We are still receiving donations. Let's all show how incredible and generous our school community is and work to reach the fundraising goal of \$2,125!

Donate online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/41602> or search for our school name at terryfox.org. There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts. Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email.

Let's shine Jesus' light in our community by supporting cancer research. Thank you for your support!

USED CLOTHING: The sale is now over, but we continue to accept used clothing throughout the school year.

MILK & POPCORN SALE has started! Milk (chocolate/white) is available to purchase at the beginning of lunch. Various popcorn packages are available to purchase in classrooms through the homeroom teacher.

Students can pay an exact change of \$1.25 per milk or popcorn on the spot or pre-purchase 10 tickets for \$12. E-transfer is not accepted.

CHOCOLATE SALE Forms are due today! Chocolate boxes will be distributed **Friday, September 29th**. The sale will end on October 13th. If an e-transfer or cheque of \$55 has not been sent to opt out your child/ren will be sent a chocolate box to sell. Prizes allotted to two students who sell the most individually, and prize draws for cases sold along with prizes for the student community for reaching fundraising targets!



WCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ Saturday, November 18, 2023

Plans are already underway for this wonderful event! This is a great opportunity to receive FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER Hours and to meet new people.

Contact Helen Kapetanos and Cissy Ho at - wcsbazaar@yahoo.ca

In addition to volunteering, EACH family is required to: BAKE something for the bake table and to COOK a dish for the hot lunch table (**NO** Volunteer Hours are given for food donations since this is a requirement for all families to make the day a success).

More to come on this! Start by booking the date in your calendars.

Next week there will be a link to be able to sign up for the event so stay tuned!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: A current VSS must be filed in with the office.

~ **PASTA LUNCHESES:** Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to help make Pasta Lunches. Contact Person ~ Ms. Chow (cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org)

~ **ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEAN-UP:** We are asking for 2-3 parent volunteers to spend a day in the kitchen organizing and cleaning the cupboards. This will help set up the start of the pasta lunches to be made. Can co-ordinate the date for sometime this or next week. Contact ~ (office@willowdalechristianschool.org)

~ **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE:** Asking for 1-2 parent volunteers to help with paper sorting and filing. Will take 2-3hours of the day. Contact ~ (office@willowdalechristianschool.org)