

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, September 20, 2022



## *A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...*

One of the many, many things I love about WCS is the sense of community - of belonging to something that we all care about and are invested in. One of the ways I see this in action is whenever I need help with something. Today is one of those days!

After moving 5 classrooms and emptying out the storage trailer (which is now gone after 2 years), there are items that remain in our gym for which I have absolutely no storage. There is a wooden door, approximately 12 adjustable desks, and 3 office chairs. Many people have told me that the door and perhaps even the chairs could go to a ReStore and the desks to Goodwill. Not having a truck or a van, I have no way of moving these items.

If there is someone in our community who would be willing to take this project on (getting these items out of the gym), I would be very grateful. As we head in cooler weather when gym classes may be moved indoors, it is important that I get these items out the students' way.

One final task that I need help for - Edvance Association of Christian Schools, to which we belong, is recommending that elementary schools not have high jump as part of their Track & Field curriculum anymore. There have been far too many unfortunate accidents, resulting in many insurance claims. As a result, it will no longer be an event at any district meet. Therefore, we now have a high jump mat that is no longer needed. If anyone has a kijiji account that they wouldn't mind using to try and sell the mat, let me know and we can chat about the details.

Have a wonderful week!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
MONDAY to FRIDAY (Before & After School) ~ Used Clothing Sale ~ \$3 per Item ~ Outside Office			
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom)	Details on Next Page.
FRIDAY	3:30 pm	DEADLINE for Lunch Orders	Payments must be received also.
Mon/Sep/26	—	Professional Activity Day for Staff	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Tue/Sep/27	Morning	Photo Day	<b>DRESS CODE CLOTHES ONLY!</b>
Wed/Sep/28	—	Soccer Tournament (Halton Hills)	Boys & Girls Soccer Teams
Fri/Sep/30	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Mon/Oct/10	—	Thanksgiving Day	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Wed/Oct/19	Morning	Pastor's Day	Watch for upcoming details!
Fri/Oct/21	—	Backward Day (Dress Down)	More Information from Teachers
<b>Thu/Oct/27 &amp; Fri/Oct/28 ~ Professional Development Days for Staff ~ NO SCHOOL!</b>			

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**Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)**

# **PRAYER @ WCS**

- Noah Bouwma (Gr. 7) - underwent emergency appendicitis surgery on Monday. We pray for complete healing.
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Sallows
- Families of the Week ~ Abuharoon, Ahlberg, Akingbade, Amoabeng (New Family - SK-A, Gr. 2, Gr. 4)
- Pray for Ms. Lim as she leads Wednesday Worship ~ Introduction to "The Fruit of the Spirit"

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

It began last Tuesday @ 8:00 pm and will be held every Tuesday evening at that same time.

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)*

# **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

## **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](mailto:cchow@willowdalechristianschool.org))

## **WCS IS A NUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

Please check labels if you are not sure what's in a food item. Your child should NOT come to school with Nutella, peanut butter, etc. Keep in mind that even when you are providing food for school wide events (Christmas Bazaar, Grandparent's Day, etc.) all food items should be completely nut free.

## **PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE**

Now that we are into our 3rd week of school, a reminder is needed about drop-off and pick-up procedures. The parking lot is property of Willowdale Christian Reformed Church. They have graciously given the WCS community (staff/parents) permission to use their lot from Monday to Friday. The entrance to the lot is narrow, but sufficient for 2 vehicles to pass each other if done slowly and carefully. The cones are placed strategically to prevent people from parking in spots that would further narrow the entrance. Based on my observations over the past 2 weeks, we all need to be reminded of the following:

- **SLOW DOWN!** There are children/parents walking across the parking lot and behind cars as they make their way to the gate.
- **BACK UP CAREFULLY!** Children are short and cannot always be seen behind your vehicle.
- When heading to the gate, please walk between the fence and the cars parked along it whenever possible. (There will be times during the winter months when snowbanks make that impossible.)
- When parking along the fence, be sure to leave enough distance between your vehicle and the fence to allow for parents/students to walk through without difficulty.
- When dropping off your child, please do NOT stop to let them out as you enter or exit the parking lot. Please pull into a parking spot and then allow your child to exit your vehicle. Stopping as you enter or leave blocks the smooth flow of traffic.
- Do NOT park in the 2 reserved spots for our families who have purchased the rights to those spots for the 2022/23 school year as part of our fundraising efforts last year. These parking spots will be up for auction again in the spring for the 2023/24 school year.
- Do not park in the handicapped spots unless you need them due to mobility restrictions.
- Because we have so many vehicles using the parking lot in the morning and afternoons, it would be helpful if people parked as far back in the lot as possible when they arrived.
- Please do not park near the gate in the morning before 8:10 am. Our 2 school busses pull into that north lot in the morning, the largest bus does not leave until approximately 8:10 am. The bus needs room for students to disembark and load safely. If you bring your child before the bus arrives, please park in a proper parking spot.
- In general, we all need to be hyper vigilant to protect our students!



**Parking  
Lot  
Rules**

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## UPDATE re: TERRY FOX RUN

We had a beautiful day for the Terry Fox Run on Friday. It was also a special time of community bonding between the students and sharing the light of Jesus in our community. We are still receiving donations until **THIS FRIDAY**. Please consider donating and helping us reach our goal of \$3000 for the Terry Fox Foundation! (So far, Willowdale Christian School has raised \$1485. We are halfway there!)

**Donate online at:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/WillowdaleChristianSchNorthYork>

Click the link above to donate 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

## HERE ARE YOUR 2022/23 WCS BOARD MEMBERS

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\* Christian Stewardship Foundation

\*\* Equip 2 Flourish (WCS'S)

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY @ 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>

### Sat/Nov/19 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (See attachment.)

Mark your calendars! We ask that ALL school families participate in this event in some capacity. This may mean helping with setting up, being on hand to serve throughout the day, or staying afterwards to help clean up. **We also require EACH family to contribute to the Bake Table with HOMEMADE goodies.** (These items must be labelled with ingredients.) The only Volunteer Hours given to parents for the Christmas Bazaar are for involvement on the day before the event or the actual day. **NO** Volunteer Hours are given for food donations since this is a requirement for all families to make the day a success. Every year we sell Gouda cheese, poinsettias, seasonal flowers, and Dutch croquettes. Order Forms will be available next week. All profits benefit our school. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Griffioen at 416- 222-2170 or [carol.griffioen.01@gmail.com](mailto:carol.griffioen.01@gmail.com).