

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, September 26, 2023



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

Last week Friday our school participated in the Terry Fox Run which raises money for cancer research. Terry Fox was a young Canadian who lost his leg and then his life to cancer. After losing his leg, he was inspired to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. At the time his goal was \$1 for every Canadian. His run was cut short just outside of Thunder Bay (if you ever drive that way, stop at the memorial- it is very moving) when his cancer was back, this time in his lungs. Terry died on June 28, 1981. Many of you probably weren't even born yet (I was in Grade 1).



Why do we do the Terry Fox Run at WCS? The end of our Mission Statement of WCS is "to live a life of service for Christ." A big part of serving Christ is teaching our students to look beyond our school walls.

It includes looking in our world for ways that we can help others, ways that we can share Christ's love in our actions. The last couple of weeks of school our students learned more about Terry Fox and how his actions showed that he wanted to help many people and he has extended that help beyond his life span. Students often ask, "Was Terry Fox a Christian?" I answer with, "I'm not sure. Why do you ask?" Often it is because our students view Christians as people who help, people who care about others, people who will do something that will make a difference in this world. And why? Because we love Christ! Also, this Friday our school is observing another important day in Canada: Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day). This is a day when Canadians remember and reflect on the history of Residential schools and how Indigenous peoples have been treated. By learning about our history, we can learn how to make changes so that we don't make the same mistakes again. At WCS we feel that is important to teach our children about our country and our world. That is how we equip them "to live a life of service for Christ."

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

| DATE       | TIME     | EVENT  | TAKE NOTE                              |
|------------|----------|--|--|
| Thu/Sep/28 | Off Site | Soccer Tournament (Gr. 6-8)                    | Mr. Thiessen (Boys) & Mr. Eyre (Girls) |
| 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!               |
| Fri/Oct/6  | Lunch    | Pizza Day                                      | For students that have pre-ordered     |
| Mon/Oct/9  |          | Thanksgiving Day                               | <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>                      |
| Wed/Oct/11 | Lunch    | Pasta Day                                      | For students that have pre-ordered     |
| Wed/Oct/18 | —        | Pastor's Day                                   | More information to come               |

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# **PRAYER @ WCS**

Join our **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) tonight @8:00pm!**  
The Parents Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday evening at the same time.  
Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Pray for our new theme **THE BEATITUDES Matthew 5: 3-10**  
~Pray for Mrs. Wells as she leads her final introduction of the **Beatitudes, Living for God.**
- Staff of the Week: Mr. Glen Eyre
- Families of the Week: *Asailian (New Family); Cho (International Family); Barnes (New Family); Barnes.*
- Pray for Ms. Lim as her chemotherapy treatments continue. Please pray for the fatigue, aches and some pain she is experiencing. Her spirit remains strong and is grateful for the on-going prayers.

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**NED SHOW:** This morning we enjoyed an entertaining presentation from The NED Mindset Mission. Through story telling and yo-yo-ing we learned to **Never** give up, **Encourage** others, **Do** your best. This company does the presentation for free but asks us to sell yo-yo's. The order form went home on Friday. Yo-yo's will be for sale all this week during snack, lunch, and after school (3:30-3:45).

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP:** We have noticed that many people are still walking behind cars. If you park across the parking lot, please walk in a straight line to the fence and then walk along it to the gate. Even if you are with your child, it is important that we follow these routines to keep everyone safe. When parking along the fence, please make sure you leave enough room for people to get by.

### **TRY-OUT FOR ULTIMATE FRISBEE: MONDAY OCOBER 2 (Grades 6-8 Boys and Girls)**

There is only going to be ONE try-out: Monday, October 2 from 3:30-4:45pm. The team is being coached by 2 parents: Ms. Monica Kay and Mr. Howard Cheung. If your child is trying out, please inform Mrs. Miles ([dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)) on how they will be getting home.

**TRY-OUT FOR VOLLEYBALL:** The Boys and Girls Volleyball teams will be coached by Mrs. Miles and parent Mr. Martin Bouwma. More information to come next week.

**EVENING SOCCER PROGRAM:** Bam Academy will be running a soccer training program in the WCS gym on Tuesday evenings starting October 10th. A lot of our families already send their children to this soccer club, so many are aware of it. There is a flyer attached to today's Weekly. If you have any questions, please contact the number or email on the flyer. (*NOTE: WCS does not endorse or support Bam Academy in any way, we are only the facility they rent from*).

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER SALE Begins Fri/Sep/29 - Fri/Oct/13.** Students will be taking their box of chocolates home this Friday. Please be reminded that the money is to assist with the Student Fund which pays for class trips that our students enjoy throughout the year.

Prizes will be 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 Kapetanios and Cissy Ho at - [wcsbazaar@yahoo.ca](mailto: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. A link to sign up for the event will follow shortly so stay tuned!