

THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, September 28, 2021



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

It's hard to believe that at the end of this week, we will be in October! I want to thank all our parents who have been so diligent with keeping their children home when they have COVID symptoms, coming quickly to pick up their children when that dreaded call from the office comes ("your child has [insert a COVID symptom] and needs to be picked up immediately"), and many of you have already had to take your child for a COVID test. We are so thankful that we have had no positive cases in our school community up to the time of this writing.

Please be assured that, should we receive notification of a positive case, the school community will be notified (without releasing personal information) and all decisions regarding possible shut down of one or more classes/cohorts will be made immediately under the direction and guidance of Toronto Public Health.

On a completely different note, we will be celebrating Truth & Reconciliation Day (also known as 'Orange Shirt Day') THIS Thursday. We have been very intentional this year about focusing on, and learning about, Canada's Indigenous/First Nations people. In age-appropriate ways, we want to ensure our students know that there were people on this land long before the European countries 'discovered' North America, that our Indigenous people had, and have, much to teach us about respecting the land and waters around us and that Residential Schools are one of the ways in which our First Nations people have not been treated fairly, ethically or compassionately. We are doing this through books, story telling, art and research. By wearing orange shirts on September 30, we are saying that we want to ensure the future is different than the past. Sometimes little children are able to summarize in simple terms what we adults think is a very complicated situation. One of our primary students was writing about residential schools and said, "Dear government, don't do this again!"

Know that, as a staff, we are praying for all of you.



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| DATE | TIME | EVENT | TAKE NOTE |
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| THURSDAY | — | Truth & Reconciliation Day | Orange Shirt Day (Dress Down) |
| FRIDAY | Morning | PHOTO DAY | Dress Code Required |
| Tue/Oct/05 | — | Soccer Tournament (WCS Team) | Off Site |
| Mon/Oct/11 | — | Thanksgiving Day | No School |
| Fri/Oct/22 | — | Backwards Day | Dress Down |

PRAYER @ WCS

- Pray for Miss Westerhoek as she leads Wednesday Worship for the next 2 weeks. The name of God we will be learning is ELOHIM (Strong Creator). (Great song to listen to as a family is “Exalted” by Chris Tomlin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vznifTQVxsg>)

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

Parents Prayer Group (via Zoom) - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com. She will provide the Zoom link. When entering the meeting, TURN ON your camera. Once you’ve been admitted, you may turn OFF your camera.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Lifetouch
PICTURE DAY IS COMING
 Friday, October 01, 2021
 Willowdale Christian School

What to Expect:

- Students are photographed on Picture Day
- Pictures are sent home with your child
- Review pictures & purchase on mylifetouch.ca

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 866-457-8212.

PHOTO DAY

If your child requires 2 class photos (mom and dad live in different homes), kindly inform Mrs. Venneri ASAP. Class photos are free and an order does not need to be placed to receive one (or two).

UPDATE - TERRY FOX RUN

Congratulations, WCS! We have raised an impressive amount of money for cancer research. Right now we are at \$3500! You can still donate online at: <https://secure.terryfox.ca/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer=%26Referrer%3ddirect%252fnone&TeamID=945405> This fundraising page will stay open until THIS Thursday, if your family would still like to donate. Together we can help accomplish Terry's goal of ultimately ending cancer!

INVITATION from TDChristian High School re: Fall Open House ~ Thu/Oct/07 @ 6:30 pm

What do you want when choosing a high school? You want a school where each student is known and valued; where the atmosphere is friendly and supportive; where the teachers engage with students in dynamic learning; where serving God and one's neighbours is at the core of our existence. Find out why so many families choose TDChristian High School. RSVP to Joel Dykxhoorn (VP of Admissions) dykxhoorn@tdchristian.ca