

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, September 5, 2023



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

Welcome Back to School! It was wonderful to see all the smiling (and some frowning and crying) faces this morning. The beginning of a school year is always filled with so many mixed emotions: excitement, nervous, anxious, joyful, happy, indifferent. Many of these emotions change from second to second. I can say that I have felt them all many times over the summer months. This morning, though, was probably mostly excitement! I am excited to see all the returning and new faces. I am excited to get to know the students more, and from a principal's role. I am excited to work with the teachers as they do their best to create classrooms that are safe and inclusive. And I am excited to see what God has in store for all of us! He has great plans!

As mentioned at the barbeque last week, we have 27 new families. Welcome to: Ziad and Maxine (Daniella-JK), Raffi and Isobel (Christopher-7), Demore and Shauna (Caris-3), Mikail and Hanna (Nicole-7, Michaela-4, Eliana-1), Roger and Blessy (Mishnah-1), Charles and Taleen (Jacob-5), Jonathan and Sabrine (Austin-5, Theodore- JK), Jackie (Gabriella-4), Oliver and Kelly (Joy-JK), William and Alice (Audrey-1), Richard and Lois (Toby-SK), Xiuqin (Alleah-2), Andrew and Sarah (Owen-JK), Ryan and Whitney (Oliver-JK), Bobby and Alice (Nathaniel-1), Jayesh and Alicia (Chloe-2), Jose and Nadine (Laurie-6, Austen-3), Tunde and Jopelo (Oore-2, Biyi- JK), SunWoo and Youn (John-5), Milla (Daniel-4), Merab and Nino (Rezi-JK), Carrie (Angelica-5), XiaoJun and Shao (Austin-8), Helen (Genevieve-4), JP and Yoonhye (Jun-JK), Leah (Ken-4) and Larry and Julia (Laurence-2). We hope you feel at home quickly.

***“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”***

**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	Registration Form Attached
Wed/Sep/20	7:00 pm	New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom)	Watch for upcoming details!
Fri/Sep/22	Morning	TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)	More Information from Teachers
Mon/Sep/25	—	Professional Development Day for Staff	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Thu/Sep/28	Off Site	Soccer Tournament (Gr. 6-8)	More Information from Teachers
Fri/Sep/29	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Fri/Sep/29	—	Chocolate Sale Begins (Fundraiser!)	Watch for upcoming details!

**Mrs. Donna Miles (Principal) - [dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:dmiles@willowdalechristianschool.org)**

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

# **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 few days of school. We're excited to see what God has in store this year!

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

It will begin on 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](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)*

# **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, please email the office and respective teachers **BEFORE 8:00 am EVERY DAY** that your child is away (with the exception of travel dates). Your child will be marked **LATE** if they arrive after the 8:35 am bell has rung. They must check into the office before heading to class.

## **MID-DAY APPOINTMENTS**

If your child needs to be off-site for an appointment during the day, email the office in the morning. Your child will wait outside the office. Please ring the front buzzer. Mrs. Santiago will open the door and you can pick up your child.

## **PARENTS COMING INTO THE SCHOOL**

**MORNINGS** - With the exception of Kindergarten students, we ask that parents drop off their child outside. For security purposes, we cannot permit parents to walk their child directly to their classroom. If your child is late, please allow them to enter the school on their own.

**END OF DAY PICK UP:** Kindergarten parents are to pick up their children from the Kindergarten door. All other children are to be picked up at the **NORTH GATE** parking lot gate between **3:30 and 3:50**. All students will be dismissed at the **SAME** time, so it will be busy. Please come to the gate to pick up your children and leave immediately.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN YOUR CAR AND THE GATE WHEN PARKING** so that everyone can walk along the gate. **DO NOT WALK BEHIND CARS.**

## **STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN A PARENT**

It is required that all students leave the school property with their parent/guardian or via WCS school bus. If your child **REGULARLY** (on a weekly basis) is picked up by another adult or travels home on their own, please inform the office. If your child plans to leave the property with another adult (i.e. birthday party, playdate, etc.) you **MUST** let Mrs. Santiago know **PRIOR TO 2:00 pm** on that particular day.

## **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**

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. Dress Code is available on our website.

**MASK SAFE ZONE:** Discrimination or ridicule of personal decisions to either wear or not wear a mask will not be tolerated. Everyone is welcome and has the right to feel safe. If your child is made to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome because of their masking choice, please inform their teacher and Mrs. Miles immediately.

## **MILK & POPCORN SALE is starting next week!**

Milk (chocolate/white) will be available to purchase at the beginning of lunch. Popcorn will be available to purchase in classrooms through the HR 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.