

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, September 7, 2022



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

Welcome to the 2022/23 school year! Whether you are a 'new' parent (new to WCS or new to having a child in school) or an 'old' one, the first day of a new school year always brings with it an array of feelings ~ excitement (hallelujah - the kids are finally back at school!), worry (will my child fit in? will they like their teacher? will they learn well?), relief (finally, some routine back in our lives), and hope (I hope the school sees how special my child is, I hope they learn more about God and learn to love Him more) to name just a few.

Every year, especially on the first day, I am flooded with memories of all the school 'firsts' with my own daughters. First day of Kindergarten, first day of High School, first day in residence at University (now THAT was traumatic) were all huge events in my own life and every one of them felt like a huge mountain that I could not get over on my own. I speak from experience when I say that prayer is not only important, it is essential. Pray for your child's teacher, pray that they will be able to teach and model what love and grace look like, pray for your child – that they will have open ears, minds, and hearts as they learn about God's creation and interact with others, and pray for the school – that we will continue to be a beacon of light in the world of education for years to come!

I had the awesome privilege in the early hours of Labour Day Monday, to be able to go into each classroom and teaching area in the school and pray for the students and staff that would be in those spaces on Tuesday morning. This was one of the many reasons I love my job!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Opening Assembly when we were able to dedicate this school year to our Lord Jesus Christ. May His Name be glorified in all that we do. I pray that God will bless each of you and your families with His peace and joy this year!

***"I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples.  
For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies."  
Psalm 57:9-10***

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Sep/14	3:45 pm	1st Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Registration Form Attached
Fri/Sep/16	Morning	TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)	More Information from Teachers
Wed/Sep/21	7:00 pm	New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom)	Watch for upcoming details!
Mon/Sep/26	—	Professional Development Day for Staff	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Tue/Sep/27	Morning	Photo Day	<b>DRESS CODE CLOTHES ONLY!</b>
Fri/Sep/30	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Mon/Oct/10	—	Thanksgiving Day	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>

**Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - [csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org)  
Mrs. Miriam Venneri (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!

*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 Mrs. Venneri 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. Venneri 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.

AFTERNOONS - Just a friendly reminder that parents who arrive between 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm to pick up their child, go directly to Mrs. Sallows and she will call your child down from their classroom. You should then wait by the parking lot for your child to come and meet you. (Again, this does not include Kindergarten parents.)

### **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 Mrs. Venneri. If your child plans to leave the property with another adult (i.e. birthday party, playdate, etc.) you MUST let Mrs. Venneri 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.

### **GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way for you to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at Valu-Mart, Loblaw, No Frills, etc. For each dollar that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are always available from Mrs. Venneri. Simply email her with your order. Once your cheque or e-transfer [payment@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:payment@willowdalechristianschool.org) has been received by the office, your Gift Cards will be sent home via "kid-mail". Please note that we only carry \$100 denominations.



### **WATCH FOR UPCOMING EMAILS OVER THE NEXT WEEKS ABOUT ...**

- Ordering Gym Uniforms (Grades 4-8)
- Ordering Pasta & Pizza Lunches
- Participating in our Volunteer Program
- The most recent Screening Tool from Toronto Public Health
- Chocolate Fundraising Campaign