

THE WEEKLY

Monday, December 16, 2024



Thoughts from our Principal ...

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.” I John 3:16

In our Wednesday Worship, we’ve been spending time in a series of Advent messages. During this time of Advent, we eagerly anticipate Christmas. We look forward to Christ’s first coming to the world AND we also await His second coming. We await with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These are the candles that are traditionally lit in many churches around the world, and perhaps in your church community. The first candle lit is the candle of Hope, the second is Peace, the third one is Joy and the fourth candle is Love.

“Love Came Down at Christmas” is a song title that is sung by many Christian song artists. We celebrate Love coming down at Christmas – Christ is Love. He is the One who was born for us to lay down his life for all.

On Christmas Eve (or Day) we then light the fifth and the largest candle – the Christ candle. We exuberantly welcome the Christ-child this Christmas. He is Immanuel – God with us – the Messiah! The Saviour of the world! What a privilege that we can celebrate together at our Christmas concert on Wednesday (8:40 am and 7:00 pm)! What a blessing that the Christmas holidays is just around the corner. What a thrill that Love came down to be with us, to love and to care for us that we might have eternal life.

From all of the Staff at WCS, we wish you the deepest and richest blessing this Advent and Christmas season. Let us not forget that the Jesus was born at Christmas and that He loves all of us more than we can ever, ever imagine. Merry Christmas and all the very best in 2025 as Love-Who-Came-Down walks with us, before us and behind us.



This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2024/25 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Dec/11—Thurs/19 ~ WCS NEIGHBOURLINK FOOD DRIVE			
Wed/Dec/18	8:40AM & 7PM	WCS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION	In the Gym
Thu/Dec/19		RED & GREEN DAY	Dress down Day
Thu/Dec/19	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Dec/20		SKATING @GOULDING ARENA	More details to follow from teachers
Mon/Dec/25-Fri/Jan/03 ~ CHRISTMAS BREAK			
Mon/Jan/06		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2025	Happy New (School) Year!
Mon/Jan/06	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.

Mrs. Patty Schuurman (Principal) - pschuurman@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

Weekly Parents Prayer Zoom Meeting: Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

- Wednesday Worship ~ Advent of Joy & Peace will be led by Mrs. Schuurman & Mrs. Santiago
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Taylor Nancekievill (Grade 5)
- Families of the Week: *Chivirev (Gr.8), Choi (Gr.4), Chen (Gr.5/4/JK-A), Clarence (Gr.1), Cleugh (Gr.7)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

SAVE THE DATE!

WCS NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK FOOD DRIVE — DECEMBER 11-18, 2024

For our service event for the winter we will be hosting a Food Drive for Neighbourhood Link. They are an organization in our immediate community who provides services for the vulnerable. Please see the [attachment](#) for the list of requested items.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 @8:40AM & 7PM

Come and join us for a celebration of Christ's birth. ALL STUDENTS are part of the presentation of singing and band playing. Grade 3-8 need to wear white tops and black or navy-blue bottoms and JK-Grade 2 need to wear Sunday best. **All students need to arrive at 6:45 and need to go directly to their classrooms.** Please bring an item for our Food Drive as your entrance "fee"!

SKATING—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

JK-Grade 3 will be skating from **12:30-1:30PM** and Grades 4-8 will skate from **2:00-3:00PM**.

NOTE that all K-4 students must wear a helmet (mandatory), gloves, and snowpants to participate. ALL SKATERS must wear gloves on the ice. If you do not have skates, you can borrow from the school's supply. They are set up by size order, on the stage starting today. This is a dress down day but must dress appropriately for this event.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

LOST & FOUND TABLE:

Please come by or have your child(ren) make sure to see if any of the items belong to them. The items remaining will be donated this Thursday, December 19.

Please continue to label all items that come into the school.

SEEKING PARENTS' HELP!

The school is still seeking out parents who can help repaint the stage for the school. If possible, please email the office, thank you! Office@willowdalechristianschool.org

TUTORING AT WCS

Tutoring is offered on Monday through Thursday after school for students in Grade 4-8. Parent, Eric Pai is the experience coordinator of this program. If you are interested in more information about the subjects, times, and cost please contact Mrs. Wells pwells@willowdalechristianschool.org.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser

Fundraising is very important to help defray tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way 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 available at the office year round office@willowdalechristianschool.org.

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WISHING WILLOWDALE CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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