

THE WEEKLY

Monday, February 10, 2025



Thoughts from our Principal ...

This coming week, there are two holidays on the calendar: Valentine's Day and Family Day weekend. While Valentine's Day can be labeled as a Hallmark holiday, the focus is on love. To define love, let's go to the authority in our lives – the Bible.

Here are two translations of the same passage, I Corinthians 13:4-7:

From the New International Version:

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

From The Message:

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth. [It] puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

I appreciate The Message because it provides a fresh look at a passage some of us have come to know well over the years. What if we read this passage, replacing the word, "Love" with the word, "I" to personalize what it is telling us (then adjust the grammar)? For example, "I am patient, I am kind, I do not envy, I do not boast..." Another way to reflect on the passage is asking ourselves, "Do I dishonour others? Am I self-seeking? Am I easily angered and keeping a record of wrongs?" If we keep going with this line of interrogation, do we say to ourselves, "Do I strut? Do I have a swelled head? Is it me first? Do I fly off the handle?"

When we ask ourselves these hard questions, we also need to recognize that we will mess up. We are human, and as such, we are far from perfect, and things don't always turn out the way we would like. The other part of love is forgiveness. Can we forgive ourselves when we make mistakes? Can we forgive others when they are impatient with us, or strut, or fly off the handle? As family, we live with each other both in the good times and the hard times. We might be loving to others and show kindness and care, but we might also be hurting and needing to show forgiveness and perseverance. As families celebrating Family Day, we are thankful that we have family members who know us and love us in both good moments and the messy ones. At WCS, as a community of brothers and sisters, we encourage this family to show love to each other, and making space for forgiveness when we need it. For we know, as His children, that His love always protects, always trusts and always perseveres.

Let us continue to strive to be *love-full* people here at WCS, by His goodness and grace.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Feb/10	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Thu/Feb/13	—	RED WHITE PINK PURPLE DAY	Dress down day.
Thu/Feb/13	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Thu/Feb/13	—	WCS INTENTION FORMS DUE	Form and Cheque required.
Thu/Feb/13	3:50-9:00PM	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	Online sign-up open
Fri/Feb/14	—	P.D. DAY	No School!
Mon/Feb/17	—	FAMILY DAY	No School!

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PRAYER @ WCS

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Armor of God: Shoes of the Gospel of Peace will be led by Mrs. Barnes
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. P. Wells (Vice Principal, SSS)
- Families of the Week: Keoshkerian (Gr.1), Kim (Gr.7/4), Kokolakis (Gr.6/5/4), Koolma (Gr.2), Kraev (Gr.5)
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

SAVE THE DATE!

RED, WHITE, PINK, OR PURPLE DAY: On Thursday February 13, students do not have to wear regular dress code and may wear red, white, pink or purple to celebrate Valentine's Day!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @3:50-9:00PM

JK-Grade 3 will be in their classrooms. Grades 4-8, French, Student Support Services, and Music will be in the gym. PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME and stay within your allotted 10-minute appointments. If you have more to discuss, you can set up another appointment on a different date.

The URL link will close at 3:30PM today: <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/2fjcr>



INTERVIEW SIGN-UP QR

ENROLMENT INTENTION FORM: DUE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13.

To help the board start preparing for the next school year, 2025-2026, the Enrolment Intention form will be distributed to every student tomorrow. Only ONE form per family is needed to be returned by this Thursday.

WCS OPEN HOUSE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Please invite friends to our Open House that is taking place next Wednesday starting at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to tell others about our wonderful school. Our last open house will: **February 19 and April 15**. We love to share WCS with others!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FUNDRAISER—FORWARD TOGETHER WCS 65th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

The Fundraising Committee is asking for volunteers to help with the planning:

Helpers needed for Team Space subcommittee:

- ⇒ **Helpers Coordinator:** Create volunteers signup form (e.g., Signup.com), coordinate with volunteers on their tasks before and during the event, and make sure their hours are properly logged.
- ⇒ **Audio Video Lead:** Set up AV equipment and projector (including the gym stage). Recruit help for audio/video management on the day of the event.

Helper needed for Team Auction subcommittee:

- ⇒ Join the auction team to dream up fun, exciting, and must-have auction items to keep everyone energized and entertained!

Please email WCSfundraisingdinner@gmail.com, thank you.

PARKING: Thank you to all who continue to be vigilant in keeping our parking lot safe during drop off and pick up times. Please keep in mind to provide space so that students can walk along the fence, especially with the snow. Walk your child across the parking lot if needing to cross from the church to the school. Do not leave your car idling, please, and do not park in spots that are reserved as well as for those with disable parking permits. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

STUDENT DRESS CODE: Please remember that your child/ren must come to school according to dress code. We ask that the outer sweaters do not have logo's and that they continue to wear their collared shirts underneath.

SERVICE HOURS: We are half way through the 2024-2025 school year. We ask that parents update the Service Hours Binder. More information is attached.