

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, February 18, 2025



## *Thoughts from our Principal ...*

Lessons learned from shoveling this past week...

Perhaps you live on a street where all this white stuff falling from the sky has accumulated in very large amounts this past Saturday and Sunday. If so, then I am sure you will be able to empathize with some of the musings from this physical activity we call, "shoveling snow."

First, shoveling snow is hard work. Whether with a small tool or state-of-the-art-bent-handle scooper, wearing three layers of clothing and outdoor gear and going outside in the blustery weather is no picnic. Putting the shovel to the ground and digging out a couple feet of snow the length of what-feels-like a football field takes a lot of muscle. Back muscle. Forearm muscle. Lift-from-your-leg muscle. If all these muscles ache at the end of the day, this is your reward after clearing out a place for you and your vehicle to enter or exit your garage/home.

Second, shoveling brings neighbours together. Who's your best friend in times of heavy snowfall? The neighbour with a snow blower! What a sigh of relief when your snow-blower neighbour takes a turn at your driveway only to gesture that he/she will cut your endeavour in half, save all your aching muscles, and create an empty space for the family van. Or, what happened in my neighbourhood, was that three or four people rallied with their shovel around one driveway and worked feverishly together to quickly escape back home once the project was completed. A shoveling party brings neighbours together.

Third, no one really likes the snow-plower. Just picture it: you get to the end of your driveway and you stand there – shovel in one hand and the other hand on your hip – triumphantly announcing, "I did it!" Then....Rrrrr..the rumbling sound begins and you're afraid to look down the street. You're in denial, but sure enough, this monstrous and miserable yellow snowplow steers increasingly closer to your driveway. And here comes the plow, dragging along everyone's collective icy, crunchy, wet and heavy snow, dumped at the end of your driveway. You make the saddest face possible as the snow plow driver tries not to make eye contact with you. Deep down, you're not sad, now you're angry and disappointed to spend another hour digging out this lumpy dump. All the sweat under the hat and snowpants from the last two hours will only increase in the next two more hours...sigh.

Maybe you can relate with a fresh memory of shoveling from this past weekend. Maybe this means nothing at all to you. But maybe we can consider how this relates to school: 1) school is hard work, 2) school is best done in community, and 3) when we feel we have hit a rough patch, sometimes you have to dig deep and keep on going, even when you're tired and you don't feel like it.

Having a "shovel party" at WCS is the best way to do school, together.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Feb/18	—	RED WHITE PINK PURPLE DAY	Dress down day.
Tue/Feb/18	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Tue/Feb/18	—	WCS INTENTION FORMS DUE	Form and Cheque required.
Wed/Feb/19	7:00PM	WCS OPEN HOUSE	Invitation open to all.
Wed/Feb/19—Fri/Feb/21		GR. 6 CLASS WINTER TRIP	Fair Haven Centre.
Fri/Feb/21	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Feb/28	—	HEAT WAVE DAY	See next page.

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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 (2/2) will be led by Mrs. Barnes
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator)
- Families of the Week: *Kronemeijer (Gr.2)*, *Krupin (Gr.6/3)*, *Kwak (Gr.5/2)*, *Lai (Gr.8)*, *Lam (Gr. 2/JK)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **ENROLMENT INTENTION FORM: DUE TODAY! TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

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!

### **HEAT WAVE DAY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Get ready for some fun in the sun! Wear/bring your summer clothes (dress down day) and get ready for some fun on our "tropical island" (in the gym). Students should wear proper footwear with socks as they will be playing various activities (during their designated time) including bouncing on a tropical inflatable.

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

### **FUNDRAISER—FORWARD TOGETHER WCS 65th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION:**

**Please save the date: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 (afternoon event)**

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

#### **Helpers needed for Team Space subcommittee:**

- ⇒ **Helpers Coordinator:** Create "volunteers sign-up forms" (e.g., Signup.com), coordinate with volunteers on their tasks before and during the event, and ensure 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](mailto: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.