

THE WEEKLY

Monday, January 27, 2025



Thoughts from our Principal ...

Perhaps you have heard that one of the best ways to promote Willowdale Christian School to others is to do so by “word of mouth.” If that’s true, then we have YOU to thank for the number of guests who attended the first Open House of the season last Tuesday!

On January 21, Mrs. Santiago, Mrs. Well and myself had the opportunity to welcome visitors to WCS, almost all of them for the first time. We received 11 RSVP’s in advance to arrive at 7:00 pm, tour the school and receive information about Christian education, here at 60 Hilda Avenue. On this frigid evening, there were refreshments, clean classrooms, and friendly faces (us!) ready to provide warm hospitality and tell our guests how awesome this place is! We weren’t sure if the weather would keep people in their cozy homes rather than travel in the cold to our school, but we figured that 11 families would be wonderful to join us for this event.

Allow me to thankfully report to you that our jaws dropped. While we eagerly anticipated our 11 families to arrive, we were amazed by the number of people that kept coming in through the doors, one after the other. We had 20 families attend! It was such a surprise and a privilege to host wonderful families inquiring about WCS! And even though not everyone who attends the Open House will be a new student here at the school, we are simply astonished and grateful for the opportunity to meet and greet so many new faces ready to learn about Christian education at WCS. As we toured families through the halls and classrooms, we happily answered their many questions as many were so delighted by the setting of the classrooms and the content of our conversations.

Thank you, again, WCS Families, for sharing the good news about our Christian school with others. The personal connection and the honest testimony of your experience with prospective families are both meaningful and deeply appreciated. Keep up the good work!

God is good! All the time!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Jan/27	—	PAJAMA & BED HEAD DAY	Dress Down Day
Mon/Jan/27	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Tue/Jan/28	—	SR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	Go WCS Go!
Fri/Jan/31	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Jan/31	2:15PM	TALENT SHOW	Come support the talent!
Fri/Jan/31	—	TERM 1 REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTED	Check those backpacks!
Mon/Feb/03	—	SECOND TERM BEGINS	February 3— June 25
Wed/Feb/05	—	PASTORS’ DAY	Invite your Pastor’s! See attached.
Thu/Feb/13	3:50-9:00PM	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	Online sign-up open: January 31
Fri/Feb/14	—	P.D. DAY	No School!

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 ~ Armor of God: Breastplate of Righteousness will be led by Mr. Richard Wong
- Staff of the Week: Ms. Jenina DeVries (EA) and Ms. Jackie Gillespe (ESL)
- Families of the Week: *Hong (SK-A), HSU (SK-B), Huang (Gr.2), Hung (Gr.1), Impera (Gr.4/1)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

SAVE THE DATE!

PAJAMA DAY: Today is our last (of three) Pajama Days at school! It was fun while it lasted but we are onto the next school event...

TALENT SHOW: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 @2:15PM

The talent show is fast approaching! Parents are welcome to attend and watch their child(ren) present their talents to the school.

PASTORS' DAY: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @8:35AM

Please mark your calendar and invite your pastor to our Pastor's Day, here at WCS. We will be having our Wednesday Worship and would love for them to attend. Pastors will have a time of refreshments and then visit the classrooms and enjoy a tour of the school. Please RSVP to the office. An invitation/flyer is attached, so please remember to send it to your pastor today!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

The girls' team will be travelling to TDChristian with Mr. Nancekievill and the boys' team will be going to Burlington with Coach Dave and Mrs. Schuurman. Thank you to all our volunteer drivers! A reminder that the **boys' team** will be LEAVING at 7:45 from school & the **girls' team** is leaving at 8:00am. Please be on time so that you don't get left behind!

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

The URL link and the QR code will be provided this Friday after the report cards have been distributed.

ENROLMENT INTENTION FORM: JANUARY 28, 2025

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 February 13, 2025.

COMMUNITY BOARD

EDVANCE X JOMO (CAMPUS) WEBINAR: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:00pm EST
Family Digital Well-Being Webinar Series #2. Please [see attachment](#) or to register.



ZOOM WEBINAR QR



FAIR HAVEN WINTER FAMILY DAY INVITATION: Monday, February 17, 2025

<https://www.fairhavens.org/events/winter-family-day/>

FAIR HAVEN QR CODE

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, February 19 @7:00PM

Please continue to invite friends to our Open Houses. This is a great way to tell others about our wonderful school. We have two more open houses: **February 19 and April 15**. We love to share WCS with others!

GREAT WOLF LODGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GETAWAY: October 30th, 31st & November 1st, 2025

Please [see attachment](#) to register.

TD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

Thinking about TDChristian for Grade 9? The Early Bird Application Deadline is January 31! Spaces are filling quickly, so we encourage you to apply soon. Don't wait - visit <https://tdchristian.ca/admissions/> and start your application today.