

THE WEEKLY

Monday, June 17, 2024



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Well, here we are at the end of another school year (or for some of you, your first school year). Desks will be emptied, backpacks filled to bursting point with water bottles, shoes, pens and pencils, and long lost hoodies suddenly found! Next week, as teachers are cleaning out their classrooms and taking down bulletin boards, the silent halls will echo as they talk to each other. The 23/24 school year will soon be a just a memory. Some of those memories will be good ones - new friends made, sports pennants won, a musical presented to a gym full of people and a hard subject finally mastered. But, sadly, not all memories will be good ones - a teasing gone too far, a failed test or project, a friendship in tatters, saying good bye to much loved teachers. A school year is much like every other part of life; there are hills and valleys and even plateaus. The wonderful thing about the God we serve is that He walks beside us through it all. A favourite song of mine contains the lyrics,

*“Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on You and it is well with me.”*

Our faithful God will be right there beside us next year, just as He has been since 1959. I don't know what September will look like, but I do know that we will have a strong, faith-filled staff on board, ready to teach and lead your children with care and excellence. It has been my pleasure and joy to serve the school and all of you these last 2 months and I know our paths will continue to cross. Have a safe and joy-filled summer.

This calendar lists upcoming HIGHLIGHTS only. Refer to 2023/24 School Calendar for ALL events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Monday, June 17 - Wednesday, June 19 ~ GRADE 7 CANOE TRIP @ FAIR GLEN			
Monday, June 17 - Wednesday, June 19 ~ GRADE 8 GRADUATION TRIP @ OTTAWA			
Tue/Jun/18	9AM-12:30PM	JK/SK-A & JK/SK-B	Reptilia Vaughn
Wed/Jun/19	—	NO WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	TAKE NOTE!
Fri/Jun/21	2:45 pm	YEAR END ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)	Last Day of School
Fri/Jun/21	3:30 pm	REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS	HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!
Wed/Aug/28	6:00pm	BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ	SEE ATTACHMENT
Tue/Sep/03	8:25 am	1ST DAY OF SCHOOL	Yippee! A brand new school year!

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Acting Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org
Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

Join our **LAST Prayer Meeting** (via Zoom) this Tuesdays @8:00pm!

Contact Person ~ Suan Fong (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.

If you have prayer items to be included, please send an email to: office@willowdalechristianschool.org

- Praise God for calling on Cissy and Claudia for co-leading the prayer group for the 2024-2025 school year!
- Gwen deWilde wishes to say thank you to all the families/board members at WCS for their prayers. By the grace of God, she has finished chemotherapy. The surgery and treatments were a success and she will just have ongoing followups for the typical 5 years.
- Staff of the Week ~ Ms. Kim, Mr. Thiessen, Ms. Westerhoek. Pray for a blessed departure from WCS.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

GRADUATION

A big thank you must be said to all the grade 7 parents, volunteers, and students as well as other parents from the school community who all worked so hard to make last Friday's grade 8 graduation such a wonderful evening for our graduates. A special thank you must go to Albert Yu and Jennifer Akingbade who worked tirelessly to ensure everything went smoothly and that the gym looked amazing. We even had some older siblings who don't attend WCS jump in to help where needed. What a wonderful team effort.

LOST & FOUND ~ Front Foyer

Please come by the front foyer to claim students lost articles. We have sweaters, water bottles, gloves, hats, and many more clothing to be claimed. The table will be set up until this week and then appropriately donated.

LAST DAY of SCHOOL ~ Fri/Jun/21 @ 3:30 pm

If your child is leaving school prior to the last day, kindly inform the office and your child's teacher ASAP. Please note that 2nd Term Report Cards are not distributed until end of day on Fri/Jun/21. We are unable to distribute this document to parents prior to stated date/time. If your child will not be at school on the last day, the Report Card will be mailed to you at the end of June.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR

Around mid-July, please check the school's website for a letter from each teacher detailing the required supplies your child will need to bring with them on the first day of school in September.

MILK & POPCORN TICKETS

If you have leftover tickets, please hang on to them. They can be used next year.

FREE CNE (Canadian National Exhibition) PASS for KIDS (13 Year & Younger)

We are pleased to let you know that the downloadable Kids Pass for the 2024 CNE is ready for distribution. This pass can be downloaded and scanned on a smartphone at the gate or printed beforehand. Below is the link specific to our school. The 2024 CNE Kids Pass can be used any 1 day of the CNE from Fri/Aug/ 16 to Mon/Sep/02, 2024 for kids aged 13 and under. (Children 4 and under are free and do not need a pass.)

NOTE: The last day to download the pass is Thu/Aug/15.

<https://www.theex.com/school-tickets/> **Drop Down Menu ~ "Private School Boards"**.

ATTRACTIONS ONTARIO (Coupons & Discounts)

If you are looking for some fun activities to do with your child over the summer, be sure to check out this link. You will find great ideas and discounted rates. <https://attractionsontario.ca/coupons/>

GROCERY GIFT CARDS (Fundraising)

The Grocery Gift Cards will be running throughout the summer break. Simply email the office with your order and payment through cheque or e-transfer. Thank you for your continual support to WCS. We carry \$100 cards only.

