

THE WEEKLY

Monday, March 24, 2025



Thoughts from our Principal ...

Welcome to Spring! Welcome back from the March Break! Welcome to the last leg of the school year! Buckle up – from now to the end of school, things will go really, really fast!

Perhaps some of you have marked this “coming-back-to-school” time with a new haircut, or new outdoor shoes (and packed away the winter boots). The time change is also new for us as we see more daylight at the end of the workday. As we come back after a time away from school, hopefully this pause has given us all a time of refreshment.

We have pushed the re-set button and we are gearing up for a strong finish to the current school year. So, it’s essential to remember the habits we have established in the fall.

1. Show hospitality and care:
 - Stop and say, “Hello,” or “How are you doing?” and listen for an answer.
 - Look at people in the eyes when talking with them, or wave or offer a kind greeting.
 - Say, “Please,” and “Thank you,” and “Pardon me?” if you don’t hear someone well.
 - Hold the door for others. Let others go first.
 - Invite others to join you in a game or a discussion or when having lunch/snack.
2. Be on time and be respectful of the teachers’ time.
3. Wear clothing according to dress code.
4. Be safe in the parking lot whether a driver or pedestrian.
5. Do our very best to serve and show love to God and others.

As we head into the end of March, then April, May and June, let’s focus on all these reminders as we prepare for the next stage as best as possible. Let’s go, WCS!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Mar/24	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Tues/Mar/25	—	LICE FREE CREW	Information attached
Wed/Mar/26	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Mar/28	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Apr/04	LUNCH	E2F LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Mon/Apr/07	—	P.D. DAY	No School!
Tue/Apr/15	7:00PM	WCS OPEN HOUSE	Referrals are welcomed!
Thu/Apr/17	8:35AM	GRANDPARENTS DAY	More info to come!

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

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

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HEAD LICE (Pediculosis) SCREENING – Tuesday, March 25

The company [Lice Free](#) will be screening each student and staff of any Head lice (pediculosis) and their eggs (nits). Pediculosis may come into a school after a long break such as our two week March break. It is a very quick process which should take no longer than 1.5 hours for the whole school. If a child is found to have lice or nits, the parent or guardian will be informed through the office via email. Children will not be informed in the classroom in order to maintain confidentiality. Parents who do not wish their child(ren) to participate in this screening must inform the school office by sending an email office@willowdalechristianschool.org. Parents whose children do not participate in the school screening are expected to do the lice check themselves. If your home lice check reveals the presence of lice or nits, do not send your child to school. Please inform the school right away and we will send you the appropriate information and instructions.

WCS MOVIE HANGOUT— Friday, April 4th

🎬 Join us for a fun-filled after school movie hangout 🎟 on Fri, April 4, 2025. We will be showing the Pilgrim's Progress at 4pm in the gym. Come for some after school entertainment, snacks, and great company. For parents, there will also be a workshop offered by a school psychologist who will be discussing the connection between behaviour & learning. RSVP & pre-order food and drinks at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/wcs-movie-event> We can't wait to see you there! 📺 ⚡

PD DAY ART CAMP — Monday, Apr 7th with Artnexion

We are thrilled to offer PD Day Art Camp hosted by Artnexion happening on Mon Apr 7th from 9-4pm! Perfect for students between 4-10 years old and all skill levels. Students will be creating 2-3 projects using mixed media and will be continuing with the ARMOR OF GOD theme. Spaces are limited, so be sure to [register](#) your child by Tues, Apr 1 to secure your spot.

SKATES BORROWED:

We ask that the borrowed skates from our skating event be returned to the school as soon as possible for them to be placed into storage for the remainder of the year.

GRANDPARENTS DAY—Thursday, April 17

We are looking forward to hosting our grandparents and grand-friends on Thursday, April 17. More details will follow, but please have them save the date! We would love to see as many grandparents visit to see our students in action here at WCS! Invite them this week! We're excited to see them on April 17!

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:

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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.

ART FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to announce our upcoming annual art fundraiser, where each class will create a unique piece of art to sell and raise funds for our school. This much-anticipated project is a favorite among students and parents alike, and we need your help to make it happen!

As the coordinator for this event, I'm looking for more volunteers to assist in the classroom, guiding students as they create their artwork. I will provide ideas, themes, and all the materials needed. It's a fun and rewarding experience for both volunteers and students!

If you're interested in helping out, please reply to Binnie [<binniesonkang@gmail.com>](mailto:binniesonkang@gmail.com) by this Wednesday, April 2. The volunteer window is short, so don't wait to sign up! Thank you for your support – we can't wait to see the amazing artwork our students will create with your help!



PRAYER @ WCS

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Armor of God: Helmet of Salvation will be led by Ms. Chow
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Nancekievill (Grade 5 Teacher)
- Families of the Week: *Lloyd (Gr.8), Lo (Gr.1/JK), Lu (Gr.5), Lucas (Gr.2), Luey (Gr.4/2/SK), Malaya (Gr.7)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

COMMUNITY BOARD

EDVANCE X JOMO FAMILY WEBINAR SERIES— Tuesday, March 25 from 7-8PM ONLINE

Join us for the 3rd session in our essential parent webinar series facilitated by award winning digital well-being expert Christina Crook and featuring special guest Julia Swaigen, MSW, RSW, Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Toronto and Founder of Attuned Families. With over 18 years of experience improving child, family, and school mental health through her clinical and consultative work in public agencies and schools, Julia's insights will be invaluable to parents wanting to improve their children's digital well-being.

Session 3: Managing Big Emotions and Setting Digital Boundaries

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:00pm EST online.

How to join the Zoom webinar: when you're ready to join, click [HERE](#) or use the QR code to the right. If joining from your phone, be sure to download the Zoom app first.



2025 NATIONAL MINISTRY MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT — May 20-22, 2025

Join Christians from across Canada at the 2025 NATIONAL MINISTRY MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT where we will be gathering to equip those in our community impacted by mental illness, allowing them to experience belonging. You will leave equipped, encouraged, inspired.

Hosted at Tyndale University, 3377 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M2M 3S4

REGISTER FOR 1, 2 or all 3 days!

More info here: ministrymentalhealthsummit.com or shalemnetwork.org



FROM THE BOARD

Summary points of the meetings held by the BOT:

March 4:

- A fire inspection showed a violation related to shoe racks in the hallway by the stairs, this needs to be addressed ASAP.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was fantastic, thanks to the parent council members. Also noted that the group of parents is not a Board-monitored committee.
- The Board is making efforts to foster the relationship with the Willowdale CRC church with which we share a parking lot.

February 4:

- The rolling gate at the south parking lot is a safety hazard. Building and Facilities committee is looking into options to replace it.
- A motion was passed for E2F to hire a professional fundraiser to help with the building campaign.
- A motion was passed accepting the pay raise for the staff for the 2025-2026 school year.