

THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 25, 2024



Thoughts from our Principal ...

How can we continue to be a community that strives to learn about our students?

Last week, parents and teachers met together for conferences. As parents and teachers, we constantly learn how to continue growing our students – your children – to know what their strengths and areas of improvements are. Collectively, we encourage students in their talents to serve and love God in the world He created. We guide their behaviour, through highs and lows, carefully seeking ways to show kindness and respect. We pray to our Father for their well-being knowing that He cares for them, sees them and loves them infinitely. We know, whole-heartedly, that our students are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14).

I write this because as families here are WCS, we form a community in our journey of learning. We participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Spelling Bee, Christmas Bazaar and this week, the Book Fair and Book Character Dress-up Day! There are sports tournaments and Worship Wednesdays, Remembrance Day and soon to come...Christmas celebrations! We're not even at the half-way mark in the school calendar yet!

This Wednesday, the WCS Membership Meeting takes place at 7:00 pm. We invite you to attend and pray for our school and students. Our dedicated Board members will be leading us to share important activities and decisions made so far. One of the exciting news to hear about is the E2F campaign and how we can support and join the momentum as we envision the much-needed building expansion.

There is deep joy and gratitude in watching our students grow. Please keep on learning and be sure to join in! Together, we are the WCS Community. Together, we are God's Kingdom-bringers.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Nov/15 —Wed/Nov/27		ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	In the gym
Wed/Nov/27	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Nov/27	7PM	AGM MEMBERSHIP MEETING	In the gym
Fri/Nov/29	—	BOOK CHARACTER DAY	Dress up as a character/Dress-code
Mon/Dec/02	3:30PM	LUNCH ORDER FORMS DUE	Payments must be received on time.
Wed/Dec/04	LUNCH	PASTA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Dec/06	LUNCH	PIZZA LUNCH	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Dec/18	8:40AM & 7PM	WCS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION	In the Gym
Thu/Dec/19		RED & GREEN DAY	Dress down Day
Fri/Dec/20		SKATING @GOULDING ARENA	More details to follow from teachers

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PRAYER @ WCS

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ will be led by Miss Ross who will be teaching the *Armour of God: Jesus our Commander*
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Lee (Grade 2)
- Families of the Week: *Asailian (Gr.8), Bae (Gr.8), Barnes (Gr.8&4), Barnes (Gr.4)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

SAVE THE DATE!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR—November 25–27

Time to Shop! It's here! Our school's **Scholastic Book Fair** is happening this week! Students will be scheduled time to browse and shop at our school on **November 26th** and **November 27th** in the Gym. Families are welcome to browse and shop before school (parents must accompany students at the Fair before 8:30am), during first and second recesses, and after school. Please support WCS by purchasing books for your family and friends (especially with Christmas around the corner!) and consider donating a book to your child's classroom library. Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms. Catch you at the Fair!



BOOK CHARACTER DAY—Friday November 29

Students are invited to dress up as a book character for the day. Students are welcome to bring a copy of the book with their character in it. Just a friendly reminder that the day is for BOOK characters (no scary costumes) and if a student chooses not to wear a costume, they are expected to wear school dress code.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—November 27 @7PM

WCS has a Board of Trustees which oversees the principal, providing leadership, oversight, and strategic direction for the school. This board is appointed by the membership of the school's society - ours is called "Calvin Christian School Society". This group of members is made up of current parents and even community members or past parents. Anybody can attend and anyone can become a member by completing the membership form (one time only) and paying the annual membership fee. Please read the attached letter for more information. This information is also posted on the school website under "Parent Information and Forms". *You even get Service hours just for attending, and there will be refreshments served.*

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION—Wednesday, December 18 @8:40AM & 7PM

Please add this special date to your calendars! Mrs. Leung is working hard with the students to prepare a Christmas presentation of singing and band playing. There will be 2 performances to accommodate all attendees.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

LUNCH ORDERS—DEADLINE DECEMBER 2

Please see the two links to order lunch for your children for the second half of the year (January-June, 2025). The first link is in support of the Grade 6, 7, and 8 field trips and the second is to support our E2F (Equipped to Flourish) building campaign.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/5d17368b-7757-4849-a4b3-41d91b75df62>

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/b320082a-8fec-41cf-9131-cb79cc4c217c>

WCS GIFT CARDS PROGRAM

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Buy the gift that fits all while supporting WCS! Perfect co-worker and client holiday gift, stocking stuffers, last-minute gifts, or treat yourself. Whether it's the coffee lover, the tech enthusiast, or the fashionista, there's a gift card for every personality.

Order before Fri Dec 6th - <https://tinyurl.com/wcsgiftcards> and all gift cards will be distributed by Fri, Dec 13th.

TUTORING AT WCS

We are pleased to announce that we are offering tutoring on Monday through Thursday after school for students in Grade 4-8. This is coordinated by Eric Pai who has plenty of experience in this area. A number of former WCS students are sharing their academic gifts and time to support our students with extra practice or homework support. We have a limited number of spaces available, but if you are interested in more information about the subjects, times, and cost please contact Mrs. Wells.