

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, November 4, 2024



## *Grateful Thoughts from our Principal ...*

"You are a star! That is your word, "star!" announced Mr. Eyre.

"S-T-A-R...star!" replied a student, spelling each letter with care.

We had a gym full of stars last Friday morning! The Spelling Bee Finals were on Friday, November 1. We had parents and students cheering for their team and encouraging each speller to do their best.

Just before the Spelling Bee Finals began, the organizers gathered the spellers to prepare them for the event. For many of them, younger and older, this is a big deal, spelling in front a large audience! I know I was nervous – no phones or spell check at our fingers! The spellers were amazing! The event was fantastic! Quick sidebar: MANY THANKS to the committee in organizing and raising over \$10,000.00!

So, here's the big take-away: God gives all of us gifts and talents. The question we ask are, "How are we going to use them?" "Will we grow our talents to help God's Kingdom flourish?"

While spelling is not everyone's talent, the Spelling Bee has been an opportunity to help students do the best they can. Whether or not they spell the word correctly, I want to give a shout-out to all the spellers who had the courage to stand up at the front of the gym and give the word their best shot! Wow!

Spelling may be one person's talent. Playing ultimate frisbee might be another person's talent. If you take a look at Grade 1's paintings to admire their work on Pointilism, you will see that art is another person's talent. As God gives each of us similar and/or different talents, we all work hard to discover and nurture them, applying talents to serve God in His creation.

At the end of this week, teachers will be working on progress reports. As educators, we do our best to see our students – to recognize their talents and to help grow their hearts, minds and bodies. We might not have every talent we wish for, but we can do our best to nurture what we can, always doing our best for God. We are all "S-T-A-R-S" in His eyes.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Nov/05	—	PHOTO RETAKE DAY	DRESS CODE ONLY.
Wed/Nov/06	LUNCH	PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered.
Fri/Nov/08	—	P.A. Day	NO SCHOOL!
Mon/Nov/11	8:40AM	REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY	No Wednesday Worship
Thu/Nov/14	11:20AM	PROLOGUE PERFORMANCE	Held in the gym.
Fri/Nov/15	—	PROGRESS REPORTS DISTRIBUTED	Check those backpacks!
Sat/Nov/16	9AM-2PM	ANNUAL WCS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	Get ready to shop!

Mrs. Patty Schuurman (Principal) - [pschuurman@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:pschuurman@willowdalechristianschool.org)

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# **PRAYER @ WCS**

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Armour of God: Stand Firm will be led by Ms. Maldonado
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Maldonado (Kindergarten-A)
- New Families of the Week: *Sun Min and Young Eun (MinJae, Gr.6), Sangeun and Yoongyung (Dahye, Gr.6), Bernard and Susan (Jedidiah, Gr.6)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) [wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com](mailto:wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com).
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

## **THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE**—Great job to all the students that participated in the tournament last Tuesday. We also love to give a big THANK YOU to our coaches, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Ng-Kennedy, Mr. Stuart, and Sophie Li.

**SPELLING BEE FUNDRAISER:** Thank you to the committee for the countless hours putting together our first Spelling Bee Challenge. It was a great event and success in reaching our fundraiser goal!

**SATURDAY SERVICE DAY:** We appreciate those parents that came out to the school on Saturday to help clean and organize the school. We are blessed with more room and safety as we walk the halls of the school today!

### **PHOTO RETAKE: TOMORROW MORNING—Tuesday, November 5**

We ask that families that wish to have their child/ren retake their individual photos to bring in their original proofs for record purposes by the company. The proofs will go back home with the child after the retake is taken. Dress code only.

### **PA DAY ART CAMP - Friday, November 8**

will be hosting an Art Camp this Friday, Nov 8th from 9-4pm for those that have registered. Students will be creating 2-3 projects using mixed media based on the ARMOR OF GOD theme.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR —Saturday, November 16 @9-2pm**

**Everyone is invited to be a part of this** historic event at WCS. See the attachment and please feel free to invite your family and friends to come along. The committee is accepting goods for the bazaar. Please see the list attached as well.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR—November 25–27**

**SAVE THE DATE!** We're excited to announce that the fun and excitement of an in-school Scholastic Book Fair is coming back! Come discover new and bestselling titles coming right to our school.

Bonus: All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classroom libraries. Happy reading!

If you are available to help making this year's book fair a smashing success, please sign up to be a volunteer at: <https://signup.com/go/ZeicYVs>



## **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PARENT SERVERS—Fundraising Service Hours**

This historic event cannot happen without the parent servers. Please see the sign up sheet where we encourage parents to serve by bringing in food, volunteering your time in an events room, and of course, shopping! <https://signup.com/go/HmQxTfF> or contact [bazaar.wcs@gmail.com](mailto:bazaar.wcs@gmail.com) for more information.



### **FUNDRAISING DINNER COMMITTEE: April/May, 2025**

Parents, we are excited to announce that we are bringing the Fundraising Dinner together with E2F to help support our Christian Education mission! We need to create a planning committee for E2F Fundraising Reception now. The event will take place in late April/May 2025. Joining this planning committee will contribute a significant amount of service hours for the school year.

Roles open: *Event Planner, Caterer Coordinator, Decoration Lead, Helpers Coordinator, Communication Lead, Child Care Lead, 2 MCs.* Contact [wcsfundraisingdinner@gmail.com](mailto:wcsfundraisingdinner@gmail.com) to sign up!