

# THE WEEKLY

Tuesday, October 15, 2024



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

Happy Thanksgiving, all! As I write the Weekly today, it is actually Thanksgiving Monday. I am thinking back to last Wednesday when Mrs. Wells led us in our Wednesday Worship on the topic of Thanksgiving. Using the letters, "GIVE THANKS," every grade – student and staff— wrote down the things for which they are thankful. You will find, "Bubble Tea, books, family, friends, dog, technology, my wife, food and hope" just to name a few. Thank you, Lord!

Last Wednesday, after Worship, about a dozen parents came for a cup of coffee / glass of water and cookies. As we sat in the kitchen, it felt very "family-ish" to sit around and chat about what we love about WCS. As I took mental notes, it was clear to me that a strong sense of community was a prevalent response. The fact that students and families feel cared for and known at WCS is a profound blessing, one that we cannot take for granted. Thank you, Lord!

I would like to take the time to thank the staff at WCS who work hard to care for, invest, nurture and guide the students in our classrooms, the hallways, the gym and the playground. In my very short time here, I have already witnessed the commitment, creativity and care that go into teaching your children. As a solid team who love the Lord and love your kids, I am thankful for their hard work, their sense of humour, and their dedication to provide thoughtful, Christ-centered education. I want to give a shout out and thanks to Ms. Maldonado, Mrs. Diolanda, Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Lee, Mr. Wong, Miss Ross, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nancekievill, Mr. Eyre, Ms. Chow, Mrs. Leung, Mrs. Gillespie, Ms. Wiseman, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Santiago. Without the help of especially Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Santiago, Mrs. Miles -- and a huge thank you to Mrs. Sal-lows -- I know that I would be in a very different situation. Many thanks to each of them as they continue to work with hands and heart to serve our God and Saviour. Thank you, Lord!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Oct/15	8:00 pm	Parent Prayer Meeting (Via Zoom)	Zoom Link will be sent
Wed/Oct/16	8:40-9:00am	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	All Welcome. See you in the gym!
Wed/Oct/16	3:45 pm	Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Registration Form Attached
Fri/Oct/18	LUNCH	PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered.
Mon/Oct/21	—	PHOTO ORDER DUE	Follow directions on proof.
Tue/Oct/29	—	CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT	Go WCS go!
Wed/Oct/30	AM	GRADE 7 & 8 TRIP TO TDCH	With Mrs. Chow

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

**Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - [office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)**

# **PRAYER @ WCS**

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

- Wednesday Worship ~ Armour of God: God's Power will be led by Mrs. Nancekievill
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Schuurman (Principal)
- New Families of the Week: *Kuo Wei and Betty (Serah, Gr. 1), Sang Moon and Hyemin (Onyu, Gr. 1), Giselle (Andres, Gr. 1)*
- 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**

### **WCS SPELL-A-THON: November 1st, 2024**

We're excited to announce that the WCS will be hosting its first Spell-a-thon Fundraiser! This year, we are fundraising \$50 per student, replacing the chocolate sales. This fundraiser will cover the cost of transportation for school field trips/activities. More details to come home with your child.

**MILK & POPCORN SALE** has started! Milk (Chocolate/White) is available to purchase at the beginning of lunch each day. Various flavoured popcorn packages are also available to purchase in classrooms through the homeroom teacher. It is **\$12 for 10 tickets or \$1.25 purchase per item**. We ask that the students bring in cash or a cheque. E-transfers are **not** accepted for this program.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MARKET VENDORS**

We're looking for local artisans, crafters, and small businesses to bring holiday cheer and delightful products to our community. Know any small businesses and artisan that would be interested? Vendor Fee is \$45 for WCS families before insurance or \$55 for non-WCS. Please contact [bazaar.wcs@gmail.com](mailto:bazaar.wcs@gmail.com) for more information.



### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - PRE-ORDERS FORM**

This year, we're thrilled to offer a wonderful selection of treats and holiday items, including Dutch traditions such as gouda cheese, Dutch croquettes and Bitterballen, and chocolate letters. For festive items, we're offering red poinsettia, gingerbread cookies, and **\*NEW\*** this year, Krispy Kreme Donuts. [Pre-order](#) before Fri, Oct 25th to reserve your items.

## **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACH: October 29-November 20**

We are seeking a parent to help form and coach the girls volleyball team for 2024. Inquire within: ([office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org))

### **SATURDAY SERVICE DAY: Saturday, November 2, 9:30am-12:30pm**

The school is asking for **6-8 parent volunteers** to help beautify the school! We are asking a few parents to help with tasks such as evening out the sand on the playscape area, landscaping the green areas in front of the school, and to help clean and sort out the storages we have inside the school. If you are available to help, please let the school know ([office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org))

### **FUNDRAISING DINNER COMMITTEE: late April, 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 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!