

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 21, 2024



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

Welcome to a new week! We establish good habits and put forward our best efforts to get off on the right foot. Our habits help create a good WCS culture.

There are a few habits that we could do better going forward. We appreciate your hard work in these areas as we work together, home and school.

The first one is being punctual. There are a number of reasons that coming to school on time is a challenge, especially living in the GTA. The roads and traffic will get worse as the winter approaches, slowing us down even more so. However, leaving earlier and anticipating whatever obstacles may get in the way, will give your family more time to arrive sooner rather than later. Related to this topic is early departure. Please let the office and the teacher know via email if your child needs to leave early from school. When we arrive/leave on time, then there are less interruptions in the classroom and teachers are not unnecessarily adjusting when late-comers enter and student learning is not impeded. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, in advance. It means a lot.

The second habit we can improve is our adherence to the dress code. Please ensure that students wear solid (i.e. no patterns or pictures or large logo) taupe, blue, black or green pants or skirts/dresses and collared shirts, also solid colours. For more details, please refer to the Parent Handbook [Willowdale Christian School](#).

Last but certainly not least, is our attention to homework and upcoming events. The teachers and office staff work hard to prepare the students for the week ahead. Please work with your children to continue fostering good habits of tracking their homework and events then writing in their agenda so that they know what to do at home in preparation for the next day(s).

As teachers, we are trying to improve our own “habits of teaching.” We also have routines and patterns to nurture. Please pray for us as we participate at the teachers’ convention which is the annual Edvance gathering on Thursday, October 24 to Friday, October 25. This is both a time of inspiration and learning of good Christian teaching. Thank you for praying with and for the students and teachers. We are in this together, giving our Father in heaven all praise and honour.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Oct/21	—	ONLINE PHOTO ORDER DUE	<a href="#">Please refer to photo proof</a>
Tue/Oct/22	8:00 pm	Parent Prayer Meeting (Via Zoom)	Zoom Link will be sent
Wed/Oct/23	8:40-9:00am	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	All Welcome. See you in the gym!
Wed/Oct/23	LUNCH	PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Oct/23	3:45 pm	Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Registration Form Attached
Thurs/Oct/24—Fri/Oct/25		P.D. DAYS	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
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: Stand Firm will be led by Ms. Maldonado
- Staff of the Week: Mrs. Wells (Vice Principal & Student Support)
- New Families of the Week: *Tianhong and Lisette (Luna, Gr. 2), Matthijs and Brenda (Lydia, Gr. 2), Gunwoo and Shirley (Sidney, Gr. 4)*,
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) [wcpayerbox@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.

### **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.



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

We are thrilled to introduce our very first Art Camp hosted by Artnection happening on Nov 8th from 9-4pm! This is an amazing opportunity for students to explore their creativity, learn new artistic skills. Perfect for students between 4-10 and all skill levels. Students will be creating 2-3 projects using mixed media based on the **ARMOR OF GOD** theme. Spaces are limited, so be sure to [register](#) your child by Fri, Nov 1 to secure your spot.

## **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)

### **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.

### **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: 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.