

THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 28, 2024



Grateful Thoughts from our Principal ...

Welcome back after a “long weekend!” For some of you, last Thursday and Friday may have been spent doing something special or different. For some, maybe it was having a couple days to enjoy downtime at home and not rushing to get to school. For teachers, it was the Edvance Gathering at Redeemer University in Ancaster, as noted in our last “Weekly.”

This two-day convention of approximately 1400 Christian educators was a memorable time of gathering together. We started the convention with devotions – prayer, music and God’s Word. What a time of encouragement and deep blessing! Throughout the day, we heard presentations from speakers from Edvance, our umbrella organization, as well from Jon Eckert from Baylor University and Christina Crook who spoke on the convention’s theme, “Pursuing Joy.” We dispersed into workshops such as the “Peer Support Network” where presenters led smaller groups to share ideas and facilitate helpful grade-specific discussions. All in all, there were a few nuggets of philosophical and/or practical wisdom that everyone could take home with them.

Thank you for praying for us as the WCS staff. One of my personal highlights from the convention is the unique opportunity to spend time together as staff. We ate together, learned from and about each other, discussed, laughed, even played games and enjoyed each other’s company. When we can grow as a team, we become more and more interdependent, knowing that we are working in a community of care as Christ-followers. The WCS community is stronger as we all – staff, students and parents – work together, relying on each other for strength, kindness, advice and sometimes just a listening ear. Let us all continue doing this for each other as we increasingly grow in the One who loved us first.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Oct/29	—	CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT	Go WCS go!
Wed/Oct/30	AM	GRADE 7 & 8 TRIP TO TDCH	With Mrs. Chow
Fri/Nov/01	AM	SPELLING BEE FINAL	All welcome to attend
Fri/Nov/01	LUNCH	PIZZA DAY	For those that have ordered.
Sat/Nov/02	9:30-12:30	SERVING SATURDAY @WCS	Thank you parents!
Tue/Nov/05	—	PHOTO RETAKE DAY	DRESS CODE ONLY.
Fri/Nov/08	—	P.A. Day	NO SCHOOL!

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

Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - 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. Santiago (Office Administrator)
- New Families of the Week: *Larry and Julia (Claire & Laurence, Gr. 5), Sangmin and Joo Yun (Jiho, Gr. 2. & Eunho, Gr. 5), Andrew and Aimee (Elias, Gr. 6)*
- Contact Person ~ Claudia & Cissy (WCS Parents) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com.
- *Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.*

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WCS SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER FINALS: Friday, November 1

The Spelling Bee battle will take place this Friday, November 1 from 9:00-9:45 in the gym. It will be a dress down day. As a way for everyone to participate during the battle, students are invited to choose a colour to wear and then cheer for that team. There will be four teams and the colours representing each team are red, blue, green and yellow. Please choose one and wear something of that colour to school on Friday. We are looking forward to a fun event!

PHOTO RETAKE: Tuesday, November 5

We ask that families that wish to have their child/ren to 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

We are thrilled to introduce our very first Art Camp hosted by Artnexion 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 ages 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 *THIS* Friday, Nov 1 to secure your spot.

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 for more information.

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

The school is asking for **4 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 play-scape 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)



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 to sign up!