

# THE WEEKLY

Monday, October 7, 2024



## *(Too) Many Thoughts from our Principal ...*

Hello WCS!

It is a new week ahead and we are so thankful for our God who is constant, loving and faithful. We have the privilege of joining together in this school building with which the Lord has blessed us, day after day, year after year. Moreover, our WCS community of families and staff, is a deep blessing that our Father provides. We are so grateful. This is something to reflect upon as we celebrate Thanksgiving at this Wednesday Worship as well as next Monday.

Last Wednesday Worship, we had an opportunity to talk about our school, the hospitality we offer each other and the culture that we want to establish here at WCS.

***Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:8-9)***

We have been talking about love and hospitality, but what are practical examples that we can keep in mind? Here are five points:

1. Stop and say, "Hello," or "How are you doing?" and listen for an answer.
2. Look at people in the eyes when possible, or wave or offer a warm greeting.
3. Say, "Please," and "Thank you," and "Pardon me?" if you don't hear someone well.
4. Hold the door for others. Let others go first. Think of others before thinking of yourself.
5. Invite others to join you in a game or a discussion, and don't get angry when playing a game.

As students and adults, we can all benefit from remembering how God loves us first and how He wants us to treat others. This is what we call a hospitable and caring culture that we want to continue creating here at WCS.

One of the important groups of people (because there are many!) who also continue to create culture at WCS is our Board. There are ten members who are parents or former parents of the school. They spend hours and hours and hours working, discussing, brainstorming ideas and praying for WCS, particularly as it relates to guiding the school and growing together. You will notice that in this Weekly, they are starting to provide a consistent and brief update on what is happening. We have two membership meetings for a fuller report on the school, one in the fall and one in the spring. So please keep your eye out for these important events and plan to attend.

One quick invitation that I would like to extend is a cup of coffee (or water) that we could share together, here at the school after our Wednesday Worship this week, October 9th. It is a small way to learn more and more about each other, which I really have appreciated about WCS in my short time here already.

Lastly, please keep praying for the school – the students and staff, the events and the building, the interactions and especially the transformation of our hearts and minds to love God and each other deeply. Thank you, Lord, for loving us more than we can ever imagine!

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# **PRAYER @ WCS**

## **Weekly Parents Prayer Zoom Meeting: Tue/Oct/8 @ 8:00 pm**

- Wednesday Worship ~ Thanksgiving worship will be led by Mrs. Wells
- Staff of the Week: Mme. Wiseman (French & Student Support Services)
- New Families of the Week: *David & Elita (Noah, Gr.1); Robin and Dorcas (Avery, Gr.1); Bumsu & Yoori (Joy, 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**



### **BACKWARDS DAY: Friday, October 11th**

Students are encouraged to come to school wearing their clothes backwards (while still being comfortable and allowing movement)! Students are welcome to wear their clothes *inside out* as well! School attire is not required – DRESS DOWN DAY! We will have fun and attempt to do many things backwards.

### **BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT: Tuesday, October 1**

Congratulations to the Boys & Girls soccer team for all their efforts in participating in the tournament. It was a fun day of fellowship, being active, and supportive as a school team.

### **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 aiming to raise \$100 per family, replacing the chocolate sales. This fundraiser will cover the cost of transportation for school field trips. 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.

### **WCS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MARKET VENDORS: Saturday, November 16**

We're looking for local artisans, crafters, and small businesses to bring holiday cheer and delightful products to our community. 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) if you're interested.



### **GROCERY GIFT CARDS – Year Long Fundraiser**

Fundraising is very important to help defray the tuition costs for all WCS families. A practical way to support the school in this initiative is to purchase Grocery Gift Cards from the office. These cards can be used at **Valu-Mart, Loblaw, No Frills, etc.** For each dollar that we sell, we receive 5% back. Annually we hope to raise \$8,000 - \$10,000. Gift Cards are available at the office year round ([office@willowdalechristianschool.org](mailto:office@willowdalechristianschool.org)).

# 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))

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR GINGERBREAD BAKERS**

Whether you're a master baker or just love getting your hands doughy, we'd love to have you on our team! Join us as we mix, bake, and decorate gingerbread cookies for Christmas Bazaar. We're looking for 2 parent volunteers to help with preparing the dough and 15 volunteers to help with baking and decorating gingerbread cookies. If you're able to help, please contact Nancy ([nancyxi188@gmail.com](mailto:nancyxi188@gmail.com)).

## **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!

# WCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## **What did the Board discuss this month?**

- considering increasing the fees for external renters who rent the school on evenings and weekends
- the E2F monthly progress report will be expanded with project milestones and a financial report
- we are gathering quotes for repaving of the south parking lot/asphalt

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# WCS CALENDAR

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Oct/08	8:00 pm	Parent Prayer Meeting (Via Zoom)	Zoom Link will be sent
Wed/Oct/10	8:40-9:00am	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	All Welcome. See you in the gym!
Wed/Oct/10	LUNCH	PASTA DAY	For those that have ordered.
Wed/Oct/10	3:45 pm	Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Registration Form Attached
Fri/Oct/11	—	BACKWARDS DAY	DRESS DOWN DAY
Mon/Oct/14	—	THANKSGIVING	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>