

THE WEEKLY

Monday, September 30, 2024



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

Today is Orange Shirt Day, also known as Truth and Reconciliation Day. It is a sad day in many ways, as we commemorate the legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada for over a hundred years. You and your family can talk together about this day and perhaps you can Google the many resources that provide an overview and details about this tough part about our country's history. We cannot turn a blind eye to the injustices that have taken place. It grieves our Father who knows the pains and losses of Indigenous brothers and sisters - those who survived to experience the absence of loved ones and those who passed.

As a way of remembering, WCS is wearing orange and tying orange ribbons on our fence, as has been our practice for the last few years. Different this year is that we are tying a ribbon along the fence in a heart shape. In our morning announcements, we heard about the Orange Shirt Story where Phyllis Webstad, a survivor from the Indian Residential Schools, told her experience. When she wore her new orange shirt for the first day at residential school, it was immediately taken from her by school staff.

Some of you wore orange today. Some may have forgotten. (I almost forgot to wear my orange shirt today. Mrs. Santiago even bought me an orange shirt to make sure I was covered!) Please take time to talk about the day with your family. Think about how we can treat each other with kindness and that sometimes we need to seek forgiveness and be willing to apologize. The best part is that our God is merciful and kind, forgiving and loving. Let us do our best to love Him and others.

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Mon/Sep/30	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)
Tue/Oct/01	OFF SITE	Girls & Boys (Gr. 6-8) Soccer Tournament	Go WCS!
Tue/Oct/01	8:00 pm	Parent Prayer Meeting (Via Zoom)	Zoom Link will be sent
Wed/Oct/02	8:40-9:00am	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	All Welcome. See you in the gym!
Wed/Oct/02	3:45 pm	Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Registration Form Attached
Thu/Oct/03	—	PHOTO DAY	DRESS CODE WEAR
Fri/Oct/04	LUNCH	PIZZA DAY	For those that have ordered.

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Mrs. Elisa Santiago (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
~ Mark 11:24*

Weekly Parents Prayer Zoom Meeting: Tue/Oct/01 @ 8:00 pm

- Wednesday Worship ~ Praise & Prayer led by Mrs. Schuurman
- Staff of the Week: Glen Eyre (G6) & Candace Chow (G7/8)
- New Families of the Week: *Carmelo and Jackie (Matthew in JK), Brian and Katherine (Evan, JK), Lucas and Natalie (Luke, JK)*
- 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

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT: Tuesday, October 1

Tomorrow the Boys and Girls Soccer have a tournament with other Christian schools in Halton. Please pray for safety and a great day of good competition for all.

PHOTO DAY: Thursday, October 3

Please have your child ready for their photo this Thursday. Dress code only. Re-take day is Tuesday, November 5.

WCS SPELL-A-THON: We're excited to announce that the WCS Spell-a-thon is on **November 1st, 2024!** 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. Thank you!

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 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, Loblaws, 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).

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

The school is asking for **8-10 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)

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).