

# THE WEEKLY

Wednesday, September 4, 2024



## *A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...*

Hello Willowdale Christian School! Welcome to all – new and returning families! We're so glad you're in this place and excited to kick off the new school year, 2024-2025! God has brought us together, and for this we are so grateful for His provisions.

Our morning assembly started at the beginning of the first day, gathering our Kindergarten students all the way to our Grade 7&8's. What a delight to see parents and community members in the gym as we sang songs together, prayed and introduced each grade and teacher!

We are especially thankful for the staff who are at WCS to teach your child. They are loving people who are skilled at what they do, serving God in their role as teacher. I am so thankful for each member of our staff including our VP, Music and French, Student Support Services, our Custodian and our "quarter back," the Office Administrator.

As mentioned at our Family BBQ last Wednesday, we welcome new staff and new families to WCS:

**New Staff:** teaching Gr. 2 is Ms. Yana Lee, Gr. 3 is Mr. Richard Wong, Gr. 4 is Miss Ross, Gr. 5 is Mrs. Nancekievill, Music is Mrs. Eugenie Leung and ESL is Mrs. Jackie Kim. Mr. Paulo Winterle sends his regrets and misses the school community greatly. His commute was too long as he found a job closer to his home.

**New Families:** David and Elita (Noah, Gr. 1), Jason and Robin (Bethany, Gr. 7), Gunwoo and Shriley (Sidney, Gr. 4), Robin and Dorcas (Avery, Gr. 1), Andrew and Aimee (Elias, Gr. 6), Matthijs and Brenda (Lydia, Gr. 2), Brian and Katherine (Evan, JK), Lucas and Natalie (Luke, JK), Kuo Wei and Betty (Serah, Gr. 1), Tianhong and Lisette (Luna, Gr. 2), Sang Moon and Hyemin (Onyu, Gr. 1), Agnes (Gloria, Gr. 7), Giselle (Andres, Gr. 1), Bernard and Susan (Jedidiah, Gr. 6), Carmelo and Jackie (Matthew in JK), Martin and Carol (Nathan, Gr. 6), Jonathan and Tammy (Micah, Gr. 6), Larry and Julia (Claire, Gr. 5), Sangmin and Joo Yun (Jiho, Gr. 2 & Eunho, Gr. 5), Bumsu and Yoori (Joy, Gr. 1), Sun Min and Young Eun (MinJae, Gr. 6), Sangeun and Yoongyung (Dahye, Gr. 6).

Last but certainly not least, I would like to introduce our theme for the year. We will be studying the **Armor of God**. May we know our compassionate and powerful God more and more this coming year.

***Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10***

May we glorify our God together in the year ahead.

Blessings to all of you from all of us at WCS!

Sincerely,  
Patty Schuurman

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Tue/Sep/17	7:30 pm	New Parents Meeting (Via Zoom)	Zoom Link will be sent
Wed/Sep/18	3:45 pm	1st Tae Kwon Do Lesson	Registration Form Attached
Mon/Sep/23	—	Professional Development Day for Staff	<b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Thu/Sep/26	Morning	TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)	More Information from Teachers
Fri/Sep/29	—	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Orange T-Shirt (Dress Down)

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

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# **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*

**Did you know that our school hosts a **Weekly Parents Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)?****

It will begin on Tue/Sep/17 @ 8:00 pm and will be held every Tuesday evening at that same time.

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**

**ABSENCES:** If your child will not be at school (due to illness, travel, etc.) or he/she will be arriving late, please email the office and respective teachers BEFORE 8:00 am EVERY DAY that your child is away (with the exception of travel dates).

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Your child will be marked LATE if they arrive after the 8:35 am bell has rung. They must check into the office before heading to class.

**MID-DAY APPOINTMENTS:** If your child needs to be off-site for an appointment during the day, email the office in the morning. Your child will wait outside the office. Please ring the front buzzer. Mrs. Santiago will open the door and you can pick up your child.

### **PARENTS COMING INTO THE SCHOOL**

**MORNINGS** - With the exception of Kindergarten students, we ask that parents drop off their child outside. For security purposes, we cannot permit parents to walk their child directly to their classroom. If your child is late, please allow them to enter the school on their own.

**END OF DAY PICK UP:** Kindergarten parents are to pick up their child from the Kindergarten door beside the principal's office. All other children are to be picked up at the NORTH GATE parking lot gate between **3:30 and 3:50**. The principal/staff will be at the gate to dismiss the student to the parent.

**PARKING:** PLEASE REMEMBER TO LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN YOUR CAR AND THE GATE WHEN PARKING so that everyone can walk along the gate. Do not park on the designated spots with the named sign. **DO NOT WALK BEHIND CARS.**

### **STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN A PARENT:**

It is required that all students leave the school property with their parent/guardian or via WCS school bus. If your child REGULARLY (on a weekly basis) is picked up by another adult, please inform the office of the alternate pick-up person(s) name(s).

If your child plans to leave the property with another adult (i.e. birthday party, playdate, etc.) you MUST inform the office PRIOR TO 2:00 pm on that particular day.

**STUDENT LEAVING SCHOOL PROPERTY ON THEIR OWN:** Must fill out the Unsupervised Dismissal Permission Form. This form can be picked up at the office.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** Runs from 3:30-6pm. School doors are locked and we ask that the parent enters through the gym doors.

**SNACKS & LUNCHES:** Please remember that WCS is a nut-free environment so any food with even traces of nuts is not to be brought to school at any time. Please also be mindful of the environment by striving towards waste-free lunches by making use of reusable containers or at least those which can be recycled.

**SCHOOL DRESS CODE:** Please be sure that your child wears the proper clothing as set out in the school's Dress Code document. We appreciate your compliance. This school is a mask safe zone for all that choose to wear a mask.