

THE WEEKLY

Monday, September 9, 2024



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

A huge, "THANK YOU!" for the warm welcome that I have received in the first week of school as well as the Family BBQ. Even as I look back on the summer and stepped into the school building in early August, I remember being met by Mrs. Sallows, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Santiago and Mrs. Griffieon. What a delight to be welcomed by these wonderful and helpful people! I have been cared for by the WCS Board who are intentional to ensure a smooth transition to the school community and activities. As mentioned earlier, Krystal Plaxton and Maria Stuart, Eli and Zoe have helped produce a fantastic welcome video with the professional work of Serge Velbovets. Last, but certainly not least are you, parents and students, who have kindly greeted me in person and in emails, making me feel right at home, right away! I am learning names as best and as fast as I can, so I apologize for asking for the 16th time for your name, but I will get there!

Hospitality is a gift. We read about it in Romans 12:9-13: "Love must be sincere...share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." I love a cup of coffee together with people or enjoying a meal with others (so many good restaurants in the area!). While I have been the recipient of your warm hospitality, I have also noticed how intentional the WCS community has been to get to know our new staff and new families who are joining the school for the first time. We have a loving and skilled staff who provide a beautiful place of learning to your children. New families, know that you are among God's family, extending kindness and care as we together learn more about Him, His world and the ways we can serve our Lord and Saviour. May we, as a united body of God's children, seek to grow in love and in service as we begin the 2024-2025 school year. Here we go!

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Wed/Sep/11	8:40-9:00am	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	All Welcome. See you in the gym!
Fri/Sep/13	—	INFORMATION SHEET DUE	CLICK HERE
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	NO SCHOOL!
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)
Tue/Oct/1	OFF SITE	Girls & Boys (Gr. 6-8) Soccer Tournament	Parent Drivers Needed!

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

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*

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.
Please feel free to email your prayer requests throughout the year.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

INFORMATION SHEET: MANDATORY. This information is mandatory for the school to have to function as a Registered Ontario Private School.

Please see the link and complete by this FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13. Thank you in advance.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKiqMULHleCS0h7gaL-Z2WPHfHRFV4edmpczS5QfpY7hSsQw/viewform>

HOT LUNCH: Please see the attachment for information for the WCS Lunch program September-December, 2024.

E2F LUNCH: Information is to come later this fall.

GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: Will be held today, Monday, September 9 AND Wednesday, September 11 from 3:45-4:45pm.

BOYS SOCCER PRACTICE: Will be held Wednesday, September 11 AND Thursday, September 12 from 3:45-4:30pm.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP-OFF: Thank you for being careful in the parking lot. Just a reminder to park with some space between the fence and your vehicle so that people walk safely along the fence and not behind the cars. Kindergarten parents may bring their child through the back door. All other parents, we ask that drop off be at the gate or front entrance (if late) so that your child(ren) can enter the building on their own. Thank you so much, in advance.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP: Just a reminder that the reserved spots are only for the names on the red sign. Parents pay for these spots at the yearly fundraising dinner, so please respect the signs.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PICK-UP: After-school care students are to be picked up from the gym doors (by the play-scape) at the back of the school. Parents must sign their children out. A reminder that billing starts at 3:30, even if you were late in picking up your children. Billing is rounded to the quarter hour. Please ask Zoe if you need help.

PHONES AND STUDENTS: Students must have cell phones stowed away in their bag while at school. They may not respond to messages or phone parents without asking for permission from the teacher. Any phone calls to parents will be made from a school line (unless teacher permission is given to use personal cells) and be started with a staff member on the phone first.

<https://www.willowdalechristianschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-25-Parent-Handbook-for-WCS-Families.pdf>

Policy Reminder from Finance/Bookkeeping :

A completed reimbursement form with attached original receipts or printed digital receipts is required for all reimbursements. Receipts must contain the name of the store, date and time, description of item, cost of item and HST paid along with the total. The completed form can be dropped off at the office for passing on to Patty (or Ron Tiemens - Treasurer) for approval.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR



TERRY FOX RUN (Dress Down Day)

The WCS Terry Fox Run will be taking place on Thursday, September 26 this year. Students will be coming home with pledge sheets this week. Donations can also be made online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/WillowdaleChristianSchlNorthYork>.

We'd love to have some parent volunteers to help us out. Please contact Miss Ross (ross@willowdalechristianschool.org) if you're interested.

We've all been impacted by cancer and we can all be part of finding a cure!