



Christ the King Elementary School

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Dear CKES families,

Advent is a special time of yearning, hope, and joy as we await the coming of our Savior. It's a time to be open to God's revelations, to recognize God with us, in Jesus, our Emmanuel. It is meant to be a peace-filled and joyous time, a time we set apart – to wait, listen, be silent, pray, and rejoice.

Advent Prayer

Be with us through this season of waiting, O Lord.

Allow us to pass through the gaudy

Holiday dazzle unspoiled so that we may find the wonderful simplicity of your entrance into our world.

Though bells ring and lights flash,

Let us always recall that it was a star

And the waking of shepherds

That proclaimed your presence.

Let us find you still in the gentle things of life-

Good friends, little children, shared meals.

Be with us,

Lord, Jesus Christ, through this Advent season.

Christmas Celebration: "A Gift to the World"

CKES has a wonderfully rich tradition of celebrating the birth of Jesus through an entertaining Christmas Celebration. This year, we have needed to re-think how we will maintain this tradition in our current Covid context. We are excited about our new plan and hope our families will join us in the celebration in a unique way!

On Thursday, Dec. 17, students will perform in a Christmas variety show featuring music, dance, poetry, and drama. This show will be video-taped and live-streamed to a Facebook Event page. Our CKES community will be emailed the link earlier that week. The Facebook page will be made available over the holidays, so families can tune in to watch the celebration at their convenience. Families may also forward the link to family and friends. For privacy reasons, no students will be named, but there will be a program listing performances by grade. Families are encouraged to make the evening of Dec. 17 a Christmas Celebration evening by watching it from the comfort of their own homes!

We hope you will enjoy this gift – we are honoured to tell the beautiful story of Jesus' birth and hope the celebration fills everyone with a sense of awe and joy this season.

Drop-off Safety Concerns

PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF AT THE GRADE 2/3 OR 4/5 SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. This driveway is not on school property. The driveway was plowed after our last large snowfall by mistake – we have asked that it not be plowed in the future. It is not meant to be used by the school staff or parents. Currently, it is very unsafe for students who are playing in that area in the mornings, and very difficult for supervisors to watch for cars and students.

Instead, please drop students off on the sidewalk of Nisultin Drive between the driveway and the school bus lane. Students can walk along the sidewalk to the school entrance and then to their proper entryways.

FYI, parking and drop-off upgrades are planned for CKES this summer. We very much look forward to having more efficient and accessible parking at CKES in the future!

Operational Plan Updates

As you know, masks are now mandatory for all staff and students grades 4 and up in any public spaces within our school. Exemptions may be made for students with severe medical concerns. Please inform your child's teacher if this exemption applies.

An updated operational plan was posted to our school website last week. The plan will continue to be updated this month and will need school council and CMOH approval by the holidays. I will let everyone know when the final plan has been posted.

School Photos

School photos arrived at school and have been sent home. If you ordered a printed package and/or class photo, please check your child's backpack this week! Class collages will not be available until January. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding school photos, please contact Starflower Photography directly at (867) 322-2386 or starflowerphotos@gmail.com

Important Dates for December and January

- Dec. 8 – Posada @ 8:45
- Dec. 16 – Dress rehearsal for the Christmas Celebration
- Dec. 17 – Christmas Celebration video-taping @ 1:00
- **Dec. 14 – 18 Christmas Spirit Week:**
 - “Winter Wonder Monday” – wear a hat, winter sports gear, etc.
 - “Tickled Toes Tuesday” – wear Christmas-themed socks or booties
 - “Santa’s Workshop Wednesday” – wear clothing associated with Santa – a Christmas sweater, reindeer antlers, elf ears, Santa hat, etc.
 - “Theatrical Thursday” – dress up nicely for the Christmas Celebration!
 - “Fun Friday” – Pajama day!
** Wearing red or green or something festive is also welcome each day!
- Dec. 18 – last day of school before the holidays

- Jan. 4 – Return to school!

Here is the link to our school calendars on our website:

Monthly: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/monthly-calendar.html>

Yearly: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/yearly-calendar.html>

Gratitude

- So much gratitude, for so many - each and every staff member has gone above and beyond this year to make our school a safe, happy, and healthy space for children to learn and grow.
- For our coaches and parents who supported our students at sporting events – you are a treasure!
- For our students who remain resilient and helpful and eager to learn with us.
- For Father Szwagrzk for spending time with our classes each week.
- For Mrs. MacDonald for her work putting together our new Christmas Celebration!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

Sincerely,

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“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” - St. Francis of Assisi