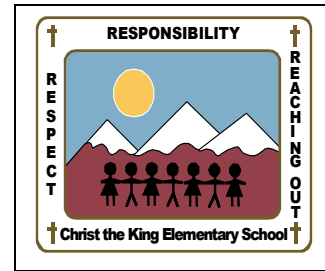


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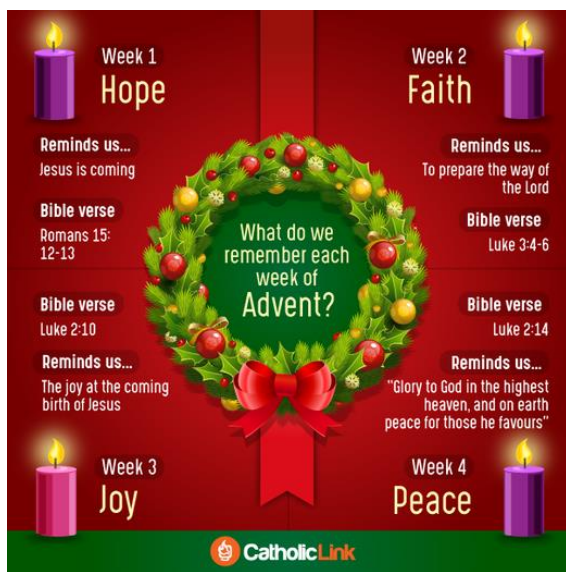
Unän tä Tlaj zhra (shortest day month in Southern Tutchone)

We are blessed to live, work, pray and play on the traditional territories of the Kwalin Dun First Nation and the Ta'an Kwach an Council.



Dear Christ the King students and families,

Please join us in celebrating the hopeful season of Advent!



Dear Heavenly Father, this Advent season, we especially are in need of peace. War rages on in our world. It impacts the daily lives of millions in different ways. This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus, Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts. During Advent in 2023, we pray that Jesus transforms our world as we await His coming again. Amen.

Christmas Celebration!

You are all invited to attend our Christmas Celebration on **December 19, 2023**. There will be two shows: at **1:30** and at **6:30**. **PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THE AFTERNOON SHOW**. Our gym does not have enough seating for everyone to attend at the same time. We must follow fire regulations, so **we implore families to attend in the afternoon if at all possible**. Also, please stay for the entire show; leaving early is distracting and not respectful of the rest of our students' efforts.

- Students are expected to perform in both shows. They can be dropped off at 6:00 (when the doors open) for the evening show.
- Please send students to their classrooms to await the start of the show. Afterwards, meet students in their classrooms and exit through the nearest doors.
- PLEASE stay home if sick

Club Day on Friday, December 8th

In previous years, students have expressed a desire to have more club options to have time with other students and staff who share similar interests. Unfortunately, our supervision schedule at recess times does not allow staff to offer clubs each week. This year, we are trying a new idea: **On Friday afternoon, all students will be invited to participate in a club activity from 1:30 – 2:30.** Teachers will be running clubs in their classrooms and students may join which ever club they would like to try. Teachers will be preparing students with the options and expectations. We hope to help students feel a sense of belonging to CKES as they build relationships with peers and staff.

Christmas Theme Days

Monday, December 12- Wednesday, December 20 will be filled with Christmas spirit! During this time, students are asked to dress with a different theme each day. Please see the attached letter that describes what each day will be. If a specific theme is not possible, red and green is always a welcome back-up plan!

Progress Reports and Student Self-Assessment of Core Competencies

These documents will be sent home in student backpacks on Dec. 8. Student support plans and individual education plans will also go home on this day. Families are asked to carefully read how their students are doing in all subject areas. Proficiency scores will be provided for the learning standards taught this term, as well as individual comments for literacy and numeracy. Students will also complete a self-assessment, so their voices are heard in the reporting process. We are very pleased with the learning all students have done this term!

Cold Weather Policy

All students are expected to be outside for recesses and before and after school except on days when there are extreme weather conditions (-30 degrees Celsius including wind chill). Please remind children to dress appropriately for Yukon winters (coat, snow pants, boots, hats, mitts, and buffs/scarves) so that they can enjoy the time outdoors.

Winter Season is Here!

Please label children's outdoor clothing! Students are expected to have boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens here every day, so we will all need to keep track of these items. Labelling outdoor gear will be a huge help!

Important Dates for December:

Dec. 1 – Backwards theme day! Please dress with something on backwards today!

Dec. 6 – Posada at 9:00am

Dec. 8 – Club Day and progress reports will be sent home in backpacks!

Dec. 12 – 20 – Christmas Spirit Days!

Dec. 13 – Posada at 9:00am

Dec. 19 – Christmas Celebrations at 1:30pm and again at 6:30pm

Dec. 20 – Last day of school before Christmas holidays

January 8, 2024 – Students return to school!

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

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

Gratitude:

Posada – Thank you to Ms. Burns and other helpful staff for making this beautiful tradition come to life again this year at CKES.

Christmas Celebration – Thank you to Ms. Durham, Ms. Burns, and all other staff for their work in creating a lovely celebration to share with our community.

From the Ground Up – Thank you to Ms. Harper and Ms. Burns for organizing and to the staff who helped distribute the Hinterland Flour Mill goodies to families.

Grade 7 Basketball – Thanks to all the players for committing to the season of play and for representing our school! Thanks to Ms. Floyd and Mr. Billingsley for committing their time to these kids!

All Staff – Thank you for your conscientious work on the progress reports and educational plans!

Please Remember

1. We are a scent-free and a peanut free school – no scents nor peanut products are permitted.
2. To make attendance notices, please call the school at 667-3527 or send an email to christtheking@yukon.ca
3. To make school payments, you may send cash, cheque, or e-transfer to cke-fin@yukon.ca. If sending an e-transfer, please be explicit in the note section about the student name, homeroom, and purpose of the payment.
4. **The land on the south side of our school, near the grade 2/3, 4/5 doors, belongs to a local First Nation. It is not to be used for parking or the drop-off/pick-up of students. Please use our new parking lot for these purposes. ALSO, the drop-off spots in our parking lot loop are for quick drop-offs/pick-us only. Please do not park there for long periods of time.**

5. The [CEAY website](#) is a good place to find information regarding Catholic Education in the Yukon. Check it out!

Shàw níthän, (thank you in Southern Tutchone)

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