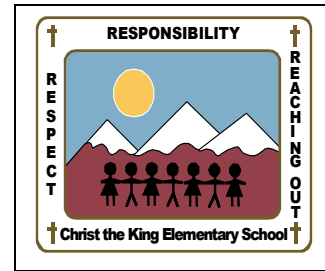


## December 2024 CKES Chronicle

### Welcome Unän täatlay zhra

Unän täatlay zhra means shortest day month in Southern Tutchone.

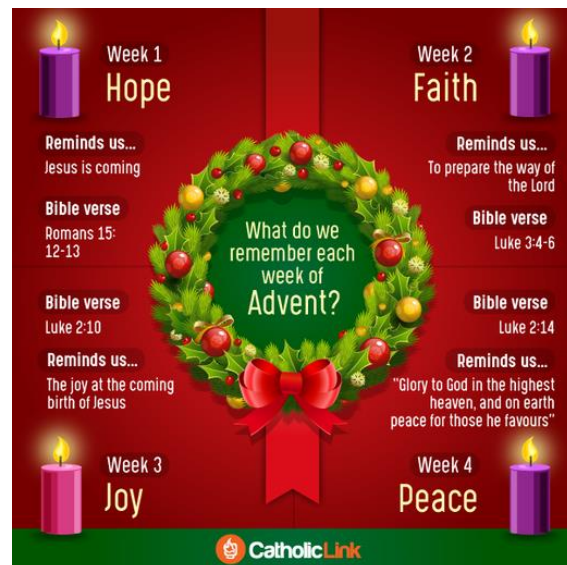


We are blessed to live, work, learn, pray, and play on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

Dear Christ the King students and families,

Please join us in celebrating the hopeful season of Advent!

*Heavenly Father, your son,  
Jesus, is your greatest gift to us,  
a great sign of your love.  
Guide us as we strive to  
walk in that love together as  
a family this Advent. As we  
prepare our hearts for  
Christmas, bring us closer to  
each other and to your son.  
Give us the grace and  
strength we need every day.  
Amen.*



### Parent Survey Closes Friday, Dec. 6

Thank you to all families who have already completed the survey! There are only a few more days remaining to have your voice heard. This is a valuable opportunity for us to hear your perspective on how things are going at CKES. We look forward to learning from the responses!

### South Side Parking Concerns

Families are **NOT** to use the driveway to the south of the school. This is not our land, and there have been significant safety concerns because it is not a maintained, formal

parking area. We recognize that it is convenient, but convenience does not make it right. Please make a plan to park or drop off/pick up students in an alternate location.

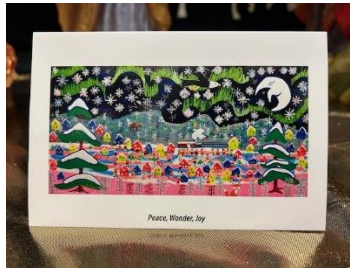
### **Christmas Celebration!**

You are all invited to attend our Christmas Celebration on **December 19, 2024**. 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

### **CKES Card Fundraiser**

School Council will be selling CKES Mural Cards in the foyer before and after our celebrations. Students from CKES painted this mural in 2022. There are 8 cards in a package, for \$20.00 per package. Proceeds will go towards school equipment needs.



### **Club Day on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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 16- Friday, 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. This is meant to be fun and NOT stressful. Students are welcome to wear regular clothing, as well.

## **Progress Reports and Student Self-Assessment of Core Competencies**

These documents will be sent home in student backpacks on Dec. 20. Student support 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!

## **Youth Advocate Office Review of SOGI Policy Implementation**

The Yukon Child and Youth Advocate Office (YCAO) is conducting a comprehensive review of the [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity \(SOGI\)](#) Policy for Yukon public schools at the request of the Minister of Education. The public engagement is happening until April 2025.

There are several ways to get involved:

1. Complete the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NJVNT2>.
2. Schedule a focus group with Paige Galette at [paige.galette@ycao.ca](mailto:paige.galette@ycao.ca)
3. Schedule an individual conversation with Anya Braeuner at 867 456 5577, [anya.braeuner@ycao.ca](mailto:anya.braeuner@ycao.ca)
4. Share about the review and encourage your staff, students, and family members to share their experiences.

Information is also attached to this email. Once the review is complete, the report will be tabled in the Legislature in the Fall of 2025.

## **Important Dates for December:**

Dec. 3 – Posada at 9:00am

Dec. 6 – Parent Survey closes!

Dec. 10 – Posada at 9:00am

Dec. 13 – Club Day Activities 1:30 – 2:30

Dec. 16 – 20 – Christmas Spirit Days!

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

Dec. 20 – Last day of school before Christmas holidays  
January 6, 2025 – Students return to school!

Here is the link to our school calendar on our website:  
<http://cke.yukonschools.ca/monthly-calendar.html>

**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](mailto:christtheking@yukon.ca)
3. To make school payments, you may send cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [cke-fin@yukon.ca](mailto: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. Finally, be sure to maintain open access for busses to enter our bus loop!**
5. The [CEAY website](#) is a good place to find information regarding Catholic Education in the Yukon. Check it out!

Shàw níhän, (thank you in Southern Tutchone)

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

Sincerely,

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867-667-3527

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