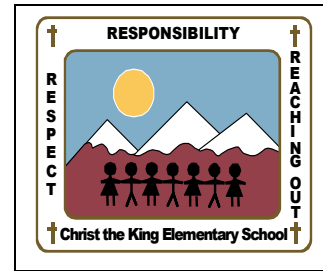


January 2025 CKES Chronicle

Welcome Kwäk' än zhra

We are now celebrating **Kwäk' än zhra (Northern lights-Aurora Borealis month)**. Let Kwäk' än light you in January!



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,

Happy Epiphany and Jubilee Year of Hope!

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us; That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen.



Christmas Concert Gratitude

Thank you to all the families and friends who attended and supported our Christmas celebration. We appreciate how well attended this celebration was and are thankful to the students and staff who worked hard to make it a beautiful celebration of our Lord's birth!

Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis has named 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope. Each month, CKES will participate in special events to pray and celebrate how we can be pilgrims of hope during this Jubilee Celebration, which takes place once every 25 years. May this year of hope allow God's mercy to be fully manifested to each one of us. Here is a link to more information from the Vatican: [Jubilee Year of Hope – Pope Francis](#)

Christian Unity Celebration with the Theme of Hope

Each January, the Catholic Church celebrates Christian Unity. CKES will be adapting this school-wide celebration to include our new focus of the Jubilee Year of Hope. On Friday, Jan. 24 at 1:15pm, the student council will lead the school in this celebration, to take place in the gym. Families are welcome to attend!

Parent/Family Survey Results

Thank you to all families who completed the survey. School staff and the CKES school council are taking time to view the reports and see how this information can inform our work. This is a valuable opportunity for us to listen to family perspectives. I can report that in general, the survey indicates families feel CKES is a wonderful school, doing many good things for our children and with a strong religious education program. It is very nice to have this affirmation. The report also includes suggestions for improvement in some areas. We are considering these ideas with the school council and through the school growth plan process. We deeply appreciate all this feedback and will share the efforts we put into place!

Important Dates for January:

Monday, January 20 – PD for all schools in Whitehorse. No school for students!

Friday, January 24 - Grade 5 Intensive French and Compressed English classes switch programs
+ Christian Unity Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration @ 1:15pm in the gym
+ Grade 5 progress reports / learning updates go home

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
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. 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 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