



June 2023 CKES Chronicle

Dear Christ the King students and families,

A Very Special Thank You

As we end another year, we extend a very special thank you to all of you for caring so much about your child(ren)'s learning. We appreciate your co-operation and encouragement. Your love and guidance at home, as well as your support for our school and our work, makes us truly blessed.

Thank you! This is our summer blessing for you:

Go with God

May the Lord be with you and guide your ways
around the circle of your days.

Go with God and know that the Spirit of Jesus
will be watching over you.

Go with God, with the gift of faith, that you might
see God's hand in all your work and play.

Go with God, with the gift of hope, that you might
know God's guidance, which is keeping you safe.

Go with God, with the gift of love, that you might
offer love and care to all you meet.

Go with God, with the gift of knowledge, that you might
remember all that you have learned and live it.

Go with God and, as you say goodbye to your classmates and
friends, especially those who are leaving, remember the joy of
laughter and play; give thanks for the good times you have shared.

Go with God on summer holidays with these words of Jesus in
Your hearts; "I will not leave you alone; I am with you always."

Amen

Fact Check from School Council

Please read the attached fact check,
which shares information about
current Church efforts towards truth
and reconciliation.

School Supply Lists and 23-24 School Calendar

Please check our school website for
school supply lists and the calendar
for 23-24. The website will be
updated by June 15.

We greatly appreciate families taking
the time to ensure students come
with all necessary supplies!

The first day of school for students
will be Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Staff Changes for 23-24:

CKES has three staff retiring on June 15th! With hearts of gratitude for their caring service to the children of CKES and a long career in education, we will be saying goodbye and best wishes to:

- Mrs. Blakesley (our Vice-Principal)
- Ms. Best (kindergarten teacher and religious education coordinator)
- Ms. Lee (Educational Assistant)

The following staff will also be taking leave for the 23-24 school year:

Mr. Hanscom (7A teacher) will be on deferred salary leave

Ms. Kelly (educational assistant) will be pursuing her education degree

Ms. Angelene Young (ELL teacher) will be returning to CKES in August.

Ms. Haines (current 6A teacher) will be a learning assistance teacher next year. Ms. Fraser (currently teaching 7A) will teach grade 6A next year.

All other new staff hires are still in process.

Grade 7 Farewell

We wish our grade 7 students all the best as they move on to the next adventure of secondary school! We will miss their enthusiasm, personalities, and energy next year!

Progressive Pride Flag for Pride Month

As part of an action plan after the Yukon Catholic Schools PD Day on May 1, the 3 Catholic schools are flying the Progressive Pride flag for the month of June.

At our PD Day, we had a keynote address from Fr. James Martin, an internationally renowned Catholic priest doing focused work in the space of 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion. Through gospel stories and his personal experience working in this field, he helped us understand the profound need for visible inclusion for this community in Catholic churches and schools. He reiterated research regarding young people who identify in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and who feel their school or church community don't accept or include them—this community is at significantly higher risk for serious mental health struggles, including depression and suicide ideation, connected directly to not seeing themselves reflected in their world.

Our Church's world leader, Pope Francis, has publicly thanked and applauded Father James Martin for this important work, along with the organization that Fr. Martin has helped to create, <https://outreach.faith/> The front-page article today is called "Can Catholics celebrate Pride Month? Yes, and here's why."



Additionally, educators spent part of the Catholic PD Day looking at policies and actions of other jurisdictions that have publicly funded Catholic schools (namely, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto). These districts are responding to the ever-growing research around outcomes for youth in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and these districts have decided that an impactful and excellent first step is flying the Pride flag during pride month. It is well documented that this visual act of solidarity is significant for this marginalized and at-risk community.

The designer of this revamped Pride flag (Daniel Quasar) intended the colors to represent the following: the colored stripes represented the gay and lesbian community, the light blue, pink and white stripes represent trans and non-binary individuals and the brown and black ones represent marginalized People of Colour (POC) communities. When organization fly this flag it is a statement of inclusion — “you are welcome in our space”.

The garden-style flag pole at the front will be used to show our solidarity with other important causes, for example we will be looking to fly a “Every Child Matters” message in September for Truth and Reconciliation month.

Important Dates in June:

June 2 – Talent Show at 1:30pm

June 13 – Grade 7 farewell mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00pm, followed by a social in the CYO Hall

June 15 – 1:45pm “Passing of the Light” ceremony in the gym in which the grade 7s pass on the light of leadership to the grade 6s.

2:30pm: Dance Party on front lawn! Everyone welcome!

2:45pm: School is out for summer! Final report cards will be sent home in student backpacks.

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

Lost and Found

We have a LARGE assortment of clothing in our lost and found. PLEASE find some time to pop into the school to have a look for anything that might belong to your child!



Please don't forget:

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. THIS INCLUDES PARKING ON THE SNOW/GRASS TO THE SOUTH OF THE BUS LOOP.
5. Here is the link to the Sacred Heart Parish, where the church bulletins are posted and special events can be found: <https://www.sacredheartcathedral.ca/>

Shàw níthàn,

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