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Dear CKES families,

Recent events in Canada have forced us to face the negative history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools. We must now walk together toward a stronger future of love and understanding. Here is a lovely prayer excerpt which came out of the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

Prayer of repentance and solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Come upon us, O Divine Healer and open our eyes – To the injustices brought against our Indigenous Peoples, their language and culture in Canada’s Indian Residential Schools. Give us repentant hearts – That ache with sorrow for their violence against First Nations families and their children. Give us determined hearts – That refuse to stand by when the dignity of our Indigenous brothers and sisters is trampled. Give us healing hearts – That beat with the drum of Jesus’ Gospel, to defend and honour our Indigenous neighbour, their language and way of life. Give us flaming hearts – That burn with love for you, who come to us ... in every human face ... in every language and culture ... in every gift of creation. Make us stewards – Of one another’s dignity, Of one another’s safety, Of one another’s lands, Of one another’s right to a cultural identity: ... as unique peoples, ... as gifts to the human family, ... as your beloved children.

We make this prayer in the power of your Most Holy Name. Amen

- T. Cosentino Renfrew County CDSB, 2017

**Please also see the attached Letter to the Faithful from Bishop Vila regarding his response to this event.**

**Congratulations to our Grade 7 Class of 2021!**

*May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.* – traditional Gaelic blessing



**Grade 7 Grad Mass**

We will host a Grade 7 Farewell Mass on the evening of June 10. Attendance is limited to our grade 7s, two family members, and school staff only.

**Passing of the Light Ceremony**

Every year, on the last day of school, the grade 7s pass on the light of leadership to our grade 6 class. This year, the ceremony will be very different. In order to allow for grade 6 and 7 families to participate, we will hold the ceremony in the front yard, outside the

school. The grade 6 students will receive a small potted flower as a symbol of new growth and possibilities for the future. Other classes will not be in attendance; they may be inside the school or playing in the back. **The ceremony will begin at 2:00pm.**  
**\*\* Families attending the ceremony are asked to bring their own camp chairs to sit in the front field in the sectioned area.**

### **CKES School Council Fundraiser for the Month of May!**

Students, with the help of Dominos Pizza staff, were able to raise \$2425.00 towards our weather station. Class 2A won a pizza lunch by selling the most booklets. Way to go, CKES!

### **Lost and Found Items**

The last week of school, we will place a table of lost and found items in our foyer. Please come have a look! We hope all items find a home before June 11!

### **Report Cards for June 11**

Reports will be available for viewing through our online information system on the afternoon of June 11. Please give us a call if you have any questions about accessing them. Our website has detailed instructions ... please follow this link to view them: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/aspden.html>. This page has the link for the Aspen webpage as well as instructions on how to navigate using both hand held or desktop/laptop devices.

### **See you on August 23!**

The first day of school for the 21-22 school year will be Monday, August 23. We will plan to start the school year with mask rules and "Stay Home When Sick" policies continuing, but with relaxed physical spacing requirements within class cohorts. Hopefully, our community will stay safe through the summer!

### **Gratitude**

- For the grace of God upon us to have had a successful school year, in the midst of a global pandemic!
- For all of our staff who gave much of themselves this year to make things work
- For all of our students, who complied and tried their best to learn and live our motto of respect, responsibility, and reaching out
- For our families and community whose support has been felt and appreciated!

### **Dates of Note for May/June**

- June 10 – Grade 7 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- June 11 – last day of school; early dismissal at 2:45; Passing of the Light ceremony for grades 6 and 7 at 2:00pm
- June 11 – report cards available for viewing in Aspen (our digital student information system)

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***