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Dear CKES families,

Catholic Education Week is May 10-14

Please find attached a few resources to consider regarding Catholic Education Week. We have the gift of sharing Catholic education with our families – we get the privilege of openly discussing spirituality and helping students develop an informed conscience over time. Please take a moment or more next week to celebrate this gift with your families and consider the Catholic resources attached to this email: “The 5 Marks of a Catholic Education Student.”

Prayer Intentions for Catholic Education Week

- We pray for all educators, administrators and staff who dedicate themselves daily to authentic Catholic education
- We pray for all students, for their safety and their learning, that they may know the love of God
- We pray for all families, that they may grow in faith and unite in their prayers
- That our Catholic schools may show the love of God in the world
- That our Catholic schools may be blessed with courage and energy to continue to live out their invaluable role in our society
- That our Catholic schools may be inspired by the example of the many great saints who have gone before them and who intercede for them
- That our Catholic schools may nurture the growth of wisdom and virtue in the young

CKES School Council Fundraiser for the Month of May!

Please see the attachment, “CKES Council Fundraiser Info Sheet” regarding a collaboration between CKES and **Domino’s Pizza**. Your support of this project will be very much appreciated!

A Reminder re: Cell Phone / Digital Device Use at School

Digital devices (including headphones and music players) are not allowed to be used on school property or on school trips. We appreciate family support of this rule.

Tentative Grade 7 Farewell Festivities

Graduation from grade 7 is a special event. It marks the end of a student's elementary school career and a launch into secondary school! It is important to mark such an event with rites of passage, and although we will need to adapt to Covid mitigations, we plan to return to our CKES traditions in this regard. Therefore, we are tentatively planning to host the following events:

- Grade 7 Farewell Mass on the evening of June 10 (grade 7 students and 2 family members, administration and grade 7 staff only)
- Passing of the Light ceremony for grade 6 and 7 students on June 11 at 2:00pm – held outside

More detailed information will go to grade 7 and 6 families as it becomes available to us. We appreciate your patience as we work with the CMOH office to finalize these events.

Report Cards for June 11

A letter will be going home next week, asking families to indicate if they would prefer a paper or digital end-of-year report card. It will also include instructions for accessing Aspen, our digital student information system. Please call the school if you need more clarification about these choices.

Finalized 2021-22 school calendar dates now available online

A complete list of school calendar dates for all Yukon schools is now available online for the 2021-22 school year. You can find school calendar dates for our school by visiting Yukon.ca/school-holiday-dates.

Some key dates have been updated following feedback from school administrators and school councils:

For Whitehorse schools:

- The first day of school is now Monday, August 23, 2021
- The last day of school is now Wednesday, June 15, 2022.
- Spring break dates are now Monday, March 7 to Friday, March 18, 2022

For all schools:

Christmas break dates are now Monday, December 20, 2021 to Monday, January 3, 2022

Gratitude

- For an informative and fun session with YFNED elders and knowledge keepers about trapping and hunting, on April 14
- For a very successful and yummy Kaska Cultural Day on April 28
- For our grade 1 teachers, who put together our New Life celebration on May 4
- For our grade 6 teachers, who facilitated a sports week of activities to replace the Polar Games activities that were cancelled due to Polar Games
- For our school council who have been working to support Catholic education and the daily work of our staff and students.
- For our families and students who continue to support and work with us each day

Dates of Note for May/June

- May/June will be full of fieldtrips as we attempt to capture the good weather Please ensure students are prepared ☺
- June 10 – tentatively Grade 7 Farewell Mass
- June 11 – last day of school; early dismissal at 2:45; Passing of the Light ceremony for grade 6 and 7
- 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