



October 8, 2021

Dear Christ the King students and families,

I find myself in disbelief that we are approaching Thanksgiving already! We have much to be thankful for, as we live and learn in this beautiful place.

### **Thankful**

*Good and gracious God,  
This time of year we think of all the things we should be thankful for.  
We take a moment today to give thanks for the blessings you have given us.  
Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains,  
the wondrous snowfalls, and the beautiful skies.  
May we always see the blessings in our lives and take time to appreciate them.  
Amen.*



### **Activity Fee of \$50.00 per student**

This one-time\* fee is intended to cover the costs of providing activities and materials throughout the school year such as:

- field trip fees
- busing fees

\*The \$50 activity fee does not include swimming lessons or skiing lessons.

Last year, we did not ask for this fee because many classes were not taking trips due to Covid. This year, we find ourselves back into the regular swing of things and need to make this request.

To make any school payments, you may send cash, a cheque made to CKES, 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 and purpose of the payment.

### **Youth on Fire Sacred Heart Youth Group**

Please see the attached information about this group. It is open to students in grades 5-8, every Friday from 6:30-8:30pm. Sessions are held either here in the CKES gym, or at the CYO Hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### **School Council News**

CKES Council would like to thank parents for sharing their questions and ideas around Truth and Reconciliation at the Open House. The attached document is a summary of "What We Heard". Council will now be considering next steps of what our school community can do to move forward in this journey.

If you have further thoughts to share or would like to get more involved, please email [ckescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ckescouncil@gmail.com).

### **School Photos**

School photos are scheduled for October 18 (primary students) and Oct. 19 (intermediate students). The photos will be taken by Star Flower Photography.

### **Halloween Festivities**

Classes will celebrate Halloween on Friday, Oct. 29. Students are welcome to dress up, but please no scary costumes or ones that take up a lot of space! Also, students are asked not to bring candy to school. We celebrate Halloween to demonstrate that we are not scared of death, knowing that we will be welcomed into Heaven when our time comes.

### **Mask Use in School**

Students are generally doing well with our mask wearing mandate. We appreciate the support from families about this! Please continue to supply your children with masks and remind them to always have at least one with them when they leave the house in the mornings. We find Mondays to be the biggest drain on our school's masks resources!

### **General FYIs:**

1. To make attendance notices, please call the school at 667-3527 or send an email to [christtheking@yukon.ca](mailto:christtheking@yukon.ca)
2. 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.** Use our new parking lot for these purposes.

### **Important Dates for October:**

Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day - Holiday
Oct. 18	School Photos for Primary Students
Oct. 19	School Photos for Intermediate Students
Oct. 22	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Oct. 25-29	Informal Reports to share student learning will be sent home via email or paper
Oct. 29	Halloween classroom celebrations

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

**Gratitude:**

We have gratitude for so many things ... special mention here will go to:

- Grade 2 classes for the lovely Thanksgiving Celebration on Oct. 5
- Volleyball coaches: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Berneche, and Robin Lee.
- Food Drive organizers: Mrs. Cooper, Madame Donald, Mr. Atwan, Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. den Ouden
- From the Ground Up fundraising organizers: Ms. Burns and Ms. Harper
- YFNED and FFL Food Service organization: Ms. Berube and Ms. Timmermans
- All staff who have been wonderfully flexible and professional these past weeks as we work through substitute teacher shortages and strive to make CKES a joyful place of learning
- All of our students and families for their support and commitment to education

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***