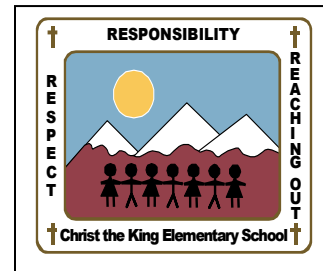


October 2024 CKES Chronicle

Män Tän zhra

(small lakes frozen month in Southern Tuchone)

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.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord of Gifts, from your holy heart has come a flood of gifts to us.

With uplifted hearts, we have gathered around this table to thank you with prayer and with the worship of feasting.

We are grateful not only for the gifts of life, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and forgiveness that we have shared.

On this feast of giving thanks, Lord God, we thank you for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality, by kindness to others, and by concern for each other.

We are most grateful for the way you, our hidden God, have become visible to us in one another, in your countless daily gifts, and in the marvels of creation.

Come, Lord of Gifts, bless our table and the food of this feast.

Let us thank the Lord, today and all days.

Amen

Here are some important news items for our families to know:

Communicating Student Learning Events

Informal reports will be sent home the week of Oct. 7-11 for grades K-4 and 6/7.

Families will see how well students are doing regarding behaviours for success. We will also share the curriculum areas of focus for literacy and numeracy. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Grade 5 students will receive a formal progress report in November due to the schedule of the Intensive French / Compressed English program.

Student Led Conferences on Thursday, Nov. 7 (evening) and all-day Friday, Nov. 8

The purpose of SLCs is for students to share their learning experiences with families. Taking ownership of their own learning journeys is an important way to instill

responsibility and agency. A separate email will go out to families the last week of October asking to schedule meeting times. There is no school for students on Nov. 8 – but students are expected to come to the school for their SLC appointment.

Catholic Education Week: Oct. 19 – 25th

All families are encouraged to celebrate Catholic Education Week! There will be a mass on the 20th at 10:30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by a “Beautiful Breakfast” in the CYO Hall. During the week, CKES classes will be doing activities to focus on why Catholic education is important to us. On [Thursday, Oct. 24](#), we are asked to wear **BLUE** in solidarity for Catholic Education. Please read the attached letter from Bishop Vila to understand the significance of this week.

School Photos

Please mark your calendars! Star Flower Photography will be here on [Oct. 23-25](#) to take school photos. Grades K-3 will be on the 23rd; grades 4-7 on the 24th and then any catch-up photos will happen on the 25th.

Whitehorse Food Drive

Grade 5 classes are helping with this initiative. Students will prepare and drop off bags to residences close to CKES. ALL students are encouraged to bring items to school for the food drive from now until Oct. 16! Canned and boxed healthy foods are always in need!

Halloween Celebrations

Halloween is always a fun event at school. Students are welcome to wear costumes to school on [Thursday, October 31](#), but weapons, full face masks, or anything too scary are not permitted. Please also leave candy at home. Classes will be having their own celebrations that day to build community spirit. As a Catholic school, we are celebrating All Hallow’s Eve, the day before the Feast of All Saints Day.

Pajama Day on Friday, Nov. 1 – All Saints Day

Knowing that the day after Halloween will be a slower day for students, we will embrace the mood and have a pajama-themed day for all. Please ensure pajamas are appropriate for school! A special prayer for All Saints Day will also be shared over the PA.

Fall and Winter Dressing

At CKES, students are expected to be outside for all recesses and before/after school unless the air temp. is -30C or below, including wind chill. This means rain, shine, or snow! Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

School Council

School council has meetings the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in our library. If you would like to connect with our council, please email: ckescouncil@gmail.com

Parish Connections:

Sacred Heart Cathedral Catechism Classes for 2024-2025

Registration is now open for **Sacramental Preparation** classes and the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** program. All classes start at the beginning of October and are held in the rectory. Registration forms are available in the entrance of the church, the parish office and on the website.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Grade 3 & 4 Students on Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The first class is October 7.

Confirmation

Grade 7, 8 & 9 Students on Sundays 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The first class is October 6.

Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

For children ages 3, 4 & 5 years old (kindergarten) on Saturdays 10:00 to 11:30 am. The first class is October 5.

Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

For children ages 6, 7, 8 & 9 (children must have participated in level 1) on Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:00 pm. The first class is October 2.

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-ups 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!

Important Dates for October:

- Oct. 2 "Magic Ben" French show for classes able to attend
- Oct. 4 Fire Drill just before the end of the day
- Oct. 5 World Teachers' Day
- Oct. 7 -11 Expect an informal report to come home with your child
- Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Celebration: Grade 2 will host a prayer service for all classes
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Holiday – no school
- Oct. 19 – 25 Catholic Education Week; Wear **BLUE** on Oct. 24th
- Oct. 23-25 School Photos
- Oct. 25 Grade 4 Bible Celebration
- Oct. 30 Korean Cultural Presentations for the whole school
- Oct. 31 Halloween celebrations

Here is the link to our school calendar on our website:

<http://cke.yukonschools.ca/monthly-calendar.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

Shàw níthän,

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