



September 10, 2021

Dear Christ the King students and families,

I have much information to share with you! Before we jump into all of that, please pause and reflect on this beautiful prayer:

God of light, as we begin this year, may we be a source of light for those around us. May we comfort those who are upset, reach out to those who are struggling, love those who feel they are unlovable, and defend those who are too weak to defend themselves. In doing this may we help others shine and allow them to use the gifts You have blessed them with. May our actions be a source of light and hope for all our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Staffing Updates:

There have been a few changes to staff since last spring. Ms. Winters is our new administrative assistant until February. Ms. Pham is teaching grade KB and Ms. Doyle is teaching 3A. Ms. Kang has very recently been hired as a new music teacher. For a list of current staff, please check out our school website: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/staff.html>



FYI, our school is in need of a grade 7 basketball coach this year. If anyone is interested, please give me a call! Any parent volunteers for any sports are welcome. Thanks!

Mask Use in School

Students must wear masks as they enter and exit the building, and any time they are in the hallways. We are finding that students often lose or misplace masks, and the school has been supplying disposable masks for these instances. This is draining to our budget. As such, we are requesting that **all students (unless exempt from mask-wearing) come to school with a labelled baggy with 3 extra masks.** These baggies can be stored by the teacher and used when necessary. The teacher can send a note home if/when all three masks have been used so that they can then be replaced. Please send these baggies asap.



Food Service

The Yukon First Nation Education Directorate and Yukon Food for Learning have teamed up to provide food for students and families in need. If you wish to access this service, please print and **complete the attached form, or send your child's teacher a note** and we will add names to a list. Please indicate if you would like your child to receive a hot breakfast, a hot lunch, and /or occasional family-sized casseroles to go home with students. This service is available to all families at CKES who feel it will be helpful.



Open House

Please save the date of **Thursday, September 23** as our Open House event. This is an opportunity for families to visit the school, see the classroom and meet staff who work with your children. To mitigate the number of people in the building at once, we are asking that families follow the following schedule:

6:30 – 7:00 Families with last names A – L

7:00 – 7:30 Families with last names M – Z

All visitors will need to wear masks at all times during the Open House. If you have multiple children, please time your visits in each class accordingly or schedule an alternate time with your teacher to visit.

School Council will be seeking parent input on questions and ideas about reconciliation with First Nations. Please stop by the gym during the Open House to share your thoughts.

Student Information Sheets

This week a package was sent home, which may include an information verification form, a media form, an internet usage form, a general permission form and a Religious Education letter. If some forms were signed last year, they do not need to be signed again and were not included in your package. For the forms that you did receive, it is imperative to fill in and answer all areas of these forms. **Please return the form asap to ensure we are able to contact you if the need should arise.** It is also important to contact the school office if any changes occur during the school year so that our information remains current.



Please don't forget:

1. We are a peanut free school – no 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 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.

Truth and Reconciliation

This topic is an on-going focus for our school. As a Catholic school, we feel an increased responsibility to lead the way in repairing damage caused by residential schools and the past treatment of First Nations. **September 27 – October 1 is Truth and Reconciliation Week. Staff and students are asked to wear orange as often as they can,** and classes will be participating in appropriate learning activities about what reconciliation means and how we can make a difference. Thank you for supporting these efforts at home!



Important Dates for September:

Sept. 14	Opening Celebration – hosted by Grade 7
Sept. 15	Earthquake Drill
Sept. 24	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 27-Oct. 1	Truth and Reconciliation Week
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day – Holiday – school will not be in session

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

Gratitude:

To Staff: As always, deep appreciation goes to our staff. Their professionalism and love of young people and learning continue to shine. We are blessed to have a strong team here at CKES!

To Students: Thank you to our students for adapting to our routines so well. As I walk the hallways each day, I am impressed with the learning I witness. I see students who are engaged and willing to try even when it seems difficult. 😊

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