



September 8, 2022

Dear Christ the King students and families,

Welcome back to another school year at CKES!

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.

CKES Staff:

We are blessed to have a full roster of staff this year. New additions include: Ms. Schroeder (grade 3), Mr. Taylor (LAT), Ms. Durham (part-time music) and Ms. Silas, Ms. Jami, Ms. Fang, Ms. Snider, and M. Berthelot (EAs). Welcome to everyone!

Open House

Please save the date of **Thursday, September 22** 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. Families are welcome to drop-in anytime between **6:00 -7:00pm!**

The Lady of the Cape Tour

The Lady of the Cape statue will be visiting CKES on Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 9:00 – 2:00pm. Classes will spend time with the Lady of the Cape and learn about why she is an icon for pilgrims around the world.

Student Information Sheets

Your child may have received information and permission slips if we do not already have one on file at school. These forms include things like a technology usage contract, photo release, walking-distance field trip permissions, etc. If you have any questions, please call the school.

Please don't forget:

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.

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 is Truth and Reconciliation Day at CKES. Staff and students are asked to wear orange on this day** 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!

School Council

Our wonderful school council will continue their “Fact Check” series to help us learn more about truth of First Nation experiences in Canada and Yukon. Please see the September Fact Check attached to this newsletter!

No Trading Cards at School

Issues have come up among many students who are showing, sharing and trading Pokemon and other types of trading cards. We need family support to ensure that these cards **DO NOT** come to school anymore. They are fun cards that students can use at home with friends and family. Thank you!

CEAY: Catholic Education Association of Yukon

CEAY is looking for a new administrative assistant. Please see the attached job posting if you are interested!

Important Dates for September:

Sept. 8	Lockdown drill at 11:30am
Sept. 12	Earthquake drill at 11:00am

Sept. 13 Opening Celebration – hosted by Grade 3
Sept. 14 Statue of the Cape Tour at CKES 9:00am – 2:00pm
Sept. 22 Open House 6:00-7:00pm
Sept. 23 Terry Fox Run
Sept. 27 Truth and Reconciliation Day at CKES
Sept. 28-29 PD Days for staff – no school for students
Sept. 30 Truth and Reconciliation holiday – No school

On the Radar:

October 4-7 The National Mural of Canada will be visiting our school to work with all students in the creation of a large mural to be placed on the outside of our building. This is an exciting opportunity!

October 17-18 School Photo Days

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. 😊

To Families: Thank you for the support given to our school and the grace with which you raise your children in a culture of love and compassion for others.

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