



Aug. 30, 2023

Dear Christ the King students and families,

*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:**

Please follow this link for a full roster of staff for 2023-24: [CKES Staff List 23-24](#)

### **Hotdog Lunch on Friday, Sept. 1!**

Last June, many staff and students participated in The Commuter Challenge by the City of Whitehorse and our school won! Thank you to all the people who walked, biked or scootered to school! Our reward is a hotdog lunch for all students and staff this Friday! If one hotdog and one cookie is not enough food, please still provide lunch for your child.

### **Open House**

Please save the date of **Thursday, September 21** for 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!**

### **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 29 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! Here is a helpful link: [Truth and Reconciliation for Children](#)

### **Student Information Sheets**

Your child will soon bring home information and permission slips if we do not already have them 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 at 667-3527.

### **Field Trip Forms and Fees**

From time to time, teachers will take classes to have learning activities off of school grounds. These are fun days of experiential learning that we promote. However, the cost of bussing is a concern. Each time a class takes a bus within city limits, the school is charged \$195.00. For this reason, we will be asking families to pay \$5.00 per trip to help cover these costs. Thank you for supporting these special days!

### **School Council**

Our wonderful school council meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the school library. Community members are invited to attend. If you would like to come, please email the council at [ckescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ckescouncil@gmail.com). You can also find out information about who is on our school council and past meeting minutes by following this link: [CKES School Council](#)

### **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](mailto:christtheking@yukon.ca)
3. To make school payments, you may send cash, cheque, 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, 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-us only. Please do not park there for long periods of time.**
5. The [CEAY website](#) is a good place to find information regarding Catholic Education in the Yukon. Check it out!

### **Important Dates for September:**

Sept. 7	Lockdown drill at 11:00am
Sept. 11	Earthquake drill at 11:00am
Sept. 12	Opening Celebration at 1:15pm – hosted by Grade 7
Sept. 21	Open House 6:00-7:00pm
Sept. 22	Terry Fox Run at 2:00pm. Please join us!
Sept. 29	Truth and Reconciliation Day at CKES. <b>Wear orange!</b>
Oct. 2	Truth and Reconciliation holiday – No school

### **On the Radar:**

October 16, 17, 18 Star Flower Photography will be taking school photos. We'll send a schedule for which classes on each day closer to this date.

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***