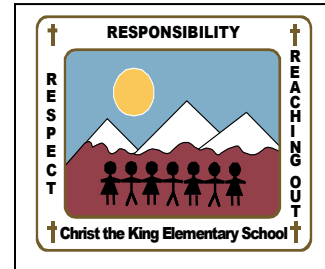


## September 2024 CKES Chronicle

### Welcome Shakat zhra

**Nänättän zhra (August- animals are getting fat month)** has gone leaving space now to **Shakat n' zhra (September-Summer hunting trip month)**. This is a very important time of the year for many people as they are thanking God for our land and waters and gathering important food for the upcoming colder months of the year.



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.

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Dear Christ the King students and families,

The school year is off to a wonderful start! Thank you to our hard-working team at CKES, to our kind, helpful students, and to our supportive families! With God's blessing, we will make this a productive and happy school year.

*God of wisdom and might,  
We praise You for the wonder of your being,  
For mind, body, and spirit.  
Be with our children as we begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
Wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
As they search for understanding,  
And peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### School Buses

There continue to be concerns regarding late and canceled buses. All families with students who take the bus are encouraged to sign up for "My School Bus Monitor" to get updates messaged directly to you. Here is the link to register: [My School Bus Monitor](#)

### **CKES Staff:**

Please follow this link for a roster of staff for 2024-25: [CKES Staff List 2024-25](#)

### **Open House**

Please save the date of **Thursday, September 19** 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!**

### **Terry Fox Run**

This year, CKES will host a Terry Fox Run on **Wednesday, September 18**. Families are welcomed and encouraged to join us! We will begin with a prayer over the intercom at **2:00** and then classes will run/walk specific routes together. Students will be provided with small flowers to decorate in honour of loved ones affected by cancer to be placed in a display. Cash donations are also welcomed and will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation.

### **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 25 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 to be checked, signed, and returned to 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. Religious Eductaion fees are also being collected at this time.

### **Other 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. If these fees are ever a challenge, please contact the school and we can access our "Mother Theresa Fund" to cover the costs. Thank you for supporting these special days!

### **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. 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 September:**

Sept. 4	Fire drill at 11:50am
Sept. 10	Opening Celebration at 1:15pm – hosted by Grade 7
Sept. 11	Lockdown drill at 11:00am
Sept. 18	Terry Fox Run at 2:00pm. Please join us!
Sept. 19	Earthquake drill @ 11:00am + Open House 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome!
Sept. 25	Truth and Reconciliation Day at CKES. <b>Wear orange!</b>
Sept. 26-27	Educator Professional Development Days – No school for students
Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation holiday – No school

### **On the Radar:**

October 23, 24, 25 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, 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***