



September 4, 2020

Dear Christ the King students and families,

Thank you for being part of our school community! Each month, you will receive an email letter that we are calling the "CKES Chronicle!" This letter will share important information and the various events happening at our school. The CKES Chronicles will also be found on our website: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/>

Here at CKES, our goal is to help students fully develop in all areas: spiritually, academically, social-emotionally, artistically, and athletically. Your support and involvement in your child's education is welcomed and appreciated. Please pray with us:

***Almighty God,
We give you our school.
We give you all of the teachers and staff who work here,
We give you the children who study here.***

***We pray our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity;
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,
A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.***

Staff Changes for 2020-21 School Year:

We are blessed at CKES to have wonderful long-term staff working with your children. I am also happy to report that we have two "new" staff: Mr. Atwan is working with grade 6B while Mrs. Boyd has moved to a counselling position within the school; and Mr. Denault is teaching grade 7A while Mrs. Hougan is on maternity leave this year. Both gentlemen have worked at CKES in the past, so we are very fortunate to have them back this year!

It is with some sadness that I also share that our wonderful Learning Assistance Teacher, Mrs. Gartner, will be leaving us very soon to move back to Nova Scotia, where she will be much closer to family. Please wish her the best and are thankful for her years of service. We are currently in the process of hiring and hope to have a new teacher hired in this position soon.

For a complete list of staff, please check out our school website:
<http://cke.yukonschools.ca/staff.html>

Student Information Sheets

This week a package was sent home, which includes an information verification form, a media form, an internet usage form, a general permission form and a Religious Education letter. It is imperative to fill in and answer all areas of these forms. **Please return the form immediately 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. Please call the school if your child will be absent for the day. If picking up your child from school for an appointment, please alert the teacher beforehand and then call the office when you are here. Office staff will sign the child out and then back into school upon his/her return. Thank you!
3. CKES does not own the land on the south side of our school, near the grade 2/3, 4/5 doors. We have been asked not to use it for parking or the drop-off/pick-up of students. We ask your assistance in ensuring the landowner's request is honoured.

School Council Elections Are Coming Up!

TWO WAYS TO VOTE AT THE UPCOMING 2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION

School councils play an important role in local school governance, providing a voice for students and families in their school communities.

The upcoming election for members of your school council begins on Monday, September 14th, with the Notice of Nominations. Candidates can submit their nomination papers from that date until noon on Thursday September 24th.

If at noon on September 24, the number of candidates does not exceed the number of positions, the candidates will be elected by acclamation. If the number of candidates exceed the number of positions a poll will be held to elect the members of the school council. Once a poll is required to be held, mail-in ballots would then become available.

If held, the polling day is Monday, October 5. There are two ways to cast your ballot for a school election;

In Person: On Monday, October 5th between 3PM and 8PM at the school

Mail-In ballot: Applications are available from the returning officer after 12 noon on September 24th. They must be completed and the ballot returned to the returning officer anytime before the close of polls at 8PM on October 5th. They do not have to be mailed.

For the upcoming School Council elections, mail-in ballots are an ideal voting option for anyone who wishes to avoid close contact with others, since they allow an elector to vote prior to polling day. Applications for mail-in ballots will be available online and are administered by your Returning Officer.

Important Dates for September:

Sept. 7	Labour Day – no school
Sept. 10	Lockdown Drill
Sept. 14	Nominations open for school council elections
Sept. 15	Opening Celebration – to be performed within individual classrooms this year
Sept. 17	Earthquake Drill
Sept. 24	School Council nominations close
Sept. 25	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 28	School Photos for grades 4-7
Sept. 29	School Photos for grades K-3
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 2	PD Day – no school for students

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. The start-up of this school year has been more challenging than usual due to the Covid mitigations we've needed to put in place. Despite these changes, 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 the new 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,

Jeanette Gallant

Principal,
Christ the King Elementary School
Jeanette.gallant@gov.yk.ca
867-667-3527

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” - St. Francis of Assisi