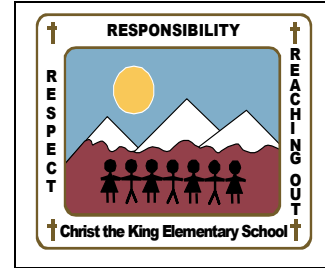


February 2026 CKES Chronicle

Welcome Thäy zhra

We are now celebrating **Thäy zhra (eagle month in Southern Tutchone)**



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.

Dear Christ the King students and families,

Prayer for Love

Gracious God,
We thank you for the ability to love and be loved.
Continue to pour your love into our hearts each day,
for it sustains us.
Forgive us for our failure to love;
for all those things we did today that caused pain
to another or to you, who we love above all things.
We praise and thank you for being the God of all
people,
day after day and night after night.
We praise you for being *our* God
Be with us in the light and in the darkness.
Watch over us and help us to grow in love.
Loving God,
we place our lives in your holy hands.
Amen.

Catholic Focus for February:

- Students are learning about the Catholic faith through unit 3 of the Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ curriculum.
- Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18. Students will celebrate this holy day with Fr. Bartek at 9:00am.
- On Ash Wednesday, we enter the holy season of Lent, so prayer cloths will be purple, and we will do our best to pray more deeply, fast, and give alms as we walk with Jesus.
- Classes will also be celebrating St. Valentine's Day on Friday, Feb. 13.
- On March 3, classes will have a Lenten prayer service

Kindergarten Online Registration – Feb. 3-15

Online registration opens for kindergarten classes for the 2026-27 school year. At Catholic schools, siblings and Catholic students get priority for registration, but the process must still be completed! Please share this information with families you know who may have students interested in joining our K classes at CKES next year!

Celebrating Our School Family! – Feb. 17, 2026

We wish to celebrate of the diversity of CKES!

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17 will be our day to honour the various cultures in our school community.

- Students and staff are encouraged to wear traditional clothing, or anything that speaks to their family heritage.

- Students are invited to bring traditional foods to share with classmates. Teachers will reach out to families about these details. If you have multiple children, please only send food with one student – we don't wish to overwhelm families!
- At 1:15, we will have a school assembly where the music and dance of various cultures will be celebrated.

Please let us know if your family or cultural group has something they'd like to share!

Student-led Conferences:

Please note that these important conferences will take place on the evening of Tuesday, March 3 and all day on Wednesday, March 4. **There will be no school for students on that Wednesday, except to attend the SLC sessions.** A separate email will be going home to explain more details and allow you to book a time with your child and his/her teacher.

*These conferences lead into spring break, which begins on Thursday, March 5 – Friday, March 20.

CKES Ancient Rising Lego Robotics Team Success!

Our robotics team won second place in the Yukon competition, meaning they earned the opportunity to go to Maple Ridge, BC for a provincial tournament in early March! Congratulations to the team! Please see attached a fundraising pamphlet describing how your family could help get the team there. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Coming Soon - Our School Survey Feb. 9 – March 6

Families will receive more information about the survey in the coming week. There are two surveys: one for students in grades 4-7, and another for parents/guardians. The purpose of the survey is to give voice to how students and families think school is going. **Parents/guardians will also be asked their perspective on limiting the use of personal mobile devices in schools. Stay tuned for more information!

School Clubs

CKES staff volunteer their time to run a variety of clubs at lunchtimes. Here is a list of what is currently on offer. Note: These are for students in grades 4-7. Younger students need the recess time outside!

Mondays: Poetry Club and Safe Space Club

Tuesdays: Chess Club and Yarn Club

Wednesdays: Colour the World (Multicultural Centre), *K-7 welcome to this one!

Thursdays: Hand games

Fridays: Crochet/Knitting Club at lunch and Lego Robotics after school

Read-a-thon Success Thank you to all our families for supporting our read-a-thon this year. It's been a joy to share how many minutes our school is reading each day. The final total will be announced on Tuesday, and I think we will meet our goal! We hope you've also enjoyed reading with your children.



Spring Break Camps

Spring Break is coming up! This year it will run from March 5–22, 2026 to accommodate the Arctic Winter Games. If you're interested in learning about camps happening in and around Whitehorse during this time, please connect with our School Wellness Specialist, Kayla McDonald. If transportation or cost is a concern, Kayla is happy to chat and explore possible options with you.

Email: kayla.mcdonald@yukon.ca

Phone: (867) 334-2131

Important Dates for next year (2026-27):

A draft calendar has been shared with schools. Please note the following established dates for next year:

First day for students: Aug. 24, 2026

Christmas Holidays: Dec. 21 – Jan. 1

Spring Break: March 8 -19

Last day for students: June 11, 2027

Important Dates for Next Month:

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Grade 6 Polar Games		100 Days of School!	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Our School Survey Opens				Valentine's Day School celebrations	Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		School Family Day Celebration + cabane à sucre	Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 9:00am Opera Presentation 2:00pm		Heritage Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Pink Shirt Day! IEP Meetings		Fire Drill 2:45pm	
March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	
		Student-led conferences 3:15 – 6:00 Lenten Prayer Service in classrooms	Student-led conferences ALL DAY – no school for students, except by appointment	Spring Break! March 5 - 20		Our School Survey Closes

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
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. ALSO, the drop-off spots in our parking lot loop are for quick drop-offs/pick-ups 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! No drop-offs/pick-ups in or near the bus lane, please.**
5. The [CEAY website](#) is a good place to find information regarding Catholic Education in the Yukon. Check it out!
6. Ms. Burns continues to post pictures of learning fun at CKES. Please check out [What's Going on at CKES?](#) for some recent pics!

Shàw níthän, (thank you in Southern Tutchone)

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