



Holy Family News

Feb/March 2025

Principal's Message:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual student-led conferences! It was a delight to see everyone mingling and visiting around the school. A big thank you to staff and students for the preparation that went into the day.

A reminder that Kindergarten registration opened this month. Also, if you know that your child will be transferring out of HFES for the 2025-26 school year, please let us know.

An important note: the April schedule for the grade-level body science lessons presented by our partners in sexual health education is attached below.

Lastly, Lent and Easter are approaching! Lent is the six-week period (40-ish days) leading up to Easter. It's one of the most important times of year for Christians around the world. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday (this year, March 5th) until its conclusion on Easter Sunday (this year, April 20th) Lent is a time for focused prayer, sacrificing, and giving to others. Lent invites us to prepare our hearts for remembering Jesus' death and resurrection.

As Lent passes, the days grow longer, and signs of spring and new life (Easter!) appear :)

Here is a clip that may help kids better understand Lent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blfjp1FdKbY>

Almighty and ever-living God, you invite us deeper into Your world this Lent. May this time be one of outward focus. Help us live a Lent focused on generosity and loving encounter with others. Give us hearts hungry to serve.

In Peace,

Mrs. Oxford

House Keeping:

- **WE HAVE TRANSITIONED TO A NUT FRIENDLY SCHOOL –our staff are trained in allergy care, and nuts/peanuts are welcome at Holy Family in 2025!**
- Parking lot: please park in the parking lot if you are getting out of your vehicle. Please don't drive in the bus loop.
- Morning supervision begins at 8:15. There is **no supervision for children before 8:15am**. School ends at 3:05 and **supervisions outside ends at 3:25**
- **The front door is always locked.** All adults (parents/caregivers/guests) must use the front door to enter the school. Please ring the doorbell when you arrive. We will unlock the door from inside. **Remember to check in at the office.**
- Please call or email the school to inform us of your child's absence before 9am. 667-3500; hfes@yukon.ca
- Please dress you children for the weather conditions. Students are outside for recess unless the weather conditions are below -35 °C
- **Students are not permitted to use cell phones on school grounds**
- Toys are not permitted at school (Pokemon, UNO cards included)
- **Dogs (or any other pets) are not permitted on school grounds. We have severe allergies to pet dander.**

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse children opened on February 4. To register your child for kindergarten, visit the Government of Yukon's website.

Playground donations:

Does your household have extra **lightly used** outdoor sports equipment like soccer balls, frisbees, or footballs OR little trinkets like mini plastic shovels, pool noodles, outdoor play kitchen accessories? We could use some add-ons to our recess equipment bins if you have anything to donate.

****note: please do not send any equipment that you want returned, just items that you no longer have use for****

April Body Science Lessons April 14-17, 2025

	Monday, April 14th	Tuesday, 15th	Wednesday, 16th	Thursday, 17th
9-10am	Kindergarten Ms Sanford & Mr Kim	Grade 4 (day 1) Ms Doyle	Grade 4 (day 2) Ms Doyle	Kinder/Grade 1 Ms Schoeneberg & Ms Hougen
1030-1130am			Grade 2 Ms Chamber	Grade 5 (day 2) Mme Tamara
LUNCH 12-12:50pm				
1-2pm		Grade 6/7 L (day 1) Mr LaLonde	Grade 6/7 G (day 2) Ms Gillis	Grade 1 Ms Todd
2-3pm	Grade 5 (day 1) Mme Tamara	Grade 6/7 G (day 1) Ms Gillis	Grade 6/7 L (day 2) Mr LaLonde	Grade 3 Ms Brianna

Fundraising:

Our school has registered with a company called 'Mabels Labels' that makes popular and durable labels for things like clothing and school supplies. When a school registers, families can shop under our school name and we get a % of those sales back as a fundraiser. If you go to the site and search for Holy Family Elementary School in Whitehorse (there are a number of "Holy Familys", so choose the location wisely!) you can shop to your heart's content while supporting the school. The cost of field trips (bussing) continues to balloon- every dollar towards a supportive fund to get kids out in to the community is much appreciated. A side benefit might be a decrease in the number of items in our lost and found :)

Feel free to share the link:

https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FE62GKiK6zQb_HhfrlhSHIQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRpDQXDPOQxaHRocHM6Ly9tYWJlbHNsYWJlbHMuY2EvZW4tQoEvZnVuZlJhaXNpbmcmc3VwcG9ydFcHc2Nob29sbUIKZytDoitncuoafIVcGFodGkub3hmb3JkQHl1a29uLmNhWAQAAAAC&data=05%7C02%7Cpatti.oxford%4oyukon.ca%7C7c14bbf3689b4049277408dcfea218e6%7C98f515313973490abb70195aa264a2bc%7C0%7C0%7C638665219367014042%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicMc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoicV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mno%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MJ%2F8EguCJVLbfZYGOTFSL26ZQFVb591ISP%2Fv8J5sdW4%3D&reserved=0

Yukon Wild School Outdoor Adventure Club:

The Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC) by Yukon Wild School offers an outdoor learning experience for children at their school. This program is designed to cultivate a deep connection with nature through physical activity. Our mission is to create an enriching and holistic after-school environment that reflects some of the values of Yukon Wild School: respect for nature, physical activity and experiential learning.

We are currently offering a program at:

Holy Family Elementary School beginning November 4th, 2024, Monday -Friday, 3:20-5:00pm

Register at:

<https://yukonwildschool.campbrainregistration.com/>

****Please direct your questions to Yukon Wild School. Holy Family is simply the location of the Outdoor Adventure Club****







March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26 Pink Shirt Day	27	28	1
2	3 School Council Meeting 7pm	4 Shrove Tuesday	5 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2:00pm	6	7 Reports go Home and early dismissal 2:44pm	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MARCH BREAK						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Stations of the cross – in class liturgy	17	18 Good Friday – No School	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday – No School	22	23	24	25 Pizza Lunch	26
27	28	29	30			