Principal’s Message

Welcome back to School!

We have had an absolutely fabulous start. It is great to see familiar faces grace our halls. We also have a fair number of new students too. In every class this year, we have new students. It is great to see and hear all of the enthusiasm.

Parents, please stay tuned for information this fall regarding parent drop off and pick up. There will be some Yukon government planning taking place this school year to improve our bus layby and visitor parking.

If you noticed, the City of Whitehorse and Dept. of Education has changed some of its parking rules on Wann Road. Please follow the advice in the flyer we sent home. The intent is to improve the safety of your children on Wann Road.

Have a great fall and I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming weeks.

T. Hupe

Prayer for the New School Year

God of our past, our present and our future,
God of our dreams, our designs and our decisions,
Be love in us as we journey through this new school year.

Be our inner vision, that we may see life through your eyes,
Be our inner hearing, that we may listen well for your call,
Be our inner judgement, so we may discern clearly that which gives life,
Promotes growth, and nurtures love.

As we move into the school year,
fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us,
So that, in both joy and sorrow, we radiate hope.
Amen

Source: http://prayer-resource.blogspot.com
Holy Family Staff for 2017 – 2018

Additions to staff and staff position changes in assignments are bold:

Principal - Ted Hupe
V Principal/SEL - Patti Oxford
Kindergarten - Caroline Knickle, Kelly Sanford
Grade 1 - Julie Todd, Vanessa Stitt
Grade 2 - Lionel Colaci
Grade 3 - Jenny Dahl
Grade 3/4 - Corrie LaLonde
English/French Gr. 5 - Rachelle Chicoine
Grade 6 - Don Fedus
Grade 7 - Meghan Meadowcroft
PE/Library - Joe Morrison
French (pre/post) - Hilary Seymour
LAT - Pauline Paton
Music/LAT - Jerry Woolridge
Reading Recovery - Kelly Sanford
Education Assistant - Terrie Forrest
Education Assistant - Trina MacLeod
Education Assistant - Denize Brewster-Mellett
Education Assistant - Tirza Spencer
Parents/guardians:
There is no supervision for your child/ren before 8:00 am. Please do not drop them off before then.
Thanks!

Parents AND GUESTS
Welcome to Holy Family Elementary School!
We ask that any time you come into the school (for an event, to drop off/pick up a child, etc.) you use the front door entrance, and check in at the office.

Your Child’s safety is important to us.
Thank you for your cooperation!

School Council News

Holy Family School Council would like to welcome all students, parents, and staff to a new school year.

School Council meets the first Monday of every month at 7pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want to share an idea, please contact one of the council members.

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John Williams john.williams@atco.com 333-3875

Drop Off, Pick Up, and Pedestrian Crossing

We’ve recently updated our drop off and pick up areas at Holy Family. Green areas are drop off and pick up locations, blue areas are pedestrian pathways, and there is no drop off or pick up in the red area.

A reminder to parents not to do U-turns at the front of our driveway. It’s not safe!
Don't park near the crosswalk.
Not even for a minute.
Peanut Alert!
At Holy Family this year as in past years we have children with severe nut/peanut and other food allergies. We ask all students to refrain from bringing in peanuts, snacks containing peanut products and peanut butter sandwiches to school and eating them at lunch or on the playground. We know this will cause some concern for parents but we have to be conscious of every student’s safety and wellbeing. Please keep this Peanut/Nut Policy in mind when buying or baking products for student consumption.

Each teacher/student will be using some form of regular communication. Please read these and feel free to write comments. We will again be using a Catholic agenda for most classes at Holy Family.

Kindergarten: Planners go home daily—please check the pocket for notes. A monthly newsletter will go home at the beginning of each month.

Grade 1 V.S.: Daily pocket folders are used. A monthly, classroom newsletter will begin in October.

Grade 1 J.T.: A newsletter is sent home every week. We will also have a Home Reading Program. (No agenda is required.)

Grade 2: Students will use their day planner/agenda to record important activities. Parents can view the class website at https://lionelcolaci.weebly.com/. Possible use of FreshGrade in the future.

Grade 3: Communication is written in the day planner/agenda at the end of each day, with information about class and school activities to be shared at home. A monthly newsletter will go home.

Grade 4: Daily communication in the day planner/agenda will consist of a record of their homework and daily reminders. This is also a communication book between the teacher and home, so please feel free to write notes, comments or concerns. Use of Fresh Grade forthcoming.

Grade 5: The day planner/agenda is used for listing homework assignments and reminders on a daily basis. This is also a communication book between the teacher and home so please feel free to write notes, comments or concerns. Use of Fresh Grade.

Grade 6: The daily planner/agenda will be filled out at the end of each day, containing a list of homework (copied from the “Homework Board”), information about extra-curricular activities (dates and times), and a student-written journal. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review this information daily and to add comments.

Grade 7: To foster greater personal responsibility and independence in preparation for high school, students are expected to fill out their daily planner from the homework board and to record due dates. Parents are encouraged to review this information and can find more on the class website.
On Wednesday, October 9, many Whitehorse schools, including Holy Family, will participate in the Annual Food Drive. This is a wonderful way to give back to our community and all grade 5, 6 and 7 students and their families are invited to participate.

VACCINATIONS

Once again, Flu vaccine (FluMist, nasal spray, for children age 2-17 yrs), and Fluzone (for adults and children under 2 yrs of age) will be available in late October/November at the Whitehorse Health Centre, and locations around town, to reduce the risk of severe flu. Be Wise.....Immunize!

This fall, we would like to encourage all Kindergarten children who were not able to come to the Health Fair in May, to make sure all Kindergarten children are up to date with their Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis-Polio vaccine (TdaP-IPV) and Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Chickenpox vaccine (MMRV).

In Canada, we have had 30 cases this past year, most recently in BC, Alberta and Ontario from travelers, (none reported in Yukon). (Sadly, Europe has had over 41,000 cases in the first half of 2018, with 37 deaths.) This is preventable by making sure our vaccines are up to date. We are so fortunate to have access to good vaccines and keep our families healthy.

Appointments can be made at Whitehorse Health Centre, 667-8865.

HPV 9 FOR GRADE 6

We will be offering HPV9 vaccine for all Grade 6 students and information packages and consents have been sent home. Signed consents should be sent to the office immediately. Vaccinations are scheduled for Sept.17, 2019.

Kindergarten

We will be offering vision screening to the Kindergarten students later in the school year. If there is an immediate concern about your student’s vision, please contact your optometrist or doctor. Yukon Hearing Services will also be coming to the schools to conduct hearing and impedance (middle ear) screening on Kindergarten children who did not attend the Health Fair or need rescreening.

TIS THE SEASON

Please be aware that with every new school year, viruses, “bugs” and school related illnesses happen. Please monitor your child/ren and notify the office if your child is infectious. It’s also really important to keep them at home until they are better.

PARENT HANDBOOK

A student/parent handbook is included in the front of student agendas. School policies and helpful information are included in the insert.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We welcome volunteer help in school. The role of the volunteer is to provide support for the teachers and students. Parents/guardians are invited to share their time and talents in a variety of activities and events.

If you are interested in volunteering within the school please contact the school, 667-3500.

INDOOR SHOES

Please ensure that your child/ren are equipped with indoor shoes (NO BLACK SOLES) to be used IN THE GYM AND INDOORS ONLY at the school. Outdoor shoes are removed at the door, which is important in helping our custodians keep our school clean.

FORMS

Packages requesting consent and contact information will be sent home with all students that will include all the forms and fees required for the 2019-2020 school year. It is important that you read these carefully and fill out all information and return them to the school. Please note that there will also be forms and fees for both agendas (payable to Holy Family) and a religious education fee (payable to Holy Family Elementary)
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Program for Children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a program of Christian formation for children. Our Good Shepherd atrium is located in Our Lady of Guadalupe House at 504 Cook Street. An atrium is a sacred space designed for children, where they can grow in their knowledge of Jesus and His love. The children work with materials that represent the essence of the Christian message. CGS began in Rome in 1954 and has since spread internationally.

Our first session this fall will be on **Saturday September 14**. This year we will be offering level one. **Level One** is for children three years old to kindergarten age. The sessions will be on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration forms are available at both Sacred Heart Cathedral and Our Lady of Victory. Please register as soon as possible as space will be limited.

For further information, please contact Caroline Knickle@334-6851. Information is also available online at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association Canada website at [www.cgsac.ca](http://www.cgsac.ca).
SEPTEMBER
Sept. 2  NO CLASSES—Labour Day
Sept. 9  School Council meeting, 7pm
Sept. 11 Opening Celebration, 2pm
Sept. 5  Gr 4/5 Soccerfest
Sept. 18 V-ball Tournament
Sept. 20 Terry Fox Run
Sept. 30 V-ball Game #1 3:30pm

OCTOBER
Oct. 7  V-ball game #2
Oct. 9  Thanksgiving Celebration 2pm
Oct. 14 HAPPY THANKSGIVING—NO CLASSES
Oct. 11 PD Day—NO CLASSES
Oct. 21 V-ball game #3
Oct. 23 Gr 4 Bible Celebration, 10:30 am
Oct. 28 V-ball game #4

Grade 4/5 Soccer Fest! September 5, 9:00–3:00
Don’t miss out on the first sport of the year! Join us on the Vanier/Christ the King soccer fields for a fun day.

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Beginning in September

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Because we are located in an earthquake-prone area and other emergencies can occur which require us to evacuate the school, we want to remind you that, in the case of such an event occurring, the following procedures will be followed:

* No student will be dismissed from school unless a parent or designated guardian/emergency contact comes for him/her; no student will be allowed to walk or bike home alone.

* No child will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative or babysitter, unless we have written or verbal permission to that effect or that particular person is listed as the student’s emergency contact. With this in mind, if your child’s information is not up-to-date, please call the office as soon as possible.

* All parents or designated guardians who come for students must have them signed out at the office or at the alternate Student Release Station. Signs will be posted at the entrance to the school yard if an alternate location is being used.

In case we need to evacuate Holy Family Elementary in an emergency, our alternate gathering place is the:

**Church of the Northern Apostles at 45 Boxwood Crescent.**

* We are prepared to care for children in the event of a critical situation, or if parents or guardians are not able to reach the school. We have a number of people with first aid certificates and we will be in communication with local emergency services. We do ask for your help in the following areas:

  - do turn your radio to CBC (94.5) on the FM dial or CKRW (610) on the AM dial or CKRW (96.1) on the FM dial, CHON FM (98.1) or New Life (100.7) on the FM dial. Information and directions will be given over the radio.

  - please do not call the school; we must have the lines open for emergency calls.

  following an earthquake or other city-wide emergency, do not immediately drive to the school. Streets and access to our school may be cluttered with debris and the school access route and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.

*** Please put this letter in a safe place so you may refer to it if necessary.