



# Holy Family News

January 2022

## Dates to Remember:

Jan. 4— School Reopens	Jan.17—PD Day- -No classes
Jan. 6,7,10,11– Online School	Feb.7— Student Led Conferences– No Classes
Jan. 10— School Council Meeting @ 7pm	Feb.7—School Council Meeting 7pm
	Feb.25—Heritage Day– No School

## Principal's Message: Happy New Year 2022 ☐

Well, we're off to an interesting start! I hope you had a restful and joyous Christmas holiday.

First of all: my apologies for such short notice before entering a short period of online learning last week. COVID exposure notices impacted enough staff members that our building was deemed "inoperable" for 4 school days. *We will see everyone back in person on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.* With the newest COVID-19 recommendations (available at Yukon.ca), illness and exposure notices will continue to be a part of our school life. While the CMOH assures that this illness is not spreading in schools at this point, school operations become tricky when many adults are absent at one time. Our commitment is to keep schools open and in-person as much as possible, so long as it's safe to do so. PLEASE continue masking and washing hands and following the "Safe 6".

A short period of online learning like we've just experienced is not meant to reflect the "learning from home" model of March 2020. We now know that full-day Zooms and complicated or technology-dependent lesson plans did not work for families. In instances like this past week, teachers are asked to provide some daily **literacy and math** work (either in paper packages or through email) and may offer a live Zoom for story time or a quick math minilesson. If the suggested lessons aren't always possible for your family, we understand. Repeat after me: We are still living in a global pandemic and we are doing our best. This is not a perfect system. We know being at home is a major inconvenience for many of you; if online learning happens again and you have a circumstance that makes it exceptionally challenging (eg. the adults in your home are essential workers or you have a student with diverse needs who needs school support in a special way) please reach out -- [maria.gray@yukon.ca](mailto:maria.gray@yukon.ca)-- and an in-person accommodation may be made, provided we have the necessary staffing. In general, **please** reach out if we can better support you in these unprecedented times. We will get through this together by taking care of each other.

In closing, please join me in this most hopeful Epiphany prayer:

*On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Christians around the world celebrated the Feast of Epiphany- the commemoration of the three wise men visiting baby Jesus and the formal end of the Christmas season.*

*Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
The radiance of God's Light burns away shadows,  
illuminates the smallest corners,  
and heralds in the start of a new dawn,  
where hearts no longer fear,  
souls are set free,  
nation follows nation,  
and kings and queens bow down in awe before the Holy One.  
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Alleluia!*

In peace,  
Ms. Gray

## School Council Update:

### Happy New Year!

School council would like to thank everyone who attended our sledding party. Numbers were low, but those who came had fun, good conversation, and enjoyed the warm fire and cookies!

This month, we are embracing the school's new growth plan, 'Making Meaningful Connections'. School council is awarding the teacher(s) with the best idea(s) that will make students feel more connected to our school community. We look forward to seeing what our amazing teachers come up with to show students they are loved and belong at Holy Family.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our students with remote learning. We know it came unexpectedly and know how much our staff appreciate your flexibility and support.

Sincerely,

Amy, Erin, Gina, John and Myriam

### COVID Update:

- THANK YOU to all families for the last minute transition into online learning.
- Please keep your children home when they are sick and follow the guidelines found at Yukon.ca
- Thank you to our school community for your diligence and cooperation with YCDC's recommendations.
- A reminder that communication comes strictly from YCDC and the school has no information on top of what parents receive
- Our current operational plan is on our school website <http://hfe.yukonschools.ca/>
- Vaccine is now available for children aged 5-11.

### House Keeping:

- Teachers will provide at-home learning resources when classes are closed due to isolation. If you are choosing to keep your child/ren home for reasons other than an isolation notice, teachers cannot provide the same at-home learning as they are working full time in the building.
- Cold weather is here. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. We rarely have inside recess.
- Please keep dogs off school property, we have severe allergies in our school.
- We are a nut free building. Please do not pack nuts in your child's lunch.
- Are you receiving bus notifications? Here's the link to sign up: <https://www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca/Index.aspx>

# December Fun at Holy Family







# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year!
2	3	4 1st day back to School	5	6 Online school	7 Online School	8
9	10 Online School School Council Meeting 7pm	11 Online School	12 Epiphany Liturgy In class	13	14	15
16	17 PD DAY NO CLASSES	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Student Led Conferences_ NO CLASSES School Council meeting 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 PINK SHIRT DAY	24 Rendezvous activities pm	25 Heritage Day NO CLASSES	26
27	28					