

September 23, 2025

Hello École Joe Clark Families,

We wanted to inform you about some upcoming changes to our school parking lot aimed at improving student safety during arrival and dismissal times.

Due to the gates being locked by the nearby Housing Co-Op—and despite our efforts to collaborate on a long-term solution—we are making adjustments on our end to ensure students can move safely between the front and back of the school.

This week, our maintenance team will be creating a designated pathway along the west side of the parking lot (next to the brick wall on the east side of the school). This pathway will be clearly marked with fencing and signage to guide students and families. We kindly ask that families use this pathway when dropping off or picking up students on the east side of the building. For safety reasons, students and families should not walk through the parking lot—please model safe practices by using the designated path.

Please note the following changes:

- **Accessible parking** will be reduced to two spaces, which aligns with current guidelines and meets our school's needs. These spaces will remain available for students who require accessible pick-up and drop-off.
- **Garbage and recycling bins** will be relocated to the playground area and enclosed with fencing to ensure student safety.
- The **parking lot will remain reserved for FSD staff only**, aside from the accessible parking spaces. We ask that families respect this and arrange alternative drop-off or pick-up locations around the school.

We understand that parking has been a challenge, and we appreciate your ongoing patience and support. If your children are older, we encourage you to establish a meeting spot closer to the west end of the school, such as near the park or lake parking area.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to create a safer and more efficient environment for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Jolene Becker

Principal, École Joe Clark School

UPCOMING DATES:

- Friday September 26- Last day for Terry Fox Donations
- Friday, September 26- AM- Fire Drill
- Monday, September 29- Orange Shirt Day
- Tuesday, September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- No School

- Monday, October 13- Thanksgiving Day, No School
- Wednesday, October 29- Picture Retake Day

Interested in Being a Classroom Room Rep?

This year, we're hoping to have one parent representative from each homeroom class, and ideally one from each program that we offer (Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, French Immersion) . Room Reps attend meetings and share ideas with the School Council and the Joe Clark Administrative Team. **If you're interested, please let your child's homeroom teacher know** and plan to attend the meeting on October 9th, at 5:30 pm.

Use of Mobile Devices in Schools

As part of our continuous effort to foster safe, welcoming, caring, and respectful learning environments, our Student Code of Conduct ([Administrative Procedure 350 – Respect for All](#)) includes the use of mobile and smart devices in schools. This protocol follows the [Ministerial Order #014/2024 – Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools](#), which aims to minimize distractions and enhance learning environments for all students.

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is **now open** and ready for you to place your first order. For more information and to place an order for your child, please visit Joe Clark Hot Lunch order site at:

<https://jc.hotlunches.net/>

Please note: **ALL families will have to re-register for this year**, as accounts are not rolled over from one year to the next. After registration, you can place your order!

Volunteer Requirements at École Joe Clark School

All volunteers at École Joe Clark School are required to complete a **Volunteer Registration Package** and have a **current Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening**.

- **Volunteer Registration Package and/or Offence Declaration Form:** Must be completed **each school year**.
- **Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check:** Must be updated **every three years**.

If you need these forms sent home, please contact **Mrs. Ryane in the school office** and she will be happy to assist you.

Here is the link for [Volunteer Opportunities for the 2025/26 School Year](#).

Thank you for supporting our school community through volunteering!

FSD Classic Car Bingo- This weekend!

[Join Us for Classic Car Bingo at the 4th Annual Brian Chipchase Sr. Memorial Show and Shine](#)

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2025 - 2026

FSD INDIGENOUS

ADVISORY CIRCLE

OCT 1 DEC 3 FEB 25 APR 29



JOIN THE FSD INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL

ADVANCE TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WITHIN THE FOOTHILLS
SCHOOL DIVISION TOGETHER THROUGH AUTHENTIC VOICE AND ACTION!

Gathering @ Foothills Composite HS @ 6:00 PM

Oct 1 Dec 3 Feb 24 Apr 29

INDOOR SEASON

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

U5-U17

U5-U9	U11-U17
MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
U5-U7 \$775 - U9 \$225	U11-U17 \$240
SEASON RUNS OCTOBER '25 - MARCH '26	

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REGISTRATION OPEN AUGUST 28 TO OCTOBER 1