

December 22, 2023

Dear Ecole Joe Clark Families,

We would like to wish all of our EJCS Families, a wonderful Christmas break. Just a few things to keep in mind for after the break.

Just wanting to let families know of some important dates that are ahead:

- · Friday December 22- January 8- Christmas Break
- · Monday, January 8- Classes Resume
- · Thursday, January 11- School Council Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm
- · Tuesday, January 16- Alberta Council of School Council's presentation (see info below)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the school.

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

Hot Lunch and Popcorn Volunteers

Please check the volunteer opportunities to be a hot lunch or popcorn helper in the New Year. Click here to lend a hand- [Joe Clark Hot Lunch Volunteers — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

School Council

Our next meeting will be held on **January 11 at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons. This will be a Town Hall style meeting with our Superintendent Mr. Chris Fuzessy and Trustee Phil Irwin. The purpose of this meeting is to receive information regarding staffing and administrative changes at Ecole Joe Clark School over the past few years. It is in response to a request from School Council to have more clarity and transparency around how and why these changes are made. Mr. Fuzessy and Mr. Irwin will explain and be available for members to ask questions.

We are also looking for some French Immersion parents to join us, as we will be discussing our Carnaval celebration.

New members welcome! Our fundraising society will meet right after our School Council meeting.

On **Tuesday January 16, at 7pm**, we will have a presentation from **the Alberta School Council Association** for our School Council members and any parents who are interested. The session will help us to understand the advisory role of school councils, from an administrative perspective, through a review of the legislation, exploring rights and responsibilities and choices that school councils have when operating. Including which topics/areas are open for discussion helps to school council and it's work in the school. Learning to identify the work of school council's, the role of the principal and Trustee, and how to frame a "personal issue" from a

school council perspective which are all important to building positive student-centered relationships in our school community.

Follow our School Council Facebook page for updates and information regarding School Council initiatives this year. Our page name is **Ecole Joe Clark School- Parent Council**.