

September 9, 2024

Hello Joe Clark Families,

I apologize for sending another communication this week! As we get into the school year, I will try to limit these to once per week. However, at the start of the year, there is a lot of information to share. Below is some important School Council information:

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/>

Sunset Drive-in Movie Theatre - September 14

The School Council and Fundraising Society have secured a fundraising night for Joe Clark at the High River Sunset Drive-in Movie this Friday. We are looking for 3 additional volunteers to work from 6-8pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hayley Bland at joeclarke-pc@hotmail.com.

Alternatively, if you are looking for a fun night out, movies will be shown at 8 pm and 10:30 pm, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Joe Clark Fundraising Society! Movies and exact showtimes can be found on the High River Sunset Drive-in Movie Facebook page.

Thank you to the School Council and Joe Clark Fundraising Society for organizing this on behalf of our school.

Next School Council Meeting - Thursday, September 12, 2024 (Fundraising meeting to follow)

We are excited to invite you to our School Council meetings as we are seeking new members! Our first school council meeting will be held in the Joe Clark Learning Commons on Thursday, September 12 at 6 pm.

What is the role of the ECJS School Council?

School councils play a vital role in connecting the school with the community, allowing parents to actively participate in decisions that impact student learning. They provide valuable advice to principals and school boards, contributing to the overall improvement of educational outcomes. By collaborating with the school community, school councils enhance student learning experiences. Parents can contribute their skills, knowledge, and perspectives to benefit not only their own children but also the entire school community.

Interested in being a Classroom Room Rep?

This year, we are requesting that each homeroom classroom have a School Council parent representative to ensure that more of our parent voices and ideas are represented at our meetings.

If you are interested in being a room rep, we ask that you attend our meetings and consider sharing your ideas and perspectives with our school council group and the Joe Clark Administrative Team. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if you are interested in being a room rep and plan to attend our meeting on Thursday, September 12.

If you are interested in joining our school council, please review our ECJS School Council Norms below. If this feels like a good fit for you, we would love to have you join us!

When working together as Ecole Joe Clark School Council members, we agree to the following:

Commitment to Student Well-Being:

- Prioritize the best interests of all students within the school community.
- Advocate for decisions that benefit the entire student body.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Operate within the defined roles and responsibilities for school council members.
- Familiarize yourself with the school council bylaws, school board policies, and the guidelines provided by the Alberta School Councils Association.

Respectful Communication:

- Engage in respectful and constructive dialogue during council meetings.
- Listen actively to diverse perspectives and collaborate effectively.
- Limit side conversations to be respectful of those who are speaking.
- Be a positive champion for the school both inside and outside of school and on social media.

Confidentiality and Transparency:

- Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive matters discussed during council meetings.
- Be transparent about decisions and actions taken by the council.

Conflict Resolution:

- Address conflicts professionally and seek resolution through open communication.
- Avoid personal attacks and focus on problem-solving.

Any parent or guardian of Ecole Joe Clark students is welcome to attend our meetings to learn more about our school community. Whether you attend one meeting or many, your participation is valued. There is no commitment required to take on an official role; this is an excellent opportunity for you to engage in school goals and have a voice in your child's education.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Jolene Becker
Principal
Ecole Joe Clark School