

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Hello Joe Clark Families,

We hope everyone had a lovely summer, and we are thrilled to be back working with you this fall. Each week, you can expect a brief communication from our school to you, with any important school wide dates, EJCS information, a school council update and volunteer opportunities.

Prior to school starting, we had just a few pieces of information to help the first week go smoothly.

August 30- Student Transition Day:

We are pleased to be able to invite you and your child(ren) to Joe Clark School on Friday August 30 from 8:45am -3:30pm to drop in and see your child's classroom, meet their teacher and drop off any school supplies you may have. We will also have a Photo Booth set up for families who wish to stop by!

Please note: This is an optional pop-in visit and not a full day of school for students. There are no FSD buses running on Friday and no regular classes until the first day on September 3.

Bus Passes:

Bus passes are available at the school for families who have registered with transportation this year. Parents can come in and pick up bus passes at the office this week, we are open from 8:00am- 4:00pm.

First Day of Classes- September 3:

You will receive an email from your child's classroom teacher this week. This will give you some information about themselves and some first day/week of school information such as boot room, daily drop off and pick up information to get you started. We know that with class lists coming out later than before, and with technology not cooperating, you may not have had time to do all your back-to-school shopping and supplies. Please do not panic about this, bring what you were able to gather, and the rest can come when you are ready!

Parent Portal Edsembli

We understand that the parent portal had some issues on Friday, when it was announced that parents could log in to see their child's homeroom placement. This was an issue with the Edsembli site and likely had to do with so many families checking at once. The system should be up and running now, so please check again if you were not able to access last

week. To see your child's homeroom placement, you will need to click on the classes tab. You can also toggle between students if you have children at multiple schools within FSD.

Parents will need to keep their parent portal log in information for future reference, as you can log in to check your child's progress at any time during the school year and access their learner profiles and pay school fees.

Should you still have issues with logging on this week, please contact the Joe Clark School Office (403)652-2020 and we can assist you with retrieving your information.

Mobile and Smart Devices at Ecole Joe Clark

To align with Ministerial Order #014/2024 as well as our Student Code of Conduct in Foothills School Division, students will not be permitted to use mobile devices and smartwatches at school in a K-6 setting. Personal Mobile and smart devices include anything that can be used to communicate with or access the internet. This would include a cell phone, tablet, laptop or smartwatch.

Exemptions for mobile and smart device use for students with document medical and/or assistive technology needs may be discussed with the school staff and administration.

Ecole Joe Clark School has always had a "cellphones off" policy as we are a K-6 setting, so this will not be a far departure from practice in the past.

We do ask that students personal mobile and smart devices are powered off and stored in a backpack. Your child's classroom teacher will help to remind your child of this. We would recommend that students keep these items at home, as they won't be permitted to use them at school, but we also recognize that families may send them for other reasons and respect your decision to do so. Please just remind your child that they need to remain powered off and in a backpack.

Your child will have access to technology at school that they need to complete their studies with. Social media sites will be blocked on FSD routers, so children do not have access while they are at school.

If you need to get a hold of your child during the day, we ask that you continue to do what you have been! Call the school and leave a message for them and we will get the message to them on their next break from learning. You can also email your child's teacher, although if it is time sensitive a phone call is best. If your child needs to reach you, they will either use the phone in their classroom or come down and use our phone at the office.

Families will be notified of emergent situations via personal phone call or school messenger as usual.

Please contact your child's teacher or the school if you have any questions.

Community Information:

AlbertaCultureDays.ca
September 2024
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Music & Movement

Explore a different musical genre and dance style each week!

Saturday Sept 7, 14 & 21, 2024
4-5pm
Studio A - Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex

Youth ages 6-12
All abilities
Everyone is welcome
FREE of charge

Register by Sept 2nd to secure your spot
Email Cahina at:
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