

August 21, 2026

Welcome Back, Bronco Families!

We are thrilled to welcome you to a brand-new school year at Joe Clark! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we are so excited to have you as part of our Bronco family. This year promises to be filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students.

Our dedicated staff has been working hard to prepare a safe, engaging, and supportive environment where every child can thrive. We look forward to partnering with you to make this year a success and to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students.

Friday, August 28, we will be hosting a Student Transition Day drop-in event for families to pop in, see your child's classroom and drop off any supplies you may have. The school will be open to families **from 12:30-3:30pm. Students must attend with a parent or guardian.** This is not a regular school day, so please do not drop your child off to stay just yet! We look forward to seeing them next week!

You can expect to receive a Welcome Back Email from your child's teacher by the end of the week with specific classroom information, including your child's bootroom doors. We have received a few inquiries about classroom placements. For you to see which homeroom your child is in, you will need to log into your [Edsebli Parent Account](#). If you do not remember your password, please request a password reset by selecting "Forgot my Password." You will need access to this account to view your child's grades, receive your child's learner profile, pay for school and extra-curricular fees, as well as to sign consent forms. Having access to this early in the school year will contribute to a smooth startup for both you and your family!

Let's make this year the best one yet—Go Broncos!

Warmly,

Jolene Becker (EJCS Principal) & Kerrie Reschke (EJCS Vice Principal)

UPCOMING DATES:

- Friday, August 28- Student Transition Day- Drop in from 1:00-3:00pm, please attend with your child
- Monday, August 31- First Day of Classes
- Monday, September 7- Labor Day, No School for students
- Friday, September 18- Professional Learning Day, No School for students
- Tuesday, September 29- Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday, September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No School for Students
- Tuesday, September 8- Junior Kindergarten Starts!

Joe Clark School Information:

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year across all our programs:

- **Early Learning Program:**
 - **Junior Kindergarten (full and part time options)**
 - **English Kindergarten (full and part time options)**
- **French Immersion Full-Time Kindergarten**
- **Grades 1–5 French Immersion and English Programs**

Register now to ensure your child has a spot so we can include them in our class planning.

Please share this message with any friends or family who may be interested in joining Joe Clark School but haven't registered yet — the more, the merrier!

Families registered in the Part-Time English Kindergarten program can also enroll in the Junior Kindergarten program to create a full-time schedule! If you're interested in this opportunity, please be sure to register your child in both Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten. A deposit will be required to hold your spot.

Junior Kindergarten Staggered Start

- Junior Kindergarten students will start the week of September 8

If you have questions regarding Junior Kindergarten staggered start- please reach out to Cara Holditch holditchc@fsd38.ab.ca (Divisional learning Coach for Junior Kindergarten)

School Supply Lists

Student supplies for the 2026-2027 school year have also been standardized and simplified to make things easier and more affordable for families. This year, there will be:

One list for Junior Kindergarten (JK) students

One list for Kindergarten students

One list for Grade 1–2 students

One list for Grade 3–5 students

These lists are now available on the Joe Clark website: [ÉJCS Student School Supply Lists 2026/27](#). If your child is in a combined-grade classroom (e.g., Grade 2/3), please use the list that corresponds to your child's specific grade (e.g., Grade 2).

Important School Info:

- **School Start and Dismissal Times-** This year, our school start and end times have changed slightly. The morning bell will go at 8:40am, and our dismissal bell will be at 3:10pm.
- We ask that families please aim to be at school by 8:35 to ensure your child is on time for the morning bell and is not late for morning instruction in the classroom. If your child arrives after 8:45 they will be marked "late" for the day. Regular and punctual attendance is important and ensures your child has a calm, smooth start to every school day.

Breakfast Program:

We are thrilled to be able to offer breakfast programs again for students who require a nutritious snack first thing in the morning. Our Breakfast program will begin the first week of September and offers a variety of nutritious grabs and snacks for students to start their day with.

We are currently accepting donations to our program or the following items:

- Boxes of Cereal
- Granola Bars

Hot Lunch:

Please be patient as our volunteers get our Hot Lunch Program up and running. We will get information out to parents regarding the program as soon as possible. Thank you to our School Council volunteers for organizing this for our families!

Volunteer Requirements at École Joe Clark School:

Many of you may be wondering how you can volunteer at Joe Clark School this year and be a part of the fun learning experiences. This month is a great time to get sorted, so you are eligible to volunteer, and you are not scrambling (or worse- missing out!) before a field trip or school event.

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:** 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.

A schedule of volunteer opportunities will be shared with families in September for your consideration! Please ensure you have up to date volunteer packages, so you are ready to go when these come out! Thank you for supporting our school community through volunteering!

Parking Lot Changes:

Our parking lot is restricted to staff and accessible parking stalls only. If you wish to stop and wait with your child in the morning or at pickup time, we ask that you walk to school or park your car either in the church parking lot, or west of the school along the lake. If you have a wheelchair or accessible parking pass, you are welcome to use the designated stalls in the parking lot which are clearly marked for drop off and pick up. The remainder of the stalls are for staff parking only. Thank you!

"Drop and Go" Zone:

We do have a "Drop and Go" zone for parents doing a quick drop off in front of the school on the East side (close to the ECJS sign). You may quickly park while your child exits the vehicle, but we ask that you do not leave your vehicle unattended.

Bus Zone and Emergency Vehicles:

Please be mindful that the area in front of the school on the West side is designated for FSD buses and emergency vehicles. This area is NOT a drop off zone, as we need to keep it clear for buses and emergency vehicles and is not to be used for dropping offs. This is not Joe Clark staff's decision; this is dictated by the town and FSD bussing. Thank you!

Morning Drop Off:

We have morning supervision from **8:30-8:40am**. Your child can be dropped off during this time and can play on the playground before school starts. You are welcome to also drop them off and wait with them during this time if you feel more comfortable. Please do not send your child unsupervised to the school prior to 8:25 am.

Bus Passes:

If your child has been approved for FSD Bussing for the upcoming school year, you will be able to pick up their bus pass on our Transition Day on Friday, August 28 at the School Office. Parents need to pick up their child's bus passes.

If you haven't yet registered for bussing- please reach out to FSD Transportation to see if your child(ren) are eligible- [Apply for Transportation](#)

Have you moved or changed schools?:

We know family situations change and respect your families' decisions regarding your educational choices. Please let us know if you have moved over the summer or will be attending another educational program for this school year. If you would please give the office notice and we can plan accordingly to ensure your child has the documents, they require to begin at a new school!