

January 9, 2026

Dear École Joe Clark Families,

A huge thank you to all our families for joining us at this year's **Grinchy Christmas Concert!** It was a wonderful evening of music and celebration.

Special appreciation goes to **Ms. Elisa McCrae**, our talented music specialist, for her creative take on this year's holiday performance and all the organizing and behind-the-scenes work that made it possible. We also want to recognize **Mrs. Holly Stanton, Mrs. Stephanie Burgess, and Mrs. Brenda McCredie** for their support and logistics, and **Ms. Caley Jackson and Mrs. Shantelle Norrington** for bringing the festive spirit with beautiful Christmas décor! And our wonderful **Mrs. Pam Ryane** for keeping the office running smoothly, preparing our programs and taking care of some behind the scenes to help our week run so smoothly!

A heartfelt thank you to our **School Council members** for their efforts with the 50/50 draw, Giving Tree, and flower sales, and to all our amazing volunteers who made the Pancake Breakfast and Reindeer Games the next morning such a success. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged community!

**Event Highlights:**

- **50/50 Draw:** Sold \$1,270 in tickets, with \$635 going back to School Council.
- **Giving Tree:** Raised an incredible \$1,485 to go directly into classrooms.
- **Breakfast Program:** \$156 raised to support student nutrition.
- Plus, flower sales and generous donations that help fund school programming!

Thank you for your generosity and for making these events so successful. Your support truly makes a difference for our students and school community!

Jolene Becker & Corre Mahan

École Joe Clark School Admin team

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **January 15-** Joe Clark School Council and Fundraising Meeting 6:30pm in Learning Commons- new members are always welcome to join!
- **Friday, January 23-** Professional Learning Day- No School for Students

- **Thursday, January 29-** Kindergarten Information Night (for parents of students wishing to register for either French Immersion or English Kindergarten next year)
- **Tuesday, February 3-** Junior Kindergarten Information Night (more info to come)
- **Friday, February 13-** Learner Profiles sent to families

### **Toys and Personal Items at School**

We kindly ask that students keep toys and personal items at home unless there is an educational reason for bringing them to school. Toys can sometimes cause distractions in the classroom and during learning activities, and we want to ensure that our focus remains on creating a positive and productive learning environment for all students. *If a toy is at school, it will stay in your child's backpack until it is an appropriate time for them to use it.*

This does not include items brought for a specific purpose, such as **Show and Share** or other planned classroom activities.

We understand that students may occasionally bring a toy to play with at recess or on the bus. If this happens, we ask that:

- Toys are **not of significant value**
- Toys are **not traded or exchanged**
- Toys remain in your child's backpack during instructional time

### **Mobile, Smart, and Personal Devices in K-5 Schools**

As a reminder, personal devices such as cell phones, smart watches, and tablets are **not permitted for use during instructional time** in K-5 classrooms. These devices can be distracting and interfere with learning. If students bring them to school, they should remain in backpacks and turned off throughout the day unless specifically approved by a teacher for educational purposes.

Please note that the school is **not responsible for lost or stolen items**.

Thank you for helping us maintain a focused and engaging learning environment for all students!

## Registration for 2026-27 School Year!

We will be having a **Parent Information Night for Kindergarten parents on January 29 at 6pm** in the Learning Commons. There will be a **Junior Kindergarten parent evening on February 3<sup>rd</sup>** (time to be determined). Please save these dates!

Online Registration for the following programs is now open:

- Junior Kindergarten
- Part Time English Kindergarten
- Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten

Part time and half time schedules will be determined in the spring. Please do not delay registration as the programming we can offer depends on the number of registrations we receive now!

**Please note:** Parents in Junior Kindergarten wishing to register in either English or French Kindergarten for next year, need to complete a new registration for their child.

### For Families New to FSD:

- [Visit our online registration portal](#)
- Click "Create Account". Once created, you will receive an activation email. You must activate your account to proceed - ***please keep your account credentials handy as you will need them to access your child's learner profiles, pay school fees and sign online consent forms in the future!***
- Upon login, you will be directed to a registration landing page, select the school you wish to register with from the drop-down list. Click "Open" to complete the registration form. You must complete a form for each of your children.
- Complete all the fields and where possible, upload necessary documents.
- Click the "Submit" button at the top right of the screen. You will have the option to download a PDF of your completed form.
- Your registration is now complete.

### For Existing FSD Families:

- Login to your Edsembli Family Portal at [edsembli SIS](#) with your username and password.
- Click on *New Registration* and submit your child's information.

**What you will need:**

- Proof of child's age and legal name (birth certificate or passport)
- *After registration, you may be asked to provide proof of address*

 **Action Required: School Fees Due**

General school fees (outside of field trips and extracurricular activities) need to be paid as soon as possible. If you haven't had a chance yet, please log into your parent [Edsembli account](#) to make your payment. Partial payments are available, so you may choose to spread the cost over a few months.

If your child joins an EJCS team sport, club, or participates in a class field trip, those fees will be added at that time. Please check your Edsembli account regularly to stay up to date.

Currently, we have several outstanding fees that need to be paid in order to plan upcoming learning activities this spring. **Please make all payments online through your Edsembli account.**

Thank you for your prompt attention and continued support in helping us provide great learning experiences for our students!