

# ÉCOLE OKOTOKS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWS- September 2018

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### Important Dates

Oct 1 - Terry Fox Walk/Run During Period 4  
Oct 2 - School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Oct 3 - Cross Country Divisionals at STS  
Oct 5 - PD Day, No School  
Oct 8 - Thanksgiving Day, No School  
Oct 10 - Cross Country Zones at STS  
Oct 12 - WE Day  
Oct 15 - Flag Football Team at McMahon Stadium  
Oct 18 - School Dance, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Oct 19 - PD Day, No School  
Oct 24 - School Photo Re-takes, am only  
Nov 7 - Parent/Teacher Interviews, 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
Nov 8 - Parent/Teacher Interviews, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

### Long Term Dates: (Subject to Change)

Nov 23 - PD Day, No School  
Nov 30 - Learner Profiles Sent Home

### EOJHS School Dance

The first school dance will take place on Thursday October 18 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. The cost of the dance is \$7.00 with a food bank item and \$8.00 without a food bank item.

All homeroom classes are responsible for providing at least one parent volunteer to chaperone the dance. Volunteers are required to have a Criminal Record Check on file at the school. If you need to complete this documentation, the school can assist. If you are willing to volunteer, please forward your name to your child's homeroom teacher or contact Norma Matheson ([matheson@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:matheson@fsd38.ab.ca)) directly. *Your help is greatly appreciated.*

### Terry Fox Fundraiser

Our goal this year is to raise \$3000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. This means that if every student and staff member donated \$4.15, we would reach our goal, which is set for October 4<sup>th</sup>. If we succeed, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Culp have agreed to have their heads shaved at a school assembly. All donations, large or small, are most appreciated. The school will be completing its own Terry Fox Walk/Run on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

You can donate online by visiting our school fundraising page: <http://www.terryfox.ca/OkotoksJuniorHigh> OR by simply donating at the school before the Run Day. Students can submit their donations to their homeroom teacher. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Ms. King

What is Take Our Kids to Work Day? Launched in 1994, Take Our Kids to Work Day is the most recognized career exploration event in Canada. Developed by The Learning Partnership, the annual event occurs in November each year. On Wednesday, November 14th, 2018, OJ's Grade 9 students will join their peers from across Canada and spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer

Where can students go for the day? Parents/guardians are encouraged to invite their children to join them at work, but if this is not possible, there are other ways for your child to participate: • Ask a relative, neighbour, or family friend to take your child to work. • Ask another parent, such as a parent of your child's friend who is taking their child to work, if your child can join them for the day. • Contact your child's school and inquire if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement. • Contact local businesses and ask if they are participating in Take Our Kids to Work day. Inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation.

For more information go to: <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day>

### **Lunch Procedures**

EOJHS remains a closed campus unless parents have signed the lunch permission form. Thank you for all of the amazing support we received from you in response to keeping our students safe during the school day.

### **School Photo Retake Day, Wednesday October 24, 2018 (Day 1) in East Courtyard**

All students that did not get their school photo taken on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> will have their photo done on retake day, Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday November 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. Interviews will be by appointment and more information will follow in mid-October on how parents can access the parent/teacher interview online calendar.

### **School Fees**

Invoices for school fees for 2018/2019 school year have been mailed home. You may pay your fees online or we accept Cash, Cheque, and Debit Card at the school. If you wish to Pay online with Visa or Master Card, please follow the link using your Maplewood User Name and Password which has been e-mailed home. The link to login to our schools Maplewood is <https://hosting.maplewood.com/ab/fsd/OJHS/parents> All fees, including Field Trips and Athlete Team fees are added to your child's Maplewood fees account throughout the year, so please check regularly to ensure your accounts are up to date.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your billing or wish to make arrangements for a payment plan or access our new FSD Fees assistance program (application deadline is December 14, 2018) , please contact Mrs. Tracy Thorbjornsen at [thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca) or 403- 938-4426 ext 19105.

### **"Hats On for Charity":**

In addition to other Fundraising campaigns that are held at EOJHS throughout the school year, on the last school day of each week we encourage our staff and students to contribute a minimum of \$1.00 to have the privilege of wearing their hats in school for the day. Each month the monies raised are donated to a different charity which ties in with other philanthropic activities that we are focusing on in the school.

**Our results to date: September (Terry Fox) - \$237.25**

### **Show your Ocelot Spirit – Optional Athletic Wear**

We have available the optional Ocelot athletic wear available for sale in the front office.

The EOJHS Sweat Shirts - \$40.00 each

The EOJHS Sweat Pants -\$20.00 each

The athletic lightweight wicking jersey – great as a warm up shirt or gym shirt in sized youth medium to adult XXL for \$30.00.

Water bottles are for sale \$6.00 each in a variety of colors (Red, Green, Purple, Blue and Black) and they can be refilled with at the bottle fountains located conveniently throughout the school including the gyms. Please see Mrs. Thorbjornsen any time to pick up these great items that will help keep you warm on those chilly outdoor PE Days or just to show your OCELOT PRIDE.

If you are looking for something special, try our new online shopping portal for École Okotoks Jr. High School Spirit Wear. Simply Log onto <http://okotoksjr.entripyshops.com> to place your order. You simply create an account to order and delivery will be made directly to your home.

### **Sobeys/Safeway Gift Cards**

Gift cards are available again this school year and are a dollar to dollar program where anyone can purchase pre-loaded gift cards in variable denominations from \$25.00 to \$500.00. Cards can be purchased from the office and the forms are located on our website. Up to 6% of you purchases will be credited to your students account and can be directed to the program of your choice, School Fees, Athletics, Field Trip, Band Camps. If you need any further information, please contact Tracy Thorbjornsen at 403-938- 4426 ext 19105.

### **EOJHS School Neighbors**

With parking at a premium, please be considerate of our neighboring preschool, Children's Montessori Academy that is directly across the street from EOJHS. Their parking area is the driveway that is often blocked by EOJHS parents dropping off or picking up students. Your consideration of being mindful to keep their driveway open is appreciated.

### **Visitors In The School**

PLEASE remember that **ALL** visitors in our school are to check in and sign in at the office. Once you have signed in, the office staff will give you a visitor's badge to acknowledge to all of our staff and students that you are a visitor at EOJHS. This policy within the School Division is to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.

### **Tuesdays Are Pizza Day at EOJHS**

Pizza is for sale at the school every Tuesday at lunch time. Pizza selection includes Pepperoni, Hawaiian and Cheese. \$3.00 for 1 slice and \$5.00 for 2 slices.

### **Recycle, Reduce, Reuse...**

The Foods and Textiles room are accepting any unwanted magazines (old Sears catalogues included), both Foods and Fashion related, to be used for different projects throughout the year. Also being accepted are any clean yogurt or sour cream containers with lids. Please drop them off at the front office or to Mrs. Schaan in the Foods Room. Thank you.

### **Student Illnesses**

At EOJHS, we endeavor to provide all students with a safe and caring environment. As such, we have students who have high risk medical conditions and we believe it is our responsibility to support them to the best of our ability. For this reason, we ask that you communicate to us any suspicions or occurrences of illnesses, particularly measles, chicken pox or flues.

### **Absenteeism**

All students are expected to be in school on time and to attend all classes. It is the parents' responsibility to confirm with the front office at the school whether or not these absences are excusable or inexcusable. The attendance number is 403-938-4426, then press 1. Alternatively you may email us at [ojattendance@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:ojattendance@fsd38.ab.ca) and provide the student's name, homeroom and reason for and approximate length of absence/lateness. Any student absences not reported to the office will be recorded by the office as inexcusable.

### **Student Messages**

Urgent student messages can be left by calling the school's main number 403-938-4426, ext. 0. Student with messages will be called to the office at 12:30 pm (lunch time) and 3:05 pm (end of the day) only.

### **Criminal Record Check (CRC) for Volunteers**

All volunteers for the school are required to have a criminal record check on file with ÉOJHS. If your family is new to EOJHS, and you need to obtain the required CRC please contact the office (938-4426, ext. 0) so we can prepare the letter you will need to take to the RCMP. The detachment is charging a \$5.00 fee- exact change, cash only.

Parent volunteer drivers are also required to have a CRC as well as completing the Volunteer Driver Form and providing a copy of their driver's license and insurance coverage of \$2 million.

### **School Twitter Information**

ÉOJHS is now using Twitter on our home web page to get you information about what is and will be happening in our school. Check it out! Visit <http://okotoksjr.fsd38.ab.ca> Contact [holmesb@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:holmesb@fsd38.ab.ca) for more information.

Attachments:

EOJHS Walking Educational Field Trip Form

School Council Meeting Poster

Jacket Racket Donations (Okotoks United Church)

Upcoming Learning Opportunities (Offered by Calgary Regional Consortium)



## ***SCHOOL/STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS AND VIEWS!***

### **Ecole Okotoks Junior High School Ocelots Fundraising Society**

EOJHS Ocelots Fundraising Society (AB365297) is pleased to announce we are hosting a ticket fundraiser for a \$5,000.00 Travel Voucher anywhere you want to go. Tickets will go on sale October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at noon. Only 1,000 tickets are available. Ticket are \$10.00 each. AGLC License Number: 502921. The draw date will November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

All money raised will used toward reducing bussing fees for students at EOJHS for the Music Program, Sports Program, Provincial competitions, Field Trips for education purposes, etc. Tickets can be purchased at the main office at the school, or by contacting Patty Haslam, Shari Hutchison, Kim Owen or Naydene Lewis at [ej4parents@gmail.com](mailto:ej4parents@gmail.com). All questions can be direct to Naydene Lewis, Chair at 403-938-6629. Thank you.

### **EOJHS Hot Lunch Program**

Hot lunch ordering is available by visiting [Healthhunger.ca](http://Healthhunger.ca) to view menus and place orders. There is a new procedure to sign up for Hot Lunch Volunteers – Please Volunteer!

Three steps to volunteer: **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com:  
<http://signup.com/login/entry/9702882895492600>

**Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

**Sign up!** Choose your volunteer spots.

### **Student Council**

Student Council has begun and is off to a great start this year! We are excited to announce our student executive team for this year.

President – Layna M – 9G

Secretary – England M – 7D

Vice President – Riley N – 9C

Treasurer – Josh H – 8I

As part of Student Council's leadership mandate and their overall contribution to helping communities, our students have been invited to attend WE Day in Edmonton on October 12th. We attend WE Day every year in hopes of peaking their interest on making new local, national, and international impacts.

In October, our first impact campaign will be local by collecting items for the Okotoks Food Bank - WE Scare Hunger. Last year, we were able to donate over 600lbs of food and other items. Our goal is to surpass that this year!

If your child is interested in joining student council, our door is always open. We meet weekly on Wednesday at outdoor lunch break in room 204.

Mrs Albers & Mme Chantal



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September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear parents/guardians,

Throughout the course of the year, teachers may take walking field trips around the school or within our community. These can include educational walks downtown Okotoks, to local businesses, the movie theatre, the Senior Citizens Center, the park, etc. to name a few.

Please sign and return this form which will suffice for the year. This gives informed consent/permission for **WALKING EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS**. Please sign and return this form by Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

**ELEMENTS OF RISK:**

Educational activity programs involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in these activities. The following list includes, but is not limited to, examples of the types of injury or risks which may result from participating in this field trip:

1. Bodily injury (falls, broken bones, etc.)
2. Twisting ankle during the walk
3. Becoming lost from the group

The risk of sustaining these types of injuries result from the nature of the activity and can occur without fault of either the student, or the school board, its' employees/agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. By choosing to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured.

The chance of an injury can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times while engaged in the activity.

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We have read the above. We understand that by participating in the activity described above, we are assuming the risks associated with doing so.

**PERMISSION:**

I give \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) permission to participate in **WALKING EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS** for the 2018/2019 school year.

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Mrs. Leah Kingston  
Principal

Mrs. Kerry Welsh  
Vice Principal

Mr. Bill Holmes  
Vice Principal





## SOBEYS GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Name of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(OPTIONAL)

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: Cash / Debit / Visa / Master Card / Cheque  
(PLEASE CIRCLE)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If credit card is not presented at time of purchase)

**Cards Purchased:**

<u>Face Value</u>		<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>*Designation</u>
\$25.00	x	_____	= \$	_____	Band / Other
\$50.00	x	_____	= \$	_____	Band / Other
\$100.00	x	_____	= \$	_____	Band / Other
\$200.00	x	_____	= \$	_____	Band / Other
\$500.00	x	_____	= \$	_____	Band / Other

Program of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Funds raised can be designated to activities such as Band Program, School Fees, School Athletics, Trips or a program of your choice. If no designation is selected then the funds will be held in a general account under your student's name to be accessed as needed. Non accessed funds will be distributed throughout the various programs such as Breakfast Program, Fine Arts, Athletics and other school initiatives as needed.

# School Council

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

- Get involved with our school community
- Support matters concerning school improvement
- Work collaboratively with the school to support and enhance student learning

\*We are seeking a Chair for our School Council Executive for 2018/2019.

Please consider volunteering for this role.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Room 153, Okotoks Junior High School

Looking forward to seeing you there!





**43 Riverside Drive**

**Saturday Oct. 20, 2018**

**1:30-3:30 pm**

**Tuesdays: Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6**

**2:00 to 4:30 pm**

**Thursdays: Oct. 25, Nov. 1 & 8**

**6:00 to 8:30 pm**

# Jacket Racket

*FREE winter clothing exchange,  
everyone welcome!*

**Donations can be dropped at:**

- Sobey's
- Better Than Home Coin Laundry
- Foothills Cleaners
- Okotoks Recreation Centre
- Okotoks United Church