



THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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April is proclaimed as **Sikh Heritage Month** when we celebrate how Sikh Canadians have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric. Sikhism's core principles include equality, generosity, openness, and compassion. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect on the pivotal role that Sikh communities have played, and continue to play, in building a stronger and consciously more inclusive Canada.

Good luck and farewell to **Mr. Masih**, our Intensive Support Worker who has been working in Ms. Jensen's class and coaching various teams at Gibson. Mr. Masih resigned from the Board to pursue a new and exciting job opportunity and his last day at Gibson was April 6, 2023. On behalf of the entire school community, we would like to thank Mr. Masih for his dedication to the school and students, and wish him all the best in his new position!

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
APRIL is Autism Acceptance Month and Sikh Heritage Month	
Apr. 10	Easter Monday HOLIDAY – no school
Apr. 14	Vaisakhi and Holy Friday Significant Faith Day
Apr. 17	School Council Meeting at 7 pm
Apr. 18	Gr. 7/8 Vaccinations
Apr. 18	Jr. Boys AREA Basketball Tournament
Apr. 21	Eid ul-Fitr and Ridvan Significant Faith Days
Apr. 24	Big Box of Cards ORDER FORMS due



Yearbook Reminder



J. A. Gibson 2022-23 Yearbooks can be ordered online at **ybpay.ca** using **Yearbook ID Code 13489723**. More information is available in the Parent Information Centre in front of the office. Pre-order **before May 8, 2023** to own your copy of this year's Gibson memories.

Summer Institute 2023 – Registration Now OPEN

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for five weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opened on March 29, 2023 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.

2023-24 School Organization REMINDER

We are in the process of planning for next year and looking at creating a school organization for the **2023-2024** school year. As most of you are aware, the Ontario Ministry of Education implemented a hard cap of students in each primary classroom. Although limiting class sizes is certainly a positive move, it does introduce a number of challenges. Flexibility is limited and consequently combined classes are continuing to be a part of our school organizations.

I recognize that parents/guardians may have new and/or important information to share about their child (e.g., a recent medical diagnosis, positive/negative peer relationships which exist outside of school, learning style, individual and family issues, etc.) which may impact class placement decisions. If you wish to express, **IN WRITING** via email to claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca, any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes, I ask that you do so **before May 17th. These requests are to focus on your child and their needs only.** Please be aware that any information you provide will not be shared and will be kept in confidence as part of the class placement process.

Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community and allow for a variety of abilities, interests and talents. Teachers work diligently to balance the classrooms in terms of student needs, academic ability and social and emotional concerns. Class placement is an important and complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion, so it is imperative that families adhere to the May 17th request deadline.

Please note that your written submissions are **NOT** considered confirmation of your request. Because of changing enrolment patterns during the spring and summer months, final class placement will be shared with students and families just prior to the first day of school.

Big Box of Cards FUNDRAISER – Apr. 3 - 24



To support the purchase of some outdoor benches for our students, School Council will be running our Big Box of Cards fundraiser this Spring to raise funds for this educational endeavor.

The fundraiser will take place from **April 3rd to April 24th**. More information can be found in the Parent Information Centre. Thanks for your support.

School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, April 17, 2023

7:00 pm in the library

We welcome all parents and guardians to attend any or all meetings.

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