



THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Dec. 19



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It's the final week of school before the Winter Holidays and I know we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. Thank you to all our staff, students and families for your food and clothing donations to our Giving Tree. We will be donating all the items to the Food Bank and Women's Shelter at the end of the week.

December has been a busy month for our students with teams and clubs continuing to run, and with planning for our Winter Wonderland Concerts. Unfortunately, with the school inclement weather day last Thursday we had to postpone both concerts. With evening permits in the gym and limited evening supervision this week, we have had to move our Winter Wonderland Concerts to December 20 and December 21st from 11-12 pm. These times will accommodate families in our gym and parking lots while avoiding bus arrival and dismissal time. A huge thank you to **Ms. Sivanesan** and **Mme Viau** for all their hard work organizing these concerts and to all the teachers, and especially the students, for working so hard on their performances. .

As we say goodbye to 2022 in this Gazette, we are also saying goodbye to...

Mr. Bartolo who has been supporting in Ms. Jensen's class
Ms. Dudani who will be starting her new role as Vice-Principal in Peel
and
Mr. Ramasamy our Blind/Low Vision Itinerant who is retiring!

We want to thank all of them for the outstanding support they have provided our students during their time with us. Best of luck in all your future endeavours!

In January, we would like to welcome **Mr. Moroz** who will be teaching Junior/Intermediate Phys. Ed. in the afternoons on Day 3, 4 and 5. And a warm welcome back to **Ms. Au** and **Mr. Masih**, who will be returning to Gibson. Ms. Au will be teaching the Grade 7/8 class and Mr. Masih will return to Ms. Jensen's class.

On behalf of the entire Joseph A. Gibson staff, I want to wish our families who celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, a wonderful and joyous celebration with family and friends; and to all our families - I wish you a safe and happy winter holiday. See you on January 9, 2023!

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Dec. 19	First day of Hanukkah
Dec. 20	Winter Wonderland Concert - 11-12 pm
Dec. 21	Winter Wonderland Concert – 11-12 pm
Dec. 23	Pyjama Spirit Day
Dec. 23	Last day of the school before the winter holidays
Dec. 24 – Jan. 8	<i>Happy Holidays!</i>
Jan. 9, 2023	First day back to school



Grade 1 French Immersion Information and Registration REMINDER

Information Session:

This year our Information session for **Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program** will take place in French Immersion schools on **January 19, 2023**. Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If you're unable to attend the information session, you can hear all about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#).

Registration:

FI registration will begin on January 20, 2023. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. **You are asked to register by February 6, 2023**. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations:

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2023. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Lost and Found



The **LOST AND FOUND** table will be on display in the front hallway during the week Dec. 19th for students and parents who would like to take a look. Any unclaimed items at the end of the day on December 23rd will be donated to families in need.

School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, January 16, 2023

7:00 pm in the library

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

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