



THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Jan. 9

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Welcome back everyone and happy 2023! May the coming year bring you all joy, peace and good health.

January is not only the start of the new year; it is also **Tamil Heritage Month**, which aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature, as well as to highlight the vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures of Tamil Canadians. In addition, Tamil Heritage Month recognizes the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians.

Thank you to all our Gibson families for your generous contributions to our Gibson Giving Tree. Your donations were delivered to the Vaughan Food Bank and to Yellow Brick House and will support the many families in need in our community.

As part of our Daily Physical Activity requirement and to celebrate the winter season and the new year, School Council is hosting a **Winter Dance for all the students on Thursday, January 19th**. A DJ, prizes and LOTS of fun is planned for that day! The primary, junior and intermediate students will be scheduled to attend the dance for a 100 minute block at different times during the day. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in this event, please reach out to your child's teacher. An alternate winter craft activity will be available for students who are exempt from dance.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Jan. 9	First day back to school
Jan. 16	School Council Meeting – 7 pm in library
Jan. 19	Winter Dance for all students – <i>hosted by School Council</i>
Jan. 19	French Immersion Information Night for NEW incoming Gr. 1 FI students – 7 pm in gym
Jan. 20	PA DAY – no school for students
Jan. 20	Kindergarten and Gr. 1 French Immersion Registration begins
Jan. 22	Lunar New Year Significant Faith Day

Grade 1 French Immersion INFORMATION SESSION

This year our Information session for **Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program** will take place at Joseph A. Gibson on **January 19, 2023 – 7:00 pm in the gym.** 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](#). The slide deck that will be shared that evening will also be posted on our school website.

Gr. 1 French Immersion - REGISTRATION

French Immersion registration, for all NEW Gr. 1 students attending French Immersion in September, 2023, 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.

Parking Reminders

Families are reminded to please to **park on the road and walk your child in to the school when dropping them off in the morning, or picking up at the end of the day.** The bus loop entrance is closed from 8:15-8:30 and from 3:00 – 3:15 every day in order to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of students.

If possible, please park on Netherford (instead of on Naylor Street) as buses need to be able to drive in and out of the school safely during bus dismissal. Often times, cars are parked on the north side of Naylor right up to the stop sign making it very difficult for busses to drive out of the school and turn safely onto Netherford.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe!



Dress for the Weather

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day and if there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess. Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play during recesses. They can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jacket, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra clothing in case they get wet.

To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found Bin, please be sure to label all articles of clothing with your child's name.

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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