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During this past October, it was great to see our students come together to engage in various school events. Most recently, on Tuesday, October 31st, the members of our Student Council planned and organized a dance and celebration for all of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Each class had an opportunity to engage in some daily physical activity or pre-arranged activities throughout the day. We are so proud of our student leaders and their focus on creating an inclusive school environment. We look forward to seeing them lead in many ways throughout the school year.

This past month, we had to say goodbye to **Mrs. Florio** who has taken an early maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she awaits the arrival of her baby.

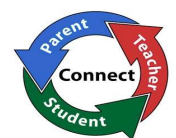
November is shaping up to be a very busy month at school where teachers and students work closely together to set goals about future success and to communicate current progress with parents. **Report cards will be going home on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 with parent/teacher interviews scheduled during the evening of Thursday, November 23rd and the morning of Friday, November 24th.** We will also have our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on **Friday, November 10th**. This is a special time for our students to come together and recognize this significant date in history.

During this month, we will also recognize and focus our efforts on anti-bullying during **Bullying Awareness and Prevention week (November 19-25th)**. This will include various student activities and daily announcements.

Our focus at Gibson is always to improve student achievement. As a staff, we continue to work together to build our capacity in instructional strategies in order to meet the needs of all our students.

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Friday, November 24, 2017
PA DAY—no school for students

Important Dates

- Nov. 1 **Dental Screening (JK, SK, Gr. 2—possibly 4 and 6)**
Grade 8s to Maple High
- Nov. 2 **Student Council to Ring of Peace**
- Nov. 3 **Dental Screening (Gr. 8)**
- Nov. 6 **Hep B and HPV for Gr. 7 students**
- Nov. 10 **Remembrance Day Assembly (morning)**
- Nov. 12 **Santafest Parade 12– 3 pm**
- Nov. 17 **Electives Day (Jr/Int)**
- Nov. 19-25 **Anti-Bullying Awareness/Prevention Week**
- Nov. 20 **School Council Meeting 7 pm in library**
- Nov. 21 **Progress Reports go home**
- Nov. 22 **School Photo Retakes**
- Nov. 23 **Interviews in the evening**
- Nov. 24 **PA Day (Interviews in the morning)**
- Nov. 28 **Band to Maple High School (AM)**

Dress for the Weather

All our students will be expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions (i.e., rain or shine, snow or heat). Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time. It is advisable for children to keep extra pants and socks at school 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.

Weather Conditions and Busses

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run after school—regardless of the weather. Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. The following radio stations announce cancellations:



AM 640	AM 680	FM 88.5
FM 90.3	AM 1010	AM 1540
FM 92.5	FM 93.1	AM 1050
FM 99.9	FM 97.3	FM 98.1
AM 1530	FM 100.7	FM 104.5
FM 107.1	AM 590	

Students in Action



Cross Country Team—We had a terrific turnout for our school Cross Country Team this year. Congratulations to all of our athletes who attended the Area and Regional Meets. Thank you to our coach —Mr. Cipollone and Mr. Loukili for their time and commitment to the team.



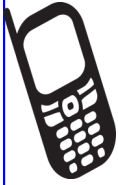
Announcement Team— If you are here first thing in the morning, you will have an opportunity to hear our intermediate student announcers welcome our staff and students to a new day and do the morning announcements.



Intermediate Volleyball Teams—Tryouts for the Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams have taken place under the coaching of Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Loukili and Ms. Jensen. Teams are practicing and playing various games in preparation for the Area Meet.

Personal/Electronic Items

Just a reminder that the school does not take responsibility for any personal items or electronics that are brought to the school from home (i.e., playing cards, sports equipment, cellphones, iPods, etc.) that become lost or damaged.



Cellphones must be turned off while on school property and during school organized activities. Please refer to the "Acceptable Use Of Technology Agreement" outlined in the Guide to the School Year 2017-18.

Student Council 2017-18

This year's Student Council is being run by Mrs. Abecassis and Mrs. Benninger. Interviews were held and congratulations to the following students who are the executive members of our Student Council this year:

**Liliana B.
Mit C.
Madelin C.
Puneet H.
Amanpreet K.
Paarth K.
Sia S.
Prisha S.**

Arrival and Dismissal

We are a busy school during arrival and dismissal times, with many busses, taxis and vans and we ask all parents and guardians to please help us in keeping our students and staff safe during those times.

If you are dropping or picking up your child **at the front** of the school, please remember to only park on Naylor St. **west** of Netherford, as busses need to be able to get in and out of our parking lot safely.

It is also very important to remember that **supervision begins at 8:15 am** and students are not to be dropped off prior to that time as there is no supervision. Thank you!

School Lates and Absences

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If your child will be absent or late, you must contact the school each time they will be away. You can call and leave a clear message on our answering machine if the office is closed.

Our office staff is responsible for doing safe arrivals every morning and afternoon. If we are unaware of a reason for your child's absence, we will contact all the parent and emergency contact numbers on file in order to try and locate your child.

If this proves unsuccessful and we are unable to reach anyone, the York Regional Police will be contacted as part of the Board's Safe Arrivals and Departures Policy.

School Council News

INVEST-IN-STUDENTS DONATION DRIVE

Our School Council's annual fundraising campaign continues for a few more days! The Invest-in-Students Donation Drive launched on **Monday, October 4th and will run until Friday November 3rd**. Thank you to all the families that have already gone on School Cash On-line and contributed. If you are still looking to donate, and need another donation letter, check the Gibson blog or pick up a copy of the Donation Drive form in the office or in the Parent Information Centre across from the office.

It doesn't matter the amount....beause every little bit helps!



**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
Monday, November 20, 2017**

Gibson is Connected!

In our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, we are excited about this evolution in supporting school communication. It supports our ECO school efforts and will also ensure that you will receive information in a timely and consistent manner.



Parents can now follow us on Twitter **@JosephAGibsonPS** for immediate updates about school events and YRDSB reminders.



Or you can subscribe to the Joseph A. Gibson Blog <http://josephagibson.blogspot.ca/>

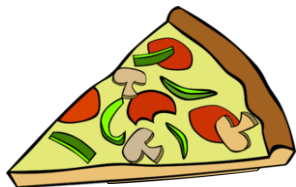
The **Blog** is a unique tool in which recently updated school information will automatically be sent to parents between 5 and 7 pm that same day. Parents can opt to subscribe to the blog (see the right hand side of the blog page when you visit the site). The blog includes a translation feature which will translate anything posted in a selected language, links to various sites, permission forms and school information.

Visit or subscribe today and get connected!

Pizza Lunches

Thanks to Mrs. Shapiro, our parent volunteer who co-ordinates our pizza lunches, and to our volunteer parents who help distribute pizza for our Pizza Lunch Program.

Pizza lunches will be every Monday and began on October 30th. Order forms are available in the office if you are interested.



Cookie Sales



School Council organizes this very successful, and tasty fundraising campaign every **Wednesday at lunch time**. Don't miss out!

Milk Program

Our popular milk program has started once again this year and order forms are available in the office, if you are interested in ordering milk for your child.

Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment and have launched Crayola **ColorCycle**. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers.

ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. Specially developed standards-based lesson plans are available to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions. A collection bin is located in the front hallway.

Thank you to Mrs. David for starting up this terrific recycling initiative.

