

THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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Gibson Gives this Holiday Season!

Please help support our Food and Warm Clothing Drive during the month of December. We are collecting non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank; and **NEW** warm clothing such as hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, pyjamas, etc. for those families in need. Toiletries such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc. would also be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be placed in the bins or on the Gibson Giving Tree which is located in the front lobby up until Dec. 21st. Thanking you in advance for your support!

Personal Items from Home

Remember that the school does not take responsibility for any personal items brought to school by students (i.e. soccer balls, collector cards, toys, etc.) that become damaged or lost. It is strongly recommended that these items remain at home.

Save the Date – Dec. 14th Holiday Concert

We are excited to present to you our annual Winter Holiday Concert on the evening of Thursday, December 14th starting at 6 pm. More information about times and classes that will be performing that evening will be shared in the next Gazette, and in a separate flyer.

Please note - *In the event the evening concert needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will reschedule it for a daytime concert the following week.*



Message from our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

As we move into 2024, we are also looking forward to the opening of the [new elementary school](#) in the growing area of Kleinburg. The school will be located the northwest corner of Barons Street and Algoma Drive and is currently proposed to open in September 2024.

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Nadeem Mahmood

Trustee

King and Vaughan Ward 1

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
December is Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa	
Dec. 1 - 21	Gibson Gives Food and Clothing Drive
Dec. 4	Kids Kitchen Hot Lunch program begins
Dec. 4	School Spirit Wear Orders due today by midnight
Dec. 5	Gr. 2s to BORC
Dec. 6	Gr. 4s to BORC
Dec. 7	Gr. 7s to BORC
Dec. 8	Hanukkah

Inclement Weather and School Transportation

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing schools and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- [Board](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Gibson Spirit Wear



The J.A. Gibson Spirit Wear Online Store closes at midnight today - **December 4th**. Flyers went home on Nov. 23rd but you can also click on the link below for more information. All orders will be delivered to the school on Dec. 20th.

[**J. A Gibson Spiritwear Store**](#)

Dance with Justin is back!

The **Dance with Justin** program is returning this year and will take place from January 8th to January 18th. Each homeroom class from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be scheduled to receive lessons during their Phys. Ed and/or Drama/Dance classes during this time.

On Thursday, January 18th, students will present their class dances to parents. The schedule of these [day performances](#) will be sent to the community in the new year.

Thank you to Gibson School Council for supporting this event this year!

School Council News

2023-24 School Council Chairs:

Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, January 22, 2024

7:00 pm in the library

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

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