

THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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This year, all schools in Ontario are working with the new Language Curriculum for Grades 1 to 8. The curriculum was issued in the Spring of 2023 for implementation in September 2023. Below is a direct link to the parent guide. Additional information on all grade curriculums can be found on the Ministry of Education website.

[Ministry Guide: Language Grade 1-8, A Guide for Parents](#)

At Joseph A. Gibson – **every Friday is Gibson Spirit Wear Day!** Students and staff are encouraged to show their Gibson spirit and proudly wear **RED, BLACK** or **GREY** or their **GIBSON Spirit Wear!** If you are interested in purchasing some spirit wear this Fall, Gibson's Online Store will soon be open!

Cookie Thursdays are back! School Council is once again running our Cookie Thursdays with various cookies for sale including a Gluten Free and Vegan option this year. Thank you to our parent volunteers, Ms. Henriques and Ms. Ponzio, for their support every Thursday. Special update for this week - we have a limited number of freezies also available this Thursday.

Pizza Tuesdays – Thanks to Ms. Ferraro and Ms. Globocki for volunteering every Tuesday with our School Council pizza hot lunch program.

Smoothie Wednesdays – Starting this Wednesday, we are starting Strawberry Banana Smoothie Days until Dec. 20th. More information regarding this new program can be found on School Cash Online.

Hot Lunch Programs – At this time, YRDSB is reviewing some of the Hot Lunch Programs that we have had in the past. Once these are ready to start, we will send communication to our families.

Young Rembrandts and 10-10 Sports Optional Lunchtime Programs – At this time, YRDSB is reviewing permit applications for these two popular lunchtime programs. Once these are ready to begin, we will send communication to our families.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
November is.....Diwali and Hindu Heritage Month	
Oct. 24	REGIONAL Cross Country Meet
Oct. 25	Super Smoothies begin
Oct. 26	REGIONAL Cross Country Meet RAINDATE
Oct. 31	Fall/Halloween Dance for all grades
Nov. 1	Grade 8's to Maple High School



Parking on Netherford Road

The ongoing construction on Netherford Rd. and in the surrounding Maple area, as well as late busses and the back entrance walkway being closed for families has proven to be very challenging for families at drop off and pick up times. We have been working with bus transportation to try and improve the bussing situation and over the past week have started to see some improvements.

In an effort to ensure the safety of all in the community and to be respectful of our school neighbours in the morning and after school, we would like to try and reduce the number of cars parking on both sides of the street on Netherford Rd. This congestion creates unsafe situations for students and families walking to school and for the drivers of cars and busses. In order to try and reduce the congestion on Netherford Rd. in the morning and afterschool, please consider the following:

- Walking to school (if possible)
- Carpooling with another family
- Parking only on the EAST side of the road in order for cars/busses to pass through safely
- Parking at least one car length back from a stop sign and/or a crosswalk.
Crosswalks should never be blocked by a car.
- Taking school bus transportation, if your child qualifies for the bus.



The bus loop entrance is only closed from 8:15-8:30 am and from 3:00 – 3:15 pm every day in order to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of students.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe!

Parent/Teacher Interviews and Progress Report Cards

This year, **Parent/Teacher Interviews** are scheduled to take place on **Thursday, November 16th in the evening and on Friday, November 17th during the PA day.** Progress Report Cards will be sent electronically from the Board starting on November 9th. More detailed information about the Parent/Teacher Interview schedule will be shared in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned!

Terry Fox Walk – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our students and families that contributed to our Terry Fox Walk to support Cancer Research. Thank you to Mr. Marconi and Mr. Mahoney for organizing the event this year. Together we raised over **\$570**. Donations will continue to be accepted online on our School Fundraising Page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/35753>

Halloween Celebrations

Each year, our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween by dressing up in costumes that meet our school's dress code. At this time, it is important to remember that the York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0 in accordance with the Ontario *Safe Schools Act*, includes the following criteria: *A student shall not engage in the following act:*

(a) possessing a weapon or replica weapon, including a firearm.

Students celebrating Halloween in costume at our school must comply with the above stated policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0.

Parents and guardians of all students are asked to look out for more detailed information from their child's teacher about expectations for Halloween.

Invest-in-Students Donation Drive Fundraising Campaign

One more week to go....

Our School Council's annual fundraising campaign – **Invest in Students Donation Drive** - continues and we are working towards our next goal of \$3000 where all students will have a "No Homework Day".

If you are still looking to donate or need another donation letter, copies are available in the parent information centre in the main lobby. You can also donate through School Cash Online under Fundraising.

Thank you to all the families that have already donated!

School Council News

2023-24 School Council Chairs:

Laura Celli-Henriques and Pina Olsson



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, November 20, 2023

7:00 pm in the library

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

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