

THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Sept. 12



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We're back! And very excited to welcome back all of our Gibson students. A very special welcome, and bienvenue, to all our **new** students and their families.

Starting a new school year takes a lot of preparation from everyone, and I want to acknowledge and thank Mr. Ferreira, Mr. Apostol and Ms. Perez Vega, our amazing caretaking team, who have spent this past summer cleaning and sanitizing the school in preparation for the first day. As always, the office could not run so smoothly for September start-up without our hardworking office team - **Miss Paulette** and **Mrs. Leggieri**. And last, but not least, thank you to our incredible staff who have worked hard to get their classrooms and programs organized and ready for this coming new school year.

With the start of this new school year, I am happy to welcome back **Mlle Rodriguez** as the LTO teacher who will be returning to teach Gr. 1 French Immersion and **Ms. Venneri** who will be the LTO teaching Kindergarten. We also would like to welcome to the school some new staff - **Ms. Vincec** who will be the DECE working with Ms. Venneri; and **Ms. Chambers** who is joining our EA team this year.

As we do every year, during the first few weeks of school, we will focus on establishing a safe and supportive learning environment where students will be made aware of curriculum expectations, School Code of Behaviour, Safety Awareness and health and safety protocols. Many of these items and more are found in the **YRDSB Guide to the School Year 2022-23 and in the Start Up Package** (which will be sent to our families in the coming days). In addition, the **Book of Forms** will be sent electronically from the YRDSB to our families. These forms will need to be completed and returned to the office **as soon as possible**.

We will work together with our families to support the social, emotional and mental well-being of your children and set high academic and social expectations for them - where every experience they have will be supportive, inclusive and identity-affirming.

We are looking forward to another great year and meeting and reconnecting with all of you over the next couple of weeks!

Claudia Fischer
Principal

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Sept. 14	Welcome and Safe and Caring Assemblies for all students
Sept. 16	School Council Nominations DUE to the office
Sept. 19	School Council Meeting – 7 pm in library
Sept. 23	PA DAY – no school for students
Sept. 26 and Sept. 27	Rosh Hashanah Significant Faith Days

IMPORTANT - School Enrolment and Class Placements

Please note that due to late registrations and increasing enrolment, **there may be staffing changes and class reorganization by September 23rd, which may result in a change of teacher and/or classroom for your child.** We will do our best to keep these changes to a minimum and to support students during any transitions.

In the event re-organization affects your child, you will be notified by the school in advance of any changes.

Terry Fox Walk/Run - Sept. 30

J. A. Gibson will once again be participating in the Terry Fox Walk to raise awareness and funds for Cancer Research. This year, classes will be scheduled to walk around the perimeter of the school on **September 30th** with a raindate of Oct. 3rd.

Our hope is to raise over \$750. We can reach our goal by bringing in a Toonie for Terry or donating online on our School Fundraising Page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/14685>

Thanking you in advance for your support!

New Covid19 SCREENING Link

We continue to encourage our families and staff to do the COVID screening before attending school. Keep the following link to the Ministry Screening as a reference:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

IMPORTANT - Edsby Account Registration

For those families who have yet to register for their Edsby parent account, please check your email for an Edsby invitation sent from YRDSB. Child absences and school messages can be done through Edsby – so, please ensure you have registered. If you have any questions, please contact the office. If you did not receive an email, or are having difficulty registering with Edsby, please see the attached Edsby Instructions or call the school office for assistance.

Safe Arrival Program

Through a directive from the Ministry of Education and Training, all School Boards are to implement a safe arrivals program in their schools. The York Region District School Board has been working very closely with the York Regional Police to ensure the safety of our students. The safe arrival program at Joseph A. Gibson P.S. depends on parents to notify the office in the event of their child's late arrival or absence.

All parents and guardians are reminded to please call the school at (905) 832-1291 if their child is going to be late or absent for any reason (including a religious holiday). You can record your child's absence on Edsby or leave a message on the answering machine if calling before 8:00 am or after 4:00 pm. Please leave your child's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. If calling is not possible, please inform the school in person as soon as possible. If a student is not in school and the school office has not received notification from the parents, the school will take the following steps:

Step One:

Call the student's home.

Step Two:

If there is no answer, the school will call the parents at work or on their cell phones.

Step Three:

If there is no response, the school will call the emergency contact person(s).

Step Four:

If a contact person cannot be reached, then the school will notify the York Regional Police that a child is missing.

Each year, we are forced to contact York Regional Police to assist in finding a "missing child".

In each case, the child is found with his/her parent. Please support the safe arrival program by being conscientious and phoning the school when your child is going to be absent or late.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

V.S.S. - Vulnerable Sector Screening

We always welcome parent volunteers in our school and on school trips; however, this year, volunteers in the school are on hold until further direction from Public Health and the Ministry. However, if you already have a Vulnerable Sector Screening on file at our school, we welcome you to make an appointment with the school and come in and sign an **Offense Declaration form** that is required every September for the upcoming school year in order to be ready in the event we are able to offer volunteer opportunities once again. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

Gibson Staff for 2022-23

Kindergarten	Ms. Benninger, Mrs. Defulviis, Mrs. Gallo, Ms. Sivanesan, Ms. Venneri, Ms. Vincec
French Immersion	Mme D'Agostino, Mme Fleck, M. Loukili, Mme Musheerah, Mlle Rodriguez
Primary	Ms. Buonaiuto, Mrs. David, Mr. Mahoney
Primary/Junior	Mrs. Charalambous; Ms. Daniels
Junior/Intermediate	Mrs. Abecassis, Mrs. Dudani, Mrs. Esho, Ms. Jensen, Mr. Marconi, Mr. Tustin
French	Mme Pulla, Mme Viau
Music/Dance/Drama/ESL	Ms. Sivanesan
ESL and Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Benninger
EA Staff	Ms. Carrazedo, Ms. Chambers, Ms. Cowin, Ms. Linardi, Mr. Masih
Office Staff	Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Leggieri, Miss Paulette
Caretaking Staff	Mr. Apostol, Mr. Ferreira, Ms. Perez Vega

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Student Agenda Planners for 2022-23 - Now Available!

Agenda planners are designed to assist students in the development of their learning skills and are an effective time management, organization and communication tool. The Gibson agenda also includes important information about the daily operation and expectations of our school. Agenda planners are **\$6** each and are available for the Primary, French Immersion and Junior/Intermediate grades.

They can be purchased through school cash-on line or from the office, or your child can bring in \$6 to the office to purchase one.



School Council News

2021-22 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



Our final 2021-22 School Council meeting, as well as elections for this year's 2022-23 School Council **will be held on September 19th at 7:00 p.m.** I encourage and invite any interested parents or guardians to become a member of our incredible School Council. The Gibson School Council have supported the school over the years with fundraising campaigns and parent engagement in the areas of Arts, Athletics and Academics.

Nomination forms for this year's Council are available in the Book of Forms that was sent electronically to families by YRDSB. If you are interested in seeking an executive position (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer), please fill out the nomination form and return it to the office by Sept. 16th.

Claudia Fischer

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