

THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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Every two weeks, the Gibson Gazette will be sent out to update our families on school reminders and school events taking place in the coming weeks. Please review the Gazette carefully on these days so you don't miss out on anything!

As we enter into the last week of September, we are thrilled to welcome **Mr. Ivers** to the Gibson staff. With the recent re-organization of our junior classes, we were able to reduce the large numbers in our Gr. 5/6 classes and create a **Gr. 3 class with Mrs. Charalambous**, a **Gr. 4 class with Mr. Ivers** and a **Gr. 4/5 class with Ms. Daniels**. Today is the first day some of our students are in their new classes and staff will be supporting them with the transition to the new classes and with their new schedules. During the reorganization, we have also lost one of our kindergarten teachers. Congratulations to **Ms. Veneri** who accepted a contract position at E. J. Sands starting today. We are currently looking to hire a new long-term occasional teacher for that position until Ms. Kokotsis returns. Mrs. Makovenko, one of our preferred occasional teachers will be covering the class this week.

On Sept. 14th, all classes were part of the Safe and Caring Schools and School Code of Behaviour presentations in the gym. In the coming weeks and during an upcoming Safety Week – students will also be participating in Fire Drills, Lockdown and Hold and Secure drills. In addition, teachers will review homework expectations with the students and will share more with our families at the Curriculum Night Open House on October 6, 2022 – a wonderful time to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom and the school. Both the School Code of Behaviour and Homework Policy are attached in this newsletter.

Bus Transportation

Thank you to all our families, and especially our families whose children take a bus. We understand the frustration with the start-of-school bussing issues and we are working every day with Student Transportation and the Bus Companies to rectify them. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding.

Dress Code

In alignment with the YRDSB Code of Behaviour and Safe Schools Policy and Procedure, dress code is enforced in order to create a safe and respectful learning and teaching environment. Students are reminded to not wear clothing to school that:

- is revealing or provocative
- includes inappropriate messages

- shows midriffs and undergarments. (These are to remain covered at all times and therefore tops or dresses that expose the upper body are unacceptable).

Students who choose to wear clothing that does not conform to the code may be asked to: turn the piece of clothing inside out, wear something over the piece of clothing, change into something else or call home for a change of clothes.

Personal Items

This is a very important reminder as we continue to see students bring personal items to school to play with at recess or have in the classroom. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. We strongly recommend that students keep personal items and items of value **at home**. Each classroom has a set of outdoor gym equipment to use during recesses if students wish.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Sept. 26 – 27	Rosh Hashanah Significant Faith Days
Sept. 26	Milk program begins
Sept. 26	Lunchbox Orders begins (more information in this Gazette)
Sept. 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – ORANGE Shirt Day
Sept. 30	Terry Fox Walk/Run Around the Community (Raindate – Oct. 3 rd)
Oct. 3	RAINDATE – Terry Fox Walk
Oct. 4	Pizza program begins
Oct. 6	Curriculum Night Open House – 6 pm (see flyer below)

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Sept. 30

September 30 is a National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and all staff and students are encouraged to wear **ORANGE** to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters! We need to focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to always help each other.

Every Child Matters!

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. We have decided to return to our Terry Fox Walk around the Community on **September 30th at 11 am** (weather permitting). If you would like to join your child for the walk, please let their teacher know.

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>

Thank you to families who have already donated.

Save the Date – Curriculum Night Open House October 6th

Curriculum Open House

Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Meet the teacher, visit your child's classroom and take a tour of your child's daily learning environment.

6:00 – 6:30	Classroom Visits/Presentations – Session 1
6:30 - 6:45	Transition between Visits/Presentations
6:45 – 7:15	Classroom Visits/Presentations – Session 2



We are looking forward to seeing you!

Medication



The safety of our students is paramount. Please inform the office of any medical conditions or allergies that affect your child by filling out all necessary Health Care forms. It is also a good idea to mention any significant health issues to your child's homeroom teacher. Children who need to take medication at school require a *Request for Administration of Oral Medication Form* signed by the parent before the medication is given to your child. If your child requires medication during the school day, please speak to the office staff.

Anaphylaxis Safety

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with allergies, especially life-threatening allergies. While we take every step to create a safe environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms. Several of our students have severe allergic reactions if they come in contact with certain allergens. Even a trace amount or airborne particles can trigger a reaction. We ask for your co-operation by please ensuring that your child does not bring any nut products to school.

Thank you for helping making our school safe for all!

REMINDER - 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, please call the office.

Gibson Staff for 2022-23

Kindergarten	Ms. Benninger, Mrs. Defulviis, Mrs. Gallo, Ms. Kokotsis, Ms. Sivanesan, Ms. Vincec
French Immersion	Mme D'Agostino, Mme Fleck, M. Loukili, Mme Musheerah, Mlle Rodriguez
Primary	Ms. Buonaiuto, Mrs. Charalambous, Mrs. David, Mr. Mahoney
Junior/Intermediate	Mrs. Abecassis, Ms. Daniels, Mrs. Dudani, Mrs. Esho, Mr. Ivers, 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

Hot Lunches – Lunchbox Orders

Gibson is thrilled to, once again, offer hot lunches through **Lunchbox Orders**. To start the year, we will be offering the following:

Mondays – Hero Burger

Wednesdays - Subway

Healthy school meals are just one click away! Starting Sept. 27th, if you are interested in ordering the above hot lunches for your child(ren), you can place your order at:

www.lunchboxorders.com

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, or require the invitation to be re-sent to you, please contact the office.

REMINDER - Student Agenda Planners for 2022-23

There are a few more copies of the Gibson agenda still available for purchase in the office. They 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 through the office or your child can bring in \$6 to the office to purchase one.



School Start Up Packages and Forms

Joseph A. Gibson Start Up Packages were sent to all our families last week. In addition, YRDSB has sent start up forms electronically to all families. Please ensure you complete the information in these forms as soon as possible so that we have the most up-to-date information about your child.

Included in the School Book of Forms is our yearly **FUNDRAISING – DONATION DRIVE**. Although our Fundraising campaign will officially kick off in October (with fundraising goals and school-wide incentives), we want to thank all our families who have already made donations to support the students in the school!

School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



On Monday, September 19, 2022, the 2021-2022 Council was dissolved and elections were held to vote in the new Council. Congratulations to the following executive members of the School Council for 2022-2023:

Pina Olsson and **Lisa Papa** - Co-Chairs
Rosemary Alam and **Andria DeCesare** - Co-Treasurers
Nitasha Ragnauth – Secretary

We are excited to have so many members interested in participating in this year's School Council and welcome all parents/guardians to attend any, or all, future meetings. The meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows and will be held in the library at 7 pm.

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