

# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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## **Welcome to Gibson and the start of another school year!**

We are looking forward to the start of another great school year. Below is some important information to get you started next week! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office this week anytime between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

**If you are driving your child to school in the morning, the parking lot is closed between 8:15 and 8:30 am for bus arrivals. No cars are permitted in the parking lot area during this time in order to ensure the safety of all our students.**

Students will need a **nut-free, healthy snack and a healthy lunch** on the first day of school – in addition to indoor shoes that can remain at the school. Other materials and items that may be required, will be shared by your child's teacher.

Gibson will once again have some **optional hot lunch programs** to offer to our students. Currently, pizza and milk orders are available for purchase on School Cash online. Families will be informed of other options once we have confirmed dates and vendors. Stay tuned!

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Sept. 6	PA DAY – no school for students
Sept. 7	<b>First Day of School for all students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SK (Year 2) to Grade 8 attend all day</li><li>- JK (Year 1) students attend from 10:45-12:15 only</li></ul>
Sept. 7	<b>Ukrainian Heritage Day</b>
Sept. 8	All students attending school ALL DAY

## School Timetable

8:15 am	Supervision begins outside (Entrance to parking lot is closed from 8:15-8:30 am)
8:30 am	School begins
10:10 – 10:40 am	Recess
12:20 – 1:20 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	Dismissal



## Moved? Need to Register?

If you have moved and your child(ren) will **not be attending J. A. Gibson** this September, please inform the office as soon as possible.

In addition, if you know of anyone who needs to register their child, or you have a child to register, please contact or visit the office this week and Miss Paulette or Ms. Leggieri will be happy to assist you.

## Health and Safety – Covid Update

The Ministry of Education has provided direction on supporting a return to a more normalized learning experience for students while maintaining specific protective measures.

- Students, staff members and school visitors are not required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so.
- Students, staff members and visitors should continue to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to entering the school daily.
- Hand hygiene and normal cleaning and disinfection protocols will continue. In addition, we will continue to follow our current [ventilation](#) practices.

## IMPORTANT - Kindergarten Start Dates – Sept. 7

### YEAR 1 (JK) Students

**Sept. 7 from 10:45 – 12:15 pm** – All new JK students will attend school during this time only. Please drop your child off at the Kindergarten enclosure at 10:45 am and then pick them up at this same spot at 12:15 pm.

**Sept. 8** will be the first FULL day of school for all our YEAR1 (JK) students.

### YEAR 2 (SK) Students

**Sept. 7** is the first day of kindergarten for all our Year 2 (SK) students. They will be at school from 8:30 – 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



## Class Placement Information

An email from Joseph A. Gibson will be sent to ALL registered families **by the end of the day on Tuesday, September 6, 2022** indicating your child's class and teacher.

When your child arrives at the school on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, signs will be posted on the walls in the back of the school indicating where the classes are to line up. If you, or your child, needs any assistance finding the class that morning, staff will be available outside to assist between 8:15 and 8:30 am. If you have any updated bus or student pick up information, please contact the office so we can update your child's information.

***PLEASE NOTE: No class changes will be made prior to the Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> reorganization date. Due to ongoing registrations, there may be staffing changes and class reorganization at the end of September 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.***

## Student Agenda Planners for 2022-23

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 is also filled with important information about the daily operation and expectations of our school. We have a limited number of agenda planners available for families to purchase. They are **\$6** each and can be purchased through School Cash-Online. If you have already ordered your copy, your child will receive it during the first week of school.

***Reserve yours today!***

## School Council News

2021-22 School Council Chairs:

*Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa*



**SAVE THE DATE** - Our final 2021-22 School Council meeting and elections for this year's 2022-23 School Council will be held on September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Nomination forms for this year's Council are available in the Book of Forms that will be sent electronically to families by YRDSB. Hard copies are also available in the office. If you are interested in seeking an executive position (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer), please fill out the form and return it to the office by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

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