



# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

## OCTOBER 2017

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We have had a very busy month at Joseph A. Gibson and students have been learning new routines and settling into new classes. It's amazing how smoothly transitions back to school can work when students, parents and school staff work together to address all of our students' needs. This month, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Charalambous as she begins her maternity leave and we would like to welcome **Ms. Pilato** who will be the Grade 7 LTO teacher for the remainder of the year.

As always, our prime objective at J. A. Gibson is to provide a safe and stable learning environment for your children. As part of that, a fire, lockdown and hold and secure drill were all conducted last week, during Safety Week. Bus Safety presentations are also planned for later this Fall. Our terrific staff are committed to providing various opportunities for our students which have included the Terry Fox Walk; Cross Country, Library Helpers, Lunch Monitors, Milk Distributors and Student Voices for School Improvement. Many more opportunities for student participation and leadership happens throughout the school year—stay tuned! This coming month, our Cross Country team will be heading to the Area Meet under the direction of Mr. Cipollone and Mr. Loukili.

Our teachers are also working hard to collaboratively plan curriculum so every student in every classroom is getting a balanced program. We continue to focus our energy on student achievement; and overall success and well being at school. As a staff, we will continue to teach and develop good work habits with a focus on learning skills. The provincial Progress Report will be sent home on November 22nd with interviews scheduled for November 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow in November's newsletter.


Last month, Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results for Joseph A. Gibson (located on page 3) were released to the public. Within schools, EQAO data is used regularly to guide school improvement initiatives by helping identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement; and by helping support changes in instructional practices that may be required. Over the next several weeks, our leadership team will analyze our school results, along with several other sources of data to create goals for our School Improvement Plan with the objective of increasing student achievement. Monthly staff meetings and PA days throughout the year allow us time to strategically plan for goal creation and the steps and resources necessary to reach our goals.

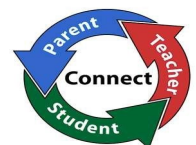
And finally, on behalf of the entire Gibson staff, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

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**Monday, October 9, 2017**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**

## Important Dates

- Oct. 2 – Gr. 2 to BORC
- Oct. 3 - Gr. 4 to BORC
- Oct. 9 – **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- Oct. 10—School Photo Day
- Oct. 11—Bus Safety Presentations
- Oct. 12 – AREA Cross Country
- Oct. 12—Bill Crothers Gr. 8 Parent Information Evening at 7 pm
- Oct. 17—REG. Cross Country
- Oct. 17—IBI Information Evening at Maple High at 6:30 pm
- Oct. 19—Gr. 7 and 8 GUSH Workshops
- Oct. 20—PA Day
- Oct. 23—School Council Meeting at 7 pm
- Oct. 23—Kindergarten to Round the Bend Farm
- Oct. 31—Halloween



## Gr. 8 High School Communication

### Bill Crothers Parent Information Evening

*Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
at Bill Crothers in the Cafetorium and Atrium*

*Applications for Grade 9 will be available from the Bill Crothers school website on Friday, October 13th. All applications are due on Friday, November 3rd, 2017.*

### Maple High School Gr. 8 I.B. Parent Information Evening

*Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
at Maple High School in the Cafeteria*

This evening will include an overview of Maple H.S. and information about the International Baccalaureate (I.B.) program and the application process. See the attached flyer for more information.

## Volunteer Requirements

We welcome parent volunteers in our school and on school trips. Parents are required to have completed a Vulnerable Sector Screening dated within the last six months prior to volunteering at school.

If you already have a Vulnerable Sector Screening on file at the school, you must sign an **Offense Declaration** every year. Please stop by the main office to receive this form and sign off for this year.

## 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.*

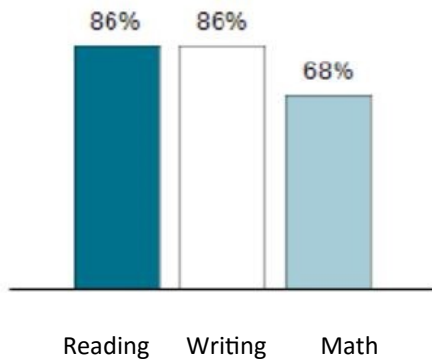
Students celebrating Halloween in costume at our school must comply with the above stated policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. Parents and guardians of all students are asked to look out for more detailed information from their child's teacher about expectations for that day.

## EQAO—Results (2016-17)

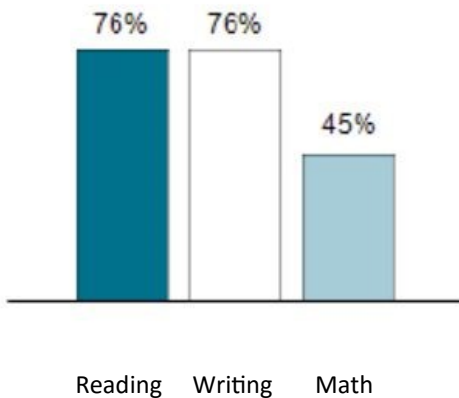
### JOSEPH A. GIBSON P.S.

**Achievement Data**  
**Students At or Above the Provincial Standard**  
**(Levels 3 and 4)**

#### GRADE 3 RESULTS



#### GRADE 6 RESULTS



## Terry Fox Walk—Sept. 29,



Congratulations for raising over \$ 600 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We had a wonderful 1.4 kilometer walk around the neighbourhood escorted by the Vaughan Fire Department. Thank you to **Mme Smith** for co-ordinating this special event and **donations are still welcome!**

## Lunch Drop Off Routine



If you need to drop a lunch off for your child, please bring it to the table outside the main office and be sure to clearly label it with your child's name and teacher's name.

## Student Information Sheets

Last week, all students brought home their student information sheets from the office. Please review the information on the sheet (i.e. phone numbers, bussing, email, address, etc.) and update as needed. All forms need to be returned to the office by **October 13, 2017**.

## Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are very special occasions for our students and every morning on the announcements, we send our birthday wishes to all those who are celebrating their birthdays that day.

We do remind our families, that because we are a nut-free school with staff and students who have anaphylactic allergies; we ask that you do not send in any baked goods or treats to celebrate your child's birthday. You can speak to your child's teacher for alternate ways to celebrate your child's birthday with his/her class.

## Cookie Sales



Our famous cookie sales have begun every Wednesday at lunch time!

Thank you to our parent volunteer, Mrs. Gulyasik for organizing this very successful fundraiser!

## Hot Lunch and Milk Program

Our **Milk Program** has begun and runs **Monday to Thursdays**. In addition, our Hot Lunch Programs will be starting this month. Look for information for all these programs to be sent home; posted in the Parent Information Area in the front lobby or on School Cash-Online.

<b>Mondays</b>	Pizza Lunch
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Lunch Lady
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Astoria Greek Food
<b>Thursdays</b>	Subway

## 2017-2018 School Council News

On Monday, September 18, 2017, the 2016-2017 School Council was dissolved and elections were held to vote in the new Council. The following are the new executive members of the School Council for 2017-2018:

**Ken Hatzinikolaou and Sameeka Malik - Co-Chairs**  
**TBD - Treasurer**  
**TBD - Secretary**

We believe that collaborative and inclusive partnerships among schools, families and our communities, are essential to improving student learning and increasing a shared sense of accountability for public education. School Councils play an important role in building school, family and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school-level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning.

The meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows and are held at 7 pm in the school library:

**October 23      November 20      January 22      February 26      April 16      May 14      June 11**

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

### Annual Fundraising Campaign

Joseph A. Gibson families—it is that time of year again when School Council runs their Annual Fundraising Campaign. Like last year, this year's fundraising campaign is an

## INVEST-IN-STUDENTS DONATION DRIVE

This is our **ONE** major fundraising effort to enrich the experiences of our children! It will help our school raise funds to support the School Improvement Plan, Academics, Athletics and the Arts. This year's campaign will start October 2 and families are asked to make a one-time voluntary donation that will be used to enhance school programs. School-wide incentives for students are outlined on the Donation Drive thermometer in the front lobby. Donations can be made through School Cash On-Line or can be sent in to the office. ***Thank you to all our families who have already donated through the Donation Drive form in the Book of Forms! You have helped kick start our official launch!*** Last year's successful drive resulted in:

- \* 10 iPads
- \* 10 Otterboxes for the iPads
- \* 2 Classroom Document Cameras
- \* 1 LCD projector
- \* 5 Chromebooks
- \* 1 Dell Laptop
- \* 1 Notebook Computer
- \* Painting of Pavement Games
- \* Student Music Festivals and Competitions
- \* Outdoor Recess equipment
- \* Grade 8 Graduation
- \* Kdgn Celebration of Learning
- \* Water Refilling Station (upstairs hall)

**Donation Drive forms will be sent to all parents this week!**



***NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:***

**Monday, October 23, 2017**

**7:00 pm in the library**



## **IB INFORMATION NIGHT October 17, 2017**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The program emphasizes critical and compassionate thinking, community involvement, and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

Current Grade 8 students and families interested in the Programme are invited to attend an information session at the school offering the IB Programme in their area. During each session, information about the Programme and the application process will be shared. To determine your area please visit the YRDSB [school locator](#).

Alexander Mackenzie High School	@ 7:00 p.m.
Bayview Secondary School	@ 7:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School	@ 6:30 p.m.
Maple High School	@ 6:30 p.m.
Milliken Mills High School	@ 7:00 p.m.

