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Administrator Message

We have had a very busy month at Joseph A. Gibson and students have been learning new routines and settling into their 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. 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 20th with student-led conferences scheduled for November 22nd and 23rd. More information will follow in November's newsletter.

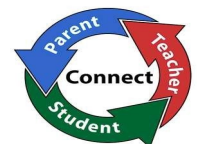
As always, our prime objective at J. A. Gibson is to provide a safe and stable learning environment for your children. As part of that, a fire, lockdown and hold and secure drill were all conducted last week, during Safety Week and Bus Safety presentations took place in early September. Our terrific staff are committed to providing various opportunities for student participation and leadership throughout the school year with our Cross Country team heading to the Area Meet under the direction of Ms. Abadjian, M. Loukili and Mr. Tustin. In addition, we could not do our fundraising initiatives without our amazing parent volunteers—Mrs. Shapiro—our Pizza Lunch Co-ordinator for our Pizza Lunches every Wednesday; and Mrs. Gulyasik who co-ordinates our Cookie Sales every Thursday. And finally, a HUGE thank you to all the families who donated games at our Curriculum Night last Thursday. They will go to great use in the classrooms!

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 and well-being. 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.

Also, coming in November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS). This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments. Surveys are voluntary and confidential. More information about this Board-wide survey can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter. Information about the surveys and the process is available at www.yrdsb.ca/escs.

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

Claudia Fischer
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Monday, October 8, 2018
Thanksgiving Holiday

Important Dates

Oct. 2—Bill Crothers SS Information Evening at 7 pm at Bill Crothers SS

Oct. 3—5 -ECO-Camp

Oct. 5—Primary Play Day

Oct. 8 – **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

Oct. 9—Gr. 6 V.I.P. Presentation

Oct. 10—AREA Cross Country Meet

Oct. 11 —Dental Screening—Kdgn, Gr. 2,4, 7 and 8 students

Oct. 12 – AREA Cross Country (Raindate)

Oct. 15 —Dental Screening—Kdgn, Gr. 2,4, 7 and 8 students

Oct. 15 - School Council Meeting 7 pm

Oct. 16—REGIONAL Cross Country

Oct. 17—Maple High School Information Evening—6:30 pm at Maple High School

Oct. 17—School Photo Day

Oct. 22—PA Day– no school for students



Gr. 8 High School Communication

Bill Crothers Parent Information Evening

Tuesday, October 2nd 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 Wednesday, October 3rd.

Maple High School and I.B. Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, October 17th 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.*

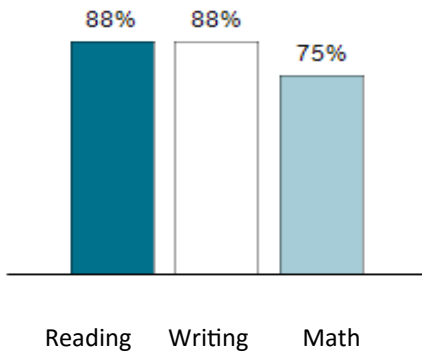
Students celebrating Halloween in costume at our school must comply with the above stated policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. Parents and guardians of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

EQAO—Results (2017-18)

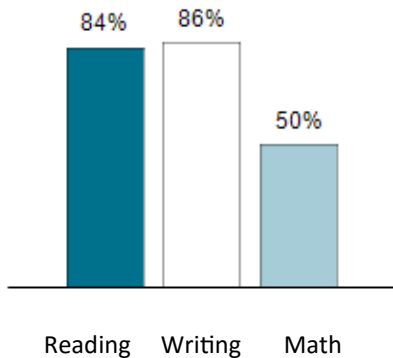
JOSEPH A. GIBSON P.S.

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

GRADE 3 RESULTS



GRADE 6 RESULTS



Terry Fox Walk—Sept. 28



We had a wonderful school-wide Terry Fox Walk around the school for our kindergarten students and around the neighbourhood for our older students. We had the privilege of being escorted by the Vaughan Fire Department again this year.

Thank you to **Mme Smith and her team** for co-ordinating this special event! **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

Students will be bringing home their student information sheets from the office this month. 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 18, 2018**.

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 **THURSDAY** at lunch this year!

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.

Mondays	Astoria Greek Food
Tuesdays	Lunch Lady
Wednesdays	Pizza
Thursdays	Subway
Fridays (NEW!)	Mr. Zagros (offering Halal options)

Walking/Cycling to School

As we start the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!



EDSBY Communication



Over the next few months, the Gibson Blog will be phased out as we look to using the Edsby Communication platform as another form of school communication.

What does that mean?

- We will continue to post information on our school website
- We will continue to use our school Twitter account @JosephAGibsonPS
- We will continue to use email communication with our families
- We will continue the monthly newsletter until December, 2018.
- Starting in January, 2019, we will move to updates in Edsby so our families have school information in a more timely manner.

If you already have an Edsby account and are set up for attendance on-line, then you can choose to set up notifications so you don't miss any important news posted on the home page! See the attached instructions on how to set up your notification (pages 6 and 7 in this newsletter). If you are using the **Edsby APP**—the password is **yrdsb**.

I have already begun posting on the Edsby platform in addition to our email blasts and monthly newsletters. I invite you to go in and take a look. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office and we would be happy to help.

Every Child Counts Survey (ECCS)

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. **Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time.**

If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018.**

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at www.yrdsb.ca/escs. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

2018-2019 School Council News

On Monday, September 17, 2018, the 2017-2018 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 2018-2019:

Ken Hatzinikolaou and Rekha Shan - Co-Chairs
Lisa Papa - Secretary
Rosemary Alam and Andria DeCesare - Treasurers

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 15 November 19 January 14 February 11 April 8 May 6 June 10

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 in the areas of Academics, Athletics and the Arts for all students.

This year's campaign will start **October 1st and end on October 31st** 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 during the one month campaign. Donations can be made through School Cash On-Line or can be sent in to the office. Last year's successful drive resulted in:

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| * 20 iPads | * School Wide Dance with Justin program |
| * 5 Otterboxes for the iPads | * Musical Instruments |
| * 2 Classroom Document Cameras | * Outdoor Classroom start up costs |
| * 1 LCD projector | * Grade 8 Graduation |
| * 19 Chromebooks | * Kindergarten Celebration of Learning |
| * 1 Dell Laptop | * Dash and Dot Wonder Pack—Coding |



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, October 15, 2018

7:00 pm in the library

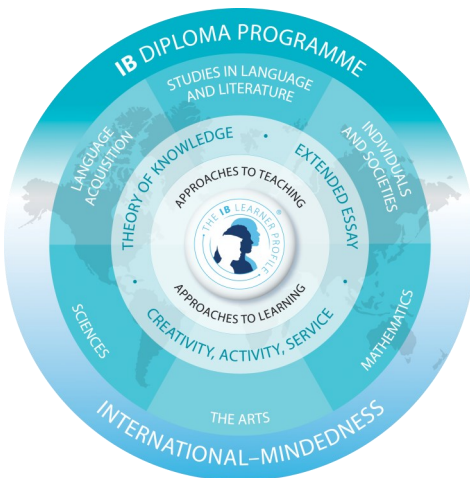
International Baccalaureate Mission Statement

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop programs of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

<http://www.ibo.org/about-the-ib/mission/>



**For more information, about the
International Baccalaureate
Diploma Programme
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Maple High School's International Baccalaureate Preparatory Programme and Diploma Programme





Maple's IB Preparatory Programme

The **International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme** focusses on developing intellectual, personal, emotional, and social

skills for students who live, learn, and work in a rapidly changing world.

It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the program at Maple High School earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.



Maple High School International Baccalaureate World School

IB Learner Profile

The learner profile aims to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing our common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better, more peaceful world.

IB learners are:

Inquirers	Knowledgeable
Thinkers	Communicators
Risk-takers	Principled
Caring	Open-minded
Balanced	Reflective

More information about IB programmes can be found at www.ibo.org.



Maple's Timberwoods

Students in Grade 8 in the 2018-2019 school year may apply for admission to Maple High School's Preparatory IB Programme for August 2019

Grade 8 Open House at Maple High School is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 with information about the IB Programme at Maple High School from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for families living in the west area of York Region

Fees

- \$35 non-refundable application fee
- \$1500 per year (Grades 11 & 12)
- These fees are not eligible for a tax receipt.

Admission into Maple's IB Preparatory Programme

Step 1. Registration

The Online Registration window will open from 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, October 19th** to 11:59 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 7th**. There is a \$35.00 non-refundable registration fee.

Step 2. Admissions Assessment

When completing the online registration, students must choose one assessment time. Assessments will take place at Maple High School.

Option #1: **Saturday, November 17**

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Option #2: **Thursday, November 22**

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The Grade 8 assessment for entry into the Grade 9 IB Preparatory Programme includes:

- testing of mathematics, English, and French;
- multiple choice test questions;
- results of Grade 7 report card;
- a written personal profile; and
- a Grade 8 teacher reference.

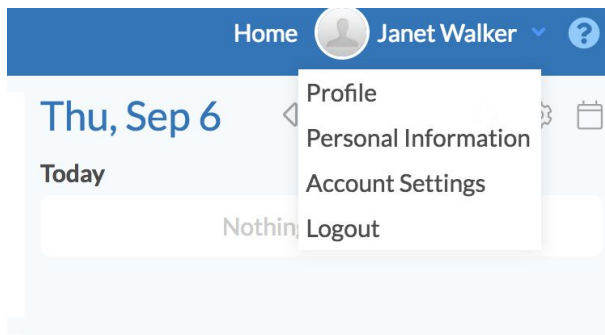
On the assessment day, please drop off your child at the front doors of Maple High School.

You will be able to pick up your child at the end of the assessment period either at 11:30 a.m. on the Saturday or at 8:30 p.m. on the Thursday.

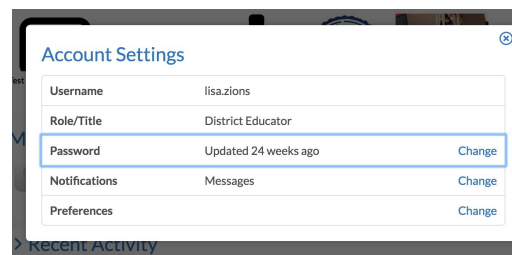
How to turn on/off Notifications in Edsby

With so many things happening inside Edsby, it is important to stay organized and up-to-date. Edsby makes this easy by enabling various notifications to ensure parents using Edsby are notified of the important things happening within their calendars, groups, and the schools their children attend.

1. From the Edsby HOME page go to your name that appears on the right side of the screen and click on it.



A menu of options will appear. Select "ACCOUNT SETTINGS".



2. Choose NOTIFICATIONS from the list.
3. Choose your school name to get NEWS from your school by either email or push notifications. As you click on the blue titles you may choose how you would like to receive the notifications.

Notifications		
Instant Notifications		
Personal Calendar		
Organization	Notify	Activity
EDU		
Johnny Lombardi Public School		
Richmond Green Secondary School		
William Berczy Public School		
YRDSB		
Class	Notify	Activity
English ENG1D1-05		
English ENG1D1-06		
English ENG2D1-09		
GR3B Homeroom-GR3B		
GR6A Homeroom-GR6A		
GR8A Homeroom-GR8A		
Health Education-02		

4. CHOOSE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED BY CLICKING ON THE SMALL DOWN ARROW ON THE RIGHT BESIDE THE BOX. Choices include:

“Edsby”: Edsby app notifications (iOS/Android app)

“Push”: Browser notifications (Chrome/Safari/Firefox/Edge)

“Email”: Email notifications

IF YOU ARE A PARENT AND HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN YRDSB YOU MAY CLICK THE BOX THAT SAYS “APPLY CHANGES TO ALL MY CHILDREN”.

Notify: Joseph Lee
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Instant Notification

Notify activity via:

Edsby

email

push

Class Activity

Apply changes to all my children

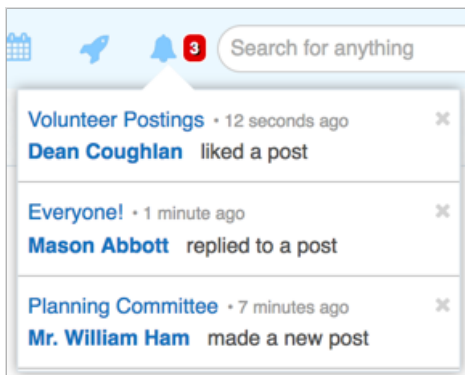
Cancel
Save

5. [Upon completion of notification setting changes scroll down and click Save.](#)

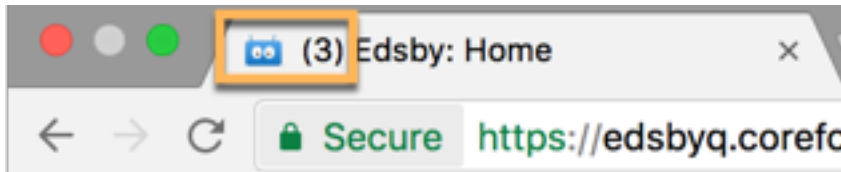
EDSBY MOBILE APP NOTIFICATIONS

6. Edsby Notifications

Edsby Notifications are notifications that occur directly in the Edsby interface. New notifications are visible as a red bubble counter next to the bell icon in the Navigation bar in both the web browser and Edsby app.



Click the X next to each notification to remove it from the list. The number of new items on the page will also appear in the tab of the browser Edsby is being accessed on.



Email Notifications

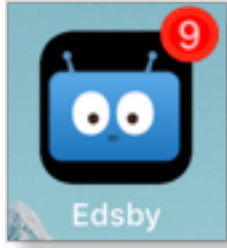
Email notifications are notifications sent to the email associated with the parent's Edsby account. For more information on Email Notifications and receiving daily Digest emails, click here. [- make link to the part of the article where this is talked about](#)

Push Notifications

Push Notifications are notifications that are sent to mobile devices. These can be sent at any time and parents with these turned on do not need to be in the Edsby app or on their device to receive them. Ensure Push Notifications are enabled for the Edsby App by enabling them in Settings of the mobile devices that Edsby is being accessed on.

Push Notifications can show up as:

- Red bubble counters next to the app on the device



- Banners that show up along the top of the devices screen when the parent is currently using the device

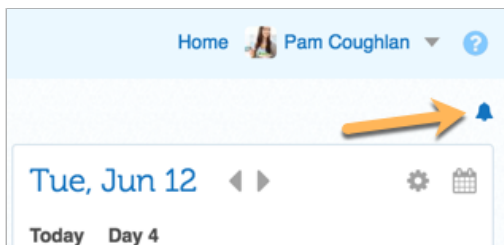


- Banners that are visible on the lock screen of the device when not in use and remain until the device is opened



From the School Feed

Parents can also update their Organization notification settings directly from the school feed. Navigate to the feed of a selected school. Click the bell icon in the top right corner of the screen.



Here, parents can choose to be notified about News Items being posted in the school feed.

Group

Parents have the option to customize notifications for their groups. These notifications can be altered by selecting Notifications from Account Settings or by selecting Notifications directly from the feed of a specific group.

From Account Settings

Click the name of a group from Account Settings to select notification settings for it.

Group	Notify	Activity
All Students + All Parents	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
Everyone!	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
Extracurriculars	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
grade 10 parents	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
New Test Group	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
Parents	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
Planning Committee	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar
Volunteer Postings	Edsby email	Feed Reply Calendar

Choose a mode of notification – email, Edsby, or push – by clicking the drop-down menu under Notify Activity Via. More than one mode can be used. Edsby can notify parents of three different activities regarding their groups.