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Administrator Message

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who supported our Invest-in-Students Donation Drive. Please note that donations are accepted throughout the year to support our students. Together we raised over \$3900 that will be used to support the Arts, Athletics and Academic programming here at Gibson. Also a huge thank you to all those families who supported our Hat/Mitten/Sock and Food Drive in December. All items were donated to the Vaughan Food Bank and Yellow Brick House. With the start of the new year, the school planning process has begun and we are currently tracking enrolment numbers for next year. It is very important for families to inform us if you know that your child will not be returning to Joseph A. Gibson in September, 2018.

Over the course of the next few months, staff will be involved in professional activities related to planning and assessment and, although the students are not in the building on PA days, these days are incredibly industrious for our staff and focus on student achievement and well-being. The following are upcoming P.A. Days—January 19th and February 2nd. The first term report card will be going home on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018** which will provide a more detailed summary of your child's progress to date. As always, we continue to welcome your thoughts and ideas about your child's well being and their school program.

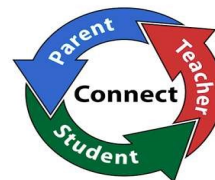
This month, our Grade 8 students will be participating in Grade 9 course selection with support from Maple High School staff as they plan for high school. Also, families who have students in SK and who are interested in French Immersion for their child starting September, 2018, are invited to attend an information session on **Thursday, January 18th at Joseph A. Gibson P. S. at 7 pm in the gym** (specific information is also provided on page 4 in this month's newsletter).

We would also like to welcome **Ms. Bixcul** who will be teaching the Grade 1/2 class for the remainder of the school year; and to **Mr. Marconi**, who will be teaching in the Grade 2/3 class every Day 1 for the remainder of the year. Welcome to the Gibson community!

To our families, thank you for your continued support as we plan to meet your child's social, emotional, and academic needs. We appreciated your tremendous support throughout the beginning of this school year, and look forward to continued success in 2018.

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Friday, January 19, 2018
PA DAY—no school for students

Important Dates

- Jan. 8—22** Dance with Justin Program (whole school)
- Jan. 11** Skills Canada Presentation Gr. 7 and 8 in AM
- Jan. 18** French Immersion Information Night @ Joseph A. Gibson 7pm
- Jan. 19** PA Day—no school for students
- Jan. 19** French Immersion and Kindergarten Registration begins
- Jan. 22** Dance with Justin Performances (during the day only)
- Jan. 22** High School Course Selections Presentation (in morning)
- Jan. 22** School Council Meeting 7 pm in library
- Jan. 26** Sports SPIRIT DAY



Dance with Justin Program



The Dance with Justin program begins on January 8th and will continue through to January 18th. Each home-room class from kindergarten to grade 8 has been scheduled to receive lessons during their phys. ed./ dance classes.

On January 22nd, students will present their dances to parents. The schedule of the day performances will be sent to the community later this week.

Weather Conditions and Busses

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run after school—regardless of the weather. Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. The following radio stations announce cancellations:



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| AM 640 | AM 680 | FM 88.5 |
| FM 90.3 | AM 1010 | AM 1540 |
| FM 92.5 | FM 93.1 | AM 1050 |
| FM 99.9 | FM 97.3 | FM 98.1 |
| AM 1530 | FM 100.7 | FM 104.5 |
| FM 107.1 | AM 590 | |

Students in Action



Glee Club, Band, Rock Band and “Grease” Musical Cast: Thank you to the performers in these clubs and to Mr. Cipollone for his direction. All students did an outstanding job in their performances during the holiday concerts in December. Congratulations on a job well done!

Primary Choir and all Primary Classes: Thank you to Mrs. Bender for running the Primary Choir; and to all the teachers who worked with their students on putting on a terrific holiday performance in December.

SAVE THE DATE—Jump2 Math

Brought to you by our Gibson School Council and as part of the Parent Reaching Out Grant—**Jump 2 Math**, an interactive math program for students in K-3 and their parents will take place on

**Thursday, March 22nd, 2018
from 6-8 pm
in the gym.**

More detailed information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Spring Immunization Plan

If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

Outdoor Recesses in Winter

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. **We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions (e.g., wind chill), we keep the students indoors or shorten the time spent outside.**

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students who are ill enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of illness to others.

Family Potluck Evening: February 15, 2018

One of the big events for Joseph A. Gibson is our annual Family Potluck. It has been a tremendously successful event in the past and we are looking forward to this opportunity for the school, parents and community to come together and enjoy some home-cooked treats and each other's company. Our date for this event is **Thursday, February 15, 2018 in the cafetorium at Maple High School.** More detailed information will be sent to the school community in February.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

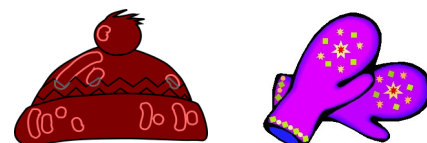
Food Drive



Thank you to the school community for the wonderful support shown during our Hat/Mitten and Food drive in December. With everyone's support, we were able to make a difference this past holiday season for several families in our community.

Lost and Found Items

Lost and Found items are always available to be claimed at the school. If your child is missing anything, please encourage them to take a look in the Lost and Found bin.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will start on **January 19, 2018** for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A Welcome to Kindergarten information session for parents is planned at Joseph A. Gibson on **Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 6:30—7:30 pm.**

Cookie Days

School Council sells cookies every **Wednesday at lunch time** for **\$1.50 (new price!)**. Don't forget your money on these days if you want to enjoy a tasty cookie.



French Immersion— Accommodations/Information/Registration

YRDSB's **French Immersion (FI) Accommodation Plan** provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Information session for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Joseph A. Gibson P.S. on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m in the gym.

FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between **January 19 and February 9, 2018**. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register. Registrations after this date will be accepted but students may be put on overflow if there is no space at the school.



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, January 22, 2018

7:00 pm in the library