

# French Immersion Information Session

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# Land Acknowledgment

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

# Today's Meeting

- Program Overview
- French Immersion: Considerations
- FSL Review/Accommodations
- Registration
- Transportation
- About School Name
- Feeder Schools

# French as a Second Language Programs

- YRDSB offers two quality French as a Second Language programs:
  - French Immersion, which starts in Grade 1 and is an optional program
  - Core French, which starts in Grade 4 and is mandatory

# Program Overview

- Opportunity to learn language
- Designed for students whose first language is not French
- Long-term commitment
- Classes taught by teachers trained in second language instruction

# Program Overview - Curriculum

- Standard French is taught
- Grades 1 - 3 taught entirely in French
- Mid-year most Grade 1 students are able to express themselves in French
- Grade 4 – 8: 50% English instruction begins; math taught in English

# French Immersion: Considerations

- In French Immersion, students learn French and also learn IN French.
- It is important that they acquire strong French oral skills in order to learn to read, write and learn science, math, etc. in French.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on building French literacy skills to support their learning in French.



# French as a Second Language Review

- Goal: *To achieve high quality, sustainable French language instruction in YRDSB*
- Outcomes:
  - *Toolkit to address need for FI spaces and enable long-term accommodation plan*
  - *Consistency of programming*
- Please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) for more information



# FI Accommodation Plan

- FI program offered in a variety of settings

Single Track

Dual Track

Primary Dual Track

Grade(s): 1, 1 – 2, 1 – 3

- This allows flexibility needed to address local needs across region

# Accommodation Plan for Julliard PS

- No change for 2024
- All Grade 1 FI students are accommodated at Joseph A. Gibson PS and will attend Julliard PS for Grades 2-8

## ***Feeder Listing:***

Discovery PS	Maple Creek PS
Glenn Gould PS	Michael Cranny ES
Glen Shields PS (West of Keele St)	Teston Village PS
Joseph A. Gibson PS	Vellore Woods PS
Mackenzie Glen PS	

# Registration

- FI registration will begin January 19, 2024
- Registration is not first-come, first-served
- You can register between January 19 and February 5, 2024

# Registration for YRDSB students

- FI registration begins January 19, 2024.
- Parents /guardians can email or call their home school office and declare their intention to register in FI
- Register between January 19 and February 5, 2024 is not first-come, first-served.

# Non-YRDSB Students

- Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork online
- Information required for registration is outlined on the YRDSB website.

# Late Registrations

- Late registrations are those submitted after February 5, 2024.
- Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

# Transportation

- Transportation provided according to Board Policy #680.00 (see Board website).
- Bus stops located **centrally**.
- Visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) for bus information
- Students may be required to walk a few blocks to their bus stop.
- Pick-up times may be earlier or later than students in other schools.



# Joseph A. Gibson Profile

- Junior Kindergarten to grade 8 classes; including Grade 1 French Immersion classes
- We prepare our students to become lifelong learners
- We promote cooperation and respect; and encourage problem-solving, risk-taking and critical thinking.

- Extra-curricular opportunities are offered in the areas of athletics, arts and academics; and we encourage all students to become actively involved in the various aspects of school life.
- Optional hot lunch programs on various days of the week (ie. Pizza, Kid's Kitchen, Subway)
- Optional Lunchtime Programs from outside agencies including Young Rembrandts and 10-10 Sports. There is a cost associated with these programs.

# School Hours and Schedule

- 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
- Recess 10:10 am – 10:40 am
- Lunch 12:20 pm – 1:20 pm

*12:20-12:40 students eat lunch in their classrooms*

*12:40-1:20 pm – students are outside for recess*

- Supervision of students in the morning starts at 8:15 am and finishes at the end of the day at 3:15 pm

# Parental Support

- Establish and foster partnership with the school
- Join our school council and attend school events
- Maintain communication with the teacher
- Register for Edsby
- Check your child's bag nightly for handouts, notes, homework
- Encourage your child to read daily in both languages

# Homework

- Homework is based on what is being taught/learned in class
- It's considered extra practice and should not take more than 15 minutes
- Homework format and communication is dependent on each teacher (i.e. daily, weekly, monthly; on Google Classroom, teacher website etc.)
- Parents are encouraged to work with their children at home

# French Immersion Orientation Session

Thursday, May 23, 2024

6:30 – 7:30 pm

at Joseph A. Gibson

in the Gym



# Questions?