

# Senator Gibson Gazette

Mrs. A. Grieve, Principal  
Mr. P. Stephenson, Vice-Principal

### From the Office...

Dear Parents,

*The Senator Gibson Staff would like to welcome back our students. We would also like to welcome new students and their families to our school community.*

*We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer. A big thank you goes out to Mr. De Silva Piques and Mrs. Long, our caretakers, for getting the school in such great shape for school opening!*

*To keep you informed about the many activities and events at Senator Gibson, we will prepare a newsletter each month. In thinking GREEN, we will be posting the newsletter online, with paper copies available at your request. Please check out our website at <http://senatorgibson.dsbm.org/>. Please take a moment to fill out and return the final page if you wish to continue to receive paper copies of the newsletter*

*If you have questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to call the school. We look forward to another great year with our dedicated and energetic staff as we work with you to **ACHIEVE SUCCESS TOGETHER!***

### Staff List

The Senator Gibson staff for the 2011-2012 school year is as follows:

Mrs. A. Grieve	Principal
Mr. P. Stephenson	Vice-Principal
Mrs. J. Anderson	Admin. Assistant
Mrs. J. Guinan	Admin. Assistant
Mrs. M. Finlay	SpN
Mrs. E. Pitre	SpN
Mrs. T. Orlando	ELP
Mrs. J. Harper	ECE
Mrs. S. Bosnic	ELP
Mrs. N. Biggley	ECE
Mrs. C. Bogucki	ELP
Mrs. T. Smelle	ECE
Mrs. H. Nowell	ELP
Mrs. R. Bruegeman	ECE
Mrs. J. Sinnott	Grade 1
Mrs. C. Kocis	Grade 1
Ms. E. Vanderwal{Mr. Shanks}	Grade 1
Mrs. J. Steele	Grade 1/2
Mrs. J. Cromwell	Grade 2
Mrs. N. Wallace	Grade 2/3
Mrs. G. Redmond	Grade 3
Mrs. P. Chambers	Grade 3
Mr. D. Klim	Grade 4
Ms. J. Holtby	Grade 4/5
Mrs. S. Padgett	Grade 5
Mr. G. Rivett	Grade 5/6
Mrs. A. Caputo	Grade 6
Mr. M. Pearson	Grade 7
Mrs. S. DeSilva Piques	Grade 7/8
Mrs. T. Lewis	Grade 8
Mrs. J. Rush	Grade 8
Ms. S. Pillay{Ms. McGee}	LRT
Ms. N. Maheu	LRT
Mme. J. Poloniato	French
Mme. J. Gravelle	French
Mr. B. Gooderham	Prep
Ms. M. Raaflaub{Ms. Somers}	Prep
Mrs. J. Braukman	Prep
Mrs. C. Holubowsky	E.A.
Mrs. T. Morrison	E.A.
Ms. L. Moore	E.A.
Mrs. J. Klompmaker	E.A.
Ms. C. O'dell	E.A.
Mrs. S. Herbert	E.A.
Mrs. S. Collett	E.A.
Mr. M. Dierickse	EA.
Ms. J. Hartwell	E.A.
Mr. K. DeSilvaPiques	Custodian
Mrs. M. Long	Custodian
Ms. D. Paone	Youth Counsellor

### Bell Times



- 8:45** Entry Bell
- 8:55** Instructional Block 1
- 10:35** Nutrition/Fitness Break
- 11:15** Instructional Block 2
- 12:55** Nutrition/Fitness Break
- 1:35** Instructional Block 3
- 3:15** Dismissal

### Lincoln County Fair

Many of our students will be traveling to the Lincoln County Fair on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Each teacher will send home specific details about this trip. Please look for it soon!

### Information Sent Home

Over the first week, a considerable amount of information will be sent home to you. **Please carefully read over the material and send back forms promptly.** Thank you!

Please find a PERSONALIZED information sheet in the package. For our records and your child's safety, **carefully** check all the data on the form and make any necessary corrections/updates. Please return this form to school as soon as possible so your child's records can be updated.

**Please note...we feel very strongly about the importance of the use of student organizers. These will be available to all students at a minimal cost of \$5.**

## Meet the Teacher Night



The staff of Senator Gibson is excited to invite you to a Meet the Teacher Night on **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011** from 5:00-6:30pm. Come and meet the 2011-2012 staff!

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers for the year and see where the classrooms are.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress, please make an appointment for another night where you can have a confidential meeting.

### SAC

Our school advisory committee is always looking for new members. Our first meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Most meetings last 1-1 ½ hours, and all families are invited to come out and join us.

### Niagara Elementary Instrumental Music

Is your child interested in learning how to play a musical instrument? The NEIM offers a wide variety of choices for children. If you would like more information please check the [website](http://www.freewebs.com/niagamusic) [www.freewebs.com/niagamusic](http://www.freewebs.com/niagamusic).

### Early Release Day

Across the entire District School Board of Niagara on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, all students will be dismissed at 12:05 pm. There will be no afternoon classes for students since all teachers will be involved in meetings.

PLEASE MARK THIS DAY ON YOUR CALENDAR SO DAY-CARE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IF NECESSARY.

## Entry / Dismissal & Student Pick-Up

Students will be informed through which doors they are expected to enter and exit. This will become routine for students quickly in September.

If you are picking up your son/daughter from school, we ask that you **wait outside their exit door** or instruct them where to meet you. If older students are picking up younger siblings, they too are expected to follow these procedures. This is **for the safety of your children**. Also for safety reasons, only the office door will be unlocked and all visitors must be acknowledged at the office.



We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

*Also, students are expected to go directly home once dismissed unless they have a written note. We want to ensure all our students arrive home safely. Please remind your children of this policy.*

If you are driving to pick up your son/daughter, please adhere to the parking signs and laws. Be aware of bus loading zones. **Just one vehicle parked illegally can cause quite a back-up and jeopardize the safety of our students.** It may be safest to park your car and walk to drop your child off or meet your child upon dismissal. The church parking lot adjacent to the school yard is available for short term parent parking.

### Absences / Lates

To help out our secretaries, Mrs. Guinan and Mrs. Anderson, parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:30am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning. An answering machine is available 24/7.



## No Child Without

Senator Gibson is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's **No Child Without** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

## Medication for Students

Any medication that is to be administered to students during school hours must have an authorization form completed by the parent/guardian AND prescribing physician. These forms are available at the school office and must be updated on a yearly basis. The medication must be sent to school in the original container with the label attached.



### Student Accident Insurance

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for **dental damage due to accidents, fracture benefits and other important coverages**, which are **NOT** covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.



**Under the Education Act, the Board is not permitted to provide coverage for accidents to pupils, therefore,** the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company. Details of these plans are described on the enclosed application form. If you require further information, you may contact **Reliable Life at Box 2046, Hamilton, L8N 9Z9 or call toll free at 1-800-465-0661**. If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please complete the form and mail it *directly* to Reliable Life Insurance Company in the enclosed stamped envelope immediately, but preferably before **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

You may also enroll online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) (for all plans except the \$3.50 basic plan).

If the enrolment form for the Student Accident Insurance Plan has not been received or it has been misplaced, please contact the school office.

### Student Photo Day!



On Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Edge Imaging Photography will be coming to Senator Gibson School to take student and class photos.

Please be sure you have dressed your children appropriately for the day and **PRACTICE THOSE SMILES!!!**

### Library Volunteers Needed!

Mr. Stephenson is looking for volunteers to help keep our library neat and organized throughout the school year. If you have some time to spare, please contact the office. Once the number of volunteers has been confirmed, you will be contacted about a schedule.



### Medically At-Risk Students

Please inform your child's teacher and Mr. Stephenson, in writing, if your child is at risk of anaphylaxis or has a serious medical condition. Forms for you to complete (available at the office) should outline the expected symptoms and your requested intervention from school. Also when packing snacks and lunches, please be aware of the severe allergies we have in our school. For example, we have students that are highly allergic to tree nuts, bananas and shell fish. We ask parents to be cognizant of ingredients when sending food to school. Please speak with your child's teacher to find out if there are students with allergies in the class.



### School-Based Immunization Clinics

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 400 will die from it?

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease.

Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to **all female Grade 8 students** through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to **all Grade 7 students**.

Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.



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