




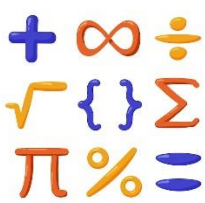



# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

\*Please read below for the week's events and other school-related information

## This is: Week 1

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<p><b>Remembrance Day – No School</b></p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>  <p>Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute <i>Excellence in Africentric Education &amp; Research</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30)</li> <li>• Any students interested in participating in this year's African Nova Scotian History Challenge are invited to Mme Lutley's room (209) at the beginning of lunch on Tuesday to learn more. This challenge is open to anyone interested in learning more about African Nova Scotian culture.</li> <li>• Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch.</li> <li>• Guitar club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.</li> <li>• Male-identifying volleyball practice at lunch (12-12:50)</li> <li>• Male-identifying volleyball game @ St. Agnes Jr (4:00pm).</li> <li>• PTA meeting 6:30-7:30pm in the conference room.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217</li> <li>• Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.</li> <li>• Male-identifying volleyball practice at lunch (12-12:50)</li> <li>• Tryouts for the male-identifying basketball team after school (3:15- 5:00 pm)</li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball game at Ecole du Sommet @ 4:15pm.</li> </ul>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Grade 7 band rehearsal will take place from 8:00-8:30 am in the band room.</li> <li>• Math extra help @ lunch in room 221</li> <li>• String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.</li> <li>• Term 1 Tech Ed Catch up in the shop with Mme. Jang at 12:00 pm. Please eat first!</li> <li>• Male-identifying volleyball home game vs. Ecole Mer et</li> </ul>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30)</li> <li>• Pizza day at lunch!</li> <li>• D&amp;D club at 12:00 pm in room 101.</li> <li>• EAL games and conversation club with Ms. Andrews at 12 pm in room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!</li> <li>• Readers Rumble in room 215 at 12:00pm with Ms. U and Ms. Earley. All readers welcome!</li> <li>• Term 1 Tech Ed Catch up in the shop with Mme. Jang at 12:00 pm. Please eat first!</li> <li>• Tryouts for the male-identifying basketball team at lunch (11:40-12:50 pm)</li> <li>• Tryouts for the female-identifying basketball team after school (3:15- 5:00 pm)</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Dates

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day (*No school*)  
 Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – Musical Full-Cast Rehearsal (4-8 pm)  
 Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – PTA International Night Potluck (5-7 pm)  
 Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – Assessment & Evaluation Day (*No school*)

## Safe Arrival Reminder

**Attendance:** Students are recorded as absent by their homeroom teachers if they aren't in their homeroom by 8:40 am.

**SAFE ARRIVAL:** To report your child(ren) absent or late, you can use any of the following methods:

### → **Toll-Free Number**

Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report:

- Future absences using an automated system (max 5 consecutive days) at a time.
- Excuse your child(ren) for a full day (no half-day option). If they arrive late or after an appointment, their attendance will be updated in our system upon arrival.

### → **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal**

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the School Messenger website to report future absences.

### → **School Messenger App**

Parents/guardians can download the School Messenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

\*All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Absences can be reported any time before the start of school (9:10 am) on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

If your child will be absent for the afternoon only, please contact the main office at 902-421-6758 ext. 5451000. Feel free to leave a message for this absence. This information can also be found on the [hrce.ca](http://hrce.ca) website under For Families > General Information > Safe Arrival

**Please do not email teachers for attendance purposes.**

Thank you for your understanding 😊

## **From the Office**

- Please note: Gorsebrook is a scent-free school. Many students and staff have sensitivities. Please do not use spray deodorants/perfumes while at school.
- We have noticed an increase in late student arrivals recently. We understand that mornings can bring unexpected challenges however, wanted to kindly remind you that first classes for students begin promptly at 8:40 am. Arriving on time ensures that your child doesn't miss out on valuable learning opportunities that set the stage for a successful day. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **When the inventory in our current vending machine is sold the machine will be removed. If your child is used to making purchases from the machine, please arrange for an alternative plan.**
- The weather is starting to get colder outside. Students will be going outside at lunch and need to dress appropriately for the weather. We plan to go outside up until it is -15 with windchill at which point we will reconsider.

## **School Photos**

We've been in touch with John from Photomaster Studios regarding students who are new to our school or missed both the original photo day and the retake day.

To ensure everyone gets their school photo taken, John will be opening his studio at home every Saturday throughout November. Parents can contact him directly to schedule an appointment by emailing [photomasterstudios@icloud.com](mailto:photomasterstudios@icloud.com).

## **From the Math Department**

The EECD [Homework Hub](#) is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. Students can access live tutors on Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers who can tutor any mathematics course in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems any time of day. Please watch the following EECD video introduction to the homework hub: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>. If you have any questions regarding Homework Hub please contact your child's mathematics teacher.

## **From the English Department**

### **Readers Rumble**

After taking home the bronze medal at last year's Agricola Street Books' Readers Rumble, Ms. Earley and Ms. Ugursal are ready and excited to invite all interested students to get reading again! The Readers Rumble Club will meet on Fridays at 12pm in Room 215. If you love to read all genres of young adult fiction and non-fiction, please join us! All are welcome.

## **From the Phys. Ed. Department**

**Sneaker Donations Needed!**

If you have any old sneakers lying around that could be given a new life, please consider donating to our "Sneaker Bank". We try to keep pairs in multiple sizes available for those days when kids forget. We don't want students to have to miss out on an awesome Phys ed class due to a little forgetfulness!

### **Cross-Country**

We're incredibly proud of our cross-country team for their outstanding performance at provincials! The Jr. girls brought home the gold with a first-place finish, and the Jr. boys secured a strong fourth-place position. Your dedication, hard work, and determination have made us all proud. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement!

### **Soccer**

We're thrilled to announce a resounding victory for our female-identifying soccer team! They dominated their recent match against Fairview Jr. High, securing a decisive 6-0 win and claiming the regional banner. Let's give a huge round of applause to our talented athletes and volunteer coaches for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding performance.

***\*A reminder to both teams to return uniforms to their coaches ASAP.***

### **Communication**

Please follow us on Twitter for updates on school life at GJH! [@GorsebrookJHS](https://twitter.com/GorsebrookJHS)  
Other updates and staff emails can be found on our webpage. <https://gbf.hrce.ca/>  
Gorsebrook is now on Instagram. Find us [@gorsebrookjuniorhigh](https://www.instagram.com/gorsebrookjuniorhigh)

Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent-led Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.