








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov 18th – Nov 22nd 2024

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

This is: Week 2

<p>MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female-identifying basketball tryouts before school (7:30-8:30 am) • GSA at lunch in room 109 • Mme Jang will be offering extra help and Chess club in Room 210 at lunch • Full cast musical rehearsal after school (3-5:30 pm)
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30) • Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch. • Guitar club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105. • Male-identifying basketball practice at lunch (11:40-12:50 pm) • French extra help in room 211 at lunch (12:10 pm) • Male-identifying volleyball game at Halifax Central Jr High (4:00 pm)
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full cast musical rehearsal before school (7:30-8:30 am) • Library opened @ lunch • Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217 • Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch. • Male-identifying volleyball practice at lunch (12-12:50) • Female-identifying home volleyball game vs. Ecole Mer et Monde (4:00 pm)
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30) • Library opened @ lunch • Grade 8 band rehearsal will take place from 8:00-8:30 am in the band room. • Math extra help @ lunch in room 221 • String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch. • Junior Woodworking club with Mme. Jang for students who have not yet completed Grade 8 Tech in the shop. All welcome, no experience required. • French Language Club at lunch • Male-identifying volleyball practice after school (3-3:45 pm)
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment & Evaluation Day – <i>No school for students</i>

Upcoming Dates

Nov 22nd – Assessment & Evaluation Day (*No school*)
 Nov 29th – Report Cards sent home electronically at the end of the school day.
 Dec 4th – Parent Teacher (6-8 pm)
 Dec 5th – Parent Teacher (1-3 pm)
 Dec 9th – Band Concert (6:30-7:30 pm)
 Dec 18th – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

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 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.
- 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.
- We've noticed some bikes and scooters left unlocked outside. Please remind your students to always lock their items securely, as the school is not responsible for any lost or stolen belongings. Thank you for your support

Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Throughout the year, you may receive an email regarding your child's attendance in specific courses. As part of our commitment to ensuring every student's success, GBJH is following the Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy, which aims to support students by addressing absenteeism early. As per the policy, if your child has missed 10% or more of their attendance in any given course this year, you will receive this communication as a reminder of the importance of regular attendance.

We understand that students miss school for a variety of reasons, and this policy is not intended to penalize anyone. Instead, it is part of our effort to keep open lines of communication between school and home. Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success, and we want to partner with you to ensure that all students stay on track, engaged, and supported in their learning journey. If you have any questions or if there are specific circumstances, we should be aware of, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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 Phys. Ed. Department

Appropriate Footwear

We would like to remind families that Crocs, slippers, and boots are not suitable footwear for physical education class. To ensure safety and proper participation, students should come prepared with their own sneakers. While we do have a sneaker bank for students who occasionally forget their shoes, we kindly ask that these be used sparingly, rather than as a regular option.

A big thank you to the families who have donated shoes to our sneaker bank! We're excited to see our collection growing and now have a better range of sizes. However, we are still in need of girls' sizes 5–7.5. We will continue to accept donations of all sizes, as sneakers often take a beating in the gym!

Thank you for your support!

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

Communication

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

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