




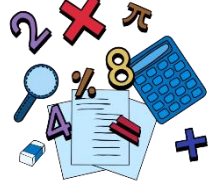



# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

[\\*Please read below for the week's events and other school-related information](#)

## This is: Week 2

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full cast musical rehearsal in the library from 3:00-5:30 pm.</li> <li>• GSA at lunch in room 109</li> <li>• Mme Jang will be offering extra help and Chess club in Room 210 at lunch</li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice at lunch 11:50-12:50 pm.</li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball home game against FVJH @ 4pm.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30am).</li> <li>• Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch.</li> <li>• French extra help in room 211 @ 12:10 pm</li> <li>• Guitar club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.</li> <li>• Male-identifying volleyball home game against Oxford Jr @ 4pm.</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>• Full cast musical rehearsal from 7:30-8:30 am in the library.</li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball game at Elizabeth Sutherland School (4pm).</li> </ul>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30am).</li> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Grade 9 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>• Junior Woodworking Club at lunch for students <b>WHO HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED GRADE 8 TECH IN THE SHOP</b> – all welcome, no experience needed</li> </ul>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza day at lunch!</li> <li>• No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Day Ceremony (11:00 am)</li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30am).</li> <li>• D&amp;D club for all those interested (regardless of experience) during lunch 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>• Full cast musical rehearsal at 7:30am-8:30am in the library.</li> <li>• French language club in room 211 with Mme. Pillay.</li> <li>• GBJH Clothing Orders Due</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Dates

- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – GBJH Clothing Orders Due
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – No Stone Left Alone Ceremony (11am)
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day (No school)
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – PTA International Night Potluck (5-7 pm)

## [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.
- Parents of students with adaptations should expect to receive relevant adaptation documentation on Friday afternoon, November 1st.

## [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).

## [Remembrance Day Ceremony](#)

Our annual 'No Stone Left Alone' Remembrance Day Ceremony will be taking place the morning of November 8<sup>th</sup> at Fort Massey Cemetery. Permission slips have been sent home with students and **must be returned by November 8<sup>th</sup>** in order to attend the ceremony. Email and/or verbal permission from parents will not be accepted the day of. Please reach out to homeroom teachers if your child requires another copy of the permission slip.

## [GBJH Clothing Orders](#)

We are excited to announce our school clothing order fundraiser, a great way for students and families to show their school spirit while supporting our school community!

**Key Details:**

- **Order Period:** October 30 – November 7
- **How to Order:** All orders can be placed through [School Cash Online](#). **Expected Delivery:** Orders are expected to arrive in the first week of December, just in time for the holiday season.

This fundraiser directly benefits our school, and we appreciate your support in making it a success! Thank you for your participation!



# GORSEBROOK BEARS

## Clothing Order



**Gildan Performance T-Shirt \$28.00**  
Gildan 42000 5oz. 100% performance polyester jersey  
Sizes: Youth S-XL, Adult S-XL  
Available in Black, White, Royal Blue  
Size chart available at <https://en-ca.ssaactivewear.com/p/gildan/42000>



**Gildan Hoodies \$45.00**  
Gildan 18500/18500B, 13.5oz, 50% cotton, 50% polyester, preshrunk  
Sizes: Youth S-XL, Adult S-XL  
Available in Gold, Black, White, Charcoal Grey, Royal Blue  
Size chart available at <https://en-ca.ssaactivewear.com/p/gildan/18500>



**Core365 Polo \$32.00**  
Core365 88181 4.1 oz. 100% polyester pique, moisture wicking  
Sizes: Adult S-XL  
Available in Black, White, Royal Blue  
Size chart available at <https://www.alphabroder.ca/product/88181/core365-mens-origin-performance-pique-polo.html#details>



**Gildan Sweatpants \$32.00**  
Gildan 18200 8oz, 90/10 cotton/polyester classic fit Sweatpants  
Sizes: Youth S-XL, Adult S-XL  
Available in Black, Sport Grey, Navy Blue  
Size chart available at <https://en-ca.ssaactivewear.com/p/gildan/18200>



\* School logo will be heat transferred on the front of hoodies and t-shirts, as well as on the upper leg of sweatpants



**Sportsman Cuffed Beanie \$25.00**  
SP 12 100% acrylic, hypoallergenic, 12" in length  
Available in Black, Dark Heather Grey  
One Size Fits All

School name will be embroidered on all cuffed beanies.

**\$5.00 ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL BE APPLIED TO ANY CLOTHING ITEM SIZE XXL AND ABOVE**

## [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.

### Drama Classes for English Language Arts 7 Students

This month, grade 7 English students have been enjoying drama classes with our Halifax Regional Arts specialist, Zara Tufts. Ms. Tufts visits every second Wednesday in October to do drama, improv and tableau with our students.

## [From the Social Studies Department](#)

### Grade 7 Fieldtrip

Next week, our grade 7 Social Studies students will be visiting Africville Museum and Historic Site, a wonderful local museum that was recently awarded a UNESCO designation as a Place of History and Memory linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade. Students should dress warmly, with sensible footwear, and be prepared for a fun and educational morning. Families, please submit the trip consent form, and payment via School Cash Online ASAP. Reach out to Ms. Earley ([earleyh@hrce.ca](mailto:earleyh@hrce.ca)) with any questions.

## [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

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