



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov. 10th - 14th, 2025

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

This is: [Week 1](#)

MONDAY	• Grab & Go Breakfast available • No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Day Ceremony • Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 • Male-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 12pm • Female-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 3:30 - 4:30pm • Full Cast Musical Rehearsal @ 3-5:30pm
TUESDAY	• Remembrance Day - No School
WEDNESDAY	• School Clothing Orders due! (purchase via SchoolCashOnline) • Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30-8:30am (see call list) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Bake sale in support of the school musical at lunch! • Library opened @ 12pm • String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room • K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 • Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 • Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 • Male-identifying Volleyball practice @ 3:00-4:30 pm • Female-identifying Volleyball away game vs. Oxford Jr High @ 4pm • Duke of Edinburgh Award Virtual Grade 9 Parent Information Session @ 6:30pm
THURSDAY	• Grade 8 Band Practice (7:45-8:30am) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Violin Technique @ 11:40am - in the Band Room • Female-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 12pm • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Library opened @ 12pm • Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 210 • Male-identifying volleyball home game vs. Oxford Jr. High @ 4pm
FRIDAY	• Full Cast Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30-8:30am • Grade 9 Band Practice (7:45-8:30am) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Games & Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107 • Senior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteers @ 12pm - in the Woodshop • Readers Rumble @ 12pm - Room 215 • Warhammer Club starting on Friday lunchtimes at 12pm in Room 221 with Mr. Whittle. Come and combine your skills in art, crafts, maths, board games, and lucky dice rolls to build and battle miniatures. Everyone welcome!

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Nov 20th - SAC Meeting (11:40 am)
Nov 20th - PTA Meeting (6:30 pm)
Nov. 21st - Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)

From the Office

No Stone Left Alone – Remembrance Ceremony (Monday)

On Monday, all students will be participating in the *No Stone Left Alone* Remembrance Day ceremony at Fort Massey Cemetery. If your child has not yet returned their permission slip, please ensure it is sent in on Monday morning.

This is an all-weather event, and students will be outdoors for the duration of the ceremony. Please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the conditions (warm layers, waterproof jacket, hats/gloves if needed).

Thank you for your support as we honour this important day of remembrance.

From the HRCE

Learning more about the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

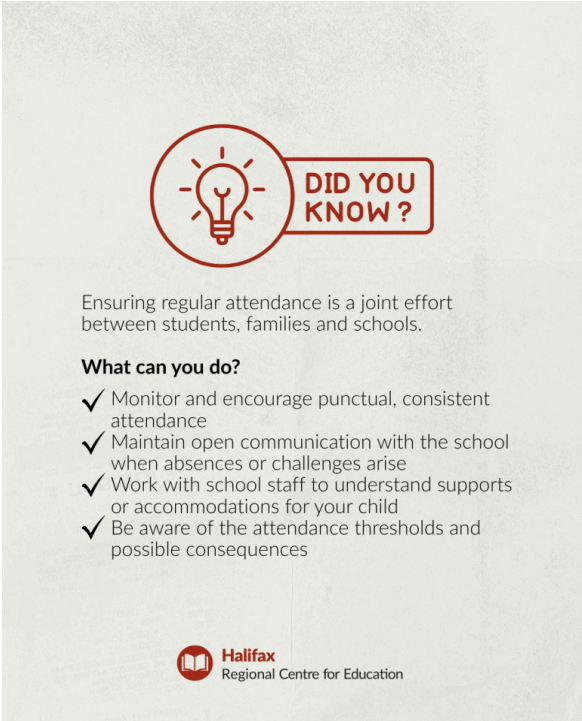
Did you know? The [Student Attendance and Engagement Policy](#) guides our approach to attendance and is in place to support all students.

The policy states that regular, punctual attendance supports academic success, responsibility, and preparation for the future.

Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools. As a parent/guardian, you play an important role by monitoring attendance, communicating with the school when your child is absent, and supporting your child’s regular attendance.

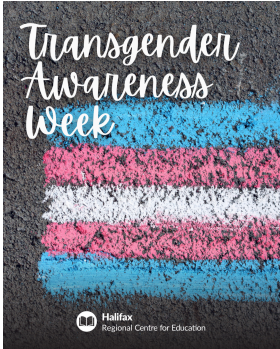
What Should You Know?

- **Communication about absences**
 - Schools will monitor attendance and lateness.
 - All absences must be communicated to the school, following the school’s procedure.
 - If absenteeism or lateness reaches 10% of class time, the school will begin to engage more actively with the student and family.
 - If it goes beyond 15%, more targeted supports may be used (counselling, referrals, community supports)..



November 11 is Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada’s history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.



November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week provides an important opportunity to strengthen understanding and respect for the transgender community, to encourage inclusivity in our schools and to promote safe environments where all students feel valued and supported. Learn more here.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

A **mandatory, non-refundable** first installment for Duke of Edinburgh fees will become available in SchoolCash Online next week for all participants. It is due in SchoolCash Online by Midnight on Friday, November 24. If the school does not receive fees by the deadline, students will not be allowed to participate. If students need financial support from the school, this needs to be communicated to Mme Jang, Ms. Conrad or Ms. Johnston before the

deadline. While participants can start completing their hours already, they will not be able to log them in the Online Record Book until payment has been received. Thank you!

Please note: there will be a virtual parent information session on Wednesday, November 12, from 6:30-7:00 pm. The meeting will be recorded and sent out to the families of participating students.

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/umd-mvss-unp?hs=122&authuser=0>

From the Phys. Ed. Ed. Department

It's volleyball season! If students have knee pads at home, they are welcome to bring them to class for volleyball. And don't forget sneakers, please! 😊

Bear Wear - Last Chance to Order!

- **Order through:** [SchoolCashOnline](#)
- **Orders due: Wednesday, November 12**
- Clothing is expected to arrive **before the December break**

Don't miss your chance to show your Bear pride — hoodies, crews, and more are available.



GORSEBROOK BEARS

Clothing Order



Gildan Hoodies \$50.00
Gildan 18500/18500B, 13oz, 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-cassactivewear.com/p/gildan/18500>



Gildan Performance T-Shirt \$30.00
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-cassactivewear.com/p/gildan/42000>



Gildan Crewneck \$45.00
Gildan 18000/18000B, 13.3 oz, 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-cassactivewear.com/p/gildan/18000>



Gildan Sweatpants \$35.00
Gildan 18200 8oz, 50/50 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-cassactivewear.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**

School name will be embroidered on all cuffed beanies.



Sportsman Cuffed Beanie \$30.00
SP 12 100% acrylic, hypoallergenic, 12" in length
Available in Black, Dark Heather Grey
One Size Fits All

From the Tech. Ed. Department

We are currently accepting donations of hammers, measuring tapes, cordless drills/drivers and any clean, dry dimensional lumber 1 foot long or longer (2x4s, 2x6s, etc.). Please contact Mme Jang to arrange drop off/pick up. Thanks!

Support over the Winter Holidays

As we approach the winter season, families may begin looking for assistance during the holiday period. Below are three key community resources available this year:

1. Families may contact 211 to inquire what resources exist in the specific community/area where they reside
2. The Salvation Army "Christmas Help" information and application website:

<https://www.christmasdaddies.org/christmashelp/>

The website contains all the information that families need to apply ONLY online, and the documents that they need to upload to support their application. The Salvation Army applications open on October 23 and close on December 8, 2025

3. Parker Street Hamper: <https://parkerstreet.org/apply-for-hamper/>

Parker Street applications accepted until November 21, 2025

Safe Arrival Reminder

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

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://sishrs.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 about 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.

Communication

Other updates and important school information can be found on our webpage. <https://gbf.hrce.ca/>
Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent-led Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.