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GORSEBROOK JR HIGH COMMUNICATION PLAN 2026-2027

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At Gorsebrook Jr High School, we value the important partnership between home and school. Effective communication is a key component in developing this partnership.

This brochure shows the different ways you can communicate with the school and how the school can respond to our community and its needs.

How to be an involved parent/ guardian:

- Talk to your children regularly about school activities and experiences.
- Contact teachers regularly - even when no problems exist.
- Check in frequently with PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Designate a specific time and place for homework.
- Support your child with developing appropriate home study skills.
- Be aware that your attitudes about school and teachers influence your children.
- Keep the school informed of changes in contact information.
- Become involved in school activities.

Ways We Communicate

Student Success Plan, Conversations with Students re: Code of Conduct, Parent/Teacher Interviews, Curriculum Night, Emails/Phone calls, Electronic Newsletters/notices, Notes sent home, Individual Program Planning Meetings, School Messenger, Parent Teacher Association Meetings, Awards, PowerSchool, GJHS Communication Sign, Report Cards, School Website, School Advisory Council Meetings.

Student Assessment and Evaluation

Communication about student learning is important. Every effort is made by teachers to keep parents/guardians informed of ongoing student progress. Assessment and evaluation are essential components of teaching and learning, together these provide a basis to communicate student learning as well as to validate or inform instruction.

Teachers use a variety of ongoing/formative and summative assessment strategies to provide students with a range of opportunities to demonstrate their achievement of the provincial learning outcomes. Student marks are updated in PowerSchool in a timely manner throughout the school year. Parents/guardians and students can access marks in PowerSchool with their own login information. We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to check PowerSchool frequently. If you require support with your PowerSchool access, please call the school.

Throughout the year there are three formal reporting periods (report cards). November, April, and June.

In addition, reports are sent home for students with Adaptations and Individual Program Plans.

Reporting Student Achievement

Individual outcomes will be assessed on a 4-point rubric and term grades will be communicated by percentages for all subjects and grade levels.

Report Card Descriptors for Grade 7-9

90-100% - Demonstrates *excellent* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

80-89% - Demonstrates *very good* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

70-79% - Demonstrates *good* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

60-69% - Demonstrates *satisfactory* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

50-59% - Demonstrates *limited* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

Below 50% - Has not met *minimum* requirements of the course

INS - Insufficient evidence to determine a grade

IP - In progress until all components of the course are completed.

Homework

Homework will be assigned throughout the school year with the intent for students to practice new knowledge or new skills, to enrich students' understanding of a topic and to prepare for future learning activities. Homework will be communicated through teacher websites, PowerSchool and/or Google classrooms. As a parent/guardian, it is beneficial to receive updates from your child's google classroom so you are aware of upcoming homework and assignments.

2026-27 School Calendar

September 3rd First day of school for students
September 4th School photos AM
September 15th Curriculum Night 6:00-7:15 pm
September 25th PD Day – No Classes
September 30th National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School
October 4th PTA International Night Potluck 6-8pm
October 12th Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 16th Bus Evacuation Drills 9:30am
October 23rd Provincial Conference Day – No Classes
November 11th Remembrance Day – No Classes
November 20th Assessment & Evaluation Day – No Classes
December 2nd Parent-Teacher (evening session) 5:00-7:00 pm
December 3rd Grade 7 Immunization Day morning only
December 4th PD AM/Parent Teacher (afternoon session) 1:00-3:00pm
December 7th Holiday Concert 6:00-7:30pm
December 14th Holiday Concert Snow Date
December 21st First day of Holiday Break
January 4th First day back from Holiday Break
Feb 15th Heritage Day – No Classes
Feb 22nd & 23rd School Musical – Lightning Thief!
March 5th Assessment & Evaluation Day – No School for students
March 8th -12th March Break
March 26th Good Friday – No Classes
March 28th Easter Monday – No Classes
March 31st Parent-Teacher (evening session) 5:00-7:00 pm
April 2nd PD AM/Parent Teacher (afternoon session) 1:00-3:00 pm
April 8th PTA Family Bingo Night 6:00-7:30 pm
April 30th PD Day – No Classes
May 13th Grade 6 Orientation
May 24th Victoria Day – No Classes
June 3rd Grade 7 Immunization Day morning only
June 14th Spring Concert 6:00-7:30pm
June 28th Grade 9 Closing 10AM & Boat Cruise 6PM
June 29th Assessment & Evaluation Day – No School for students
June 30th Last Day of School!