GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

November 16th-20th

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

This is: Week 2

MONDAY	• Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201
	• Grab & Go Breakfast available
	• Chess & Strategy Games Club @ 12:10 - Room 210
	• Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210
	  ○ *no experience or sign-up required!*
	• Debate Club @ 11:45 - Room 212
	• Mobile Robotics Room @ 12:10 - Room 218
	  ○ *The Robotics team is recruiting for a competition. This provides an experience to show creativity and problem solving!*
	• Intramurals **Soccer Only** (All Grades) @ 12:10 - Gym
	• Female-identifying Volleyball Game @ Ecole Mer et Monde - 4pm

TUESDAY	• Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Bus Evacuation Drills • Grade 7 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) • The Readers Rumble Club @ 12:10 - Room 215 • GSA @ 12:10pm - Room 109 • Math and Duke of Ed Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210 • French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211 • Male-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. Central @ 4pm - Gym

WEDNESDAY	• Grab & Go Breakfast available
	• Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - *(space is limited)*
	• Term 1 Tech Ed Catch Up @ 12:20 - Woodshop - *this week only!*
	• Sting Ensemble (all strings players) @ 12:10 - Room 201
	• Grade 8 & 9 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students)
	• Lego, robotics, and Lego robotics! @ 12:10 - Foods Lab (Room 108)
	• Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 218
	• Film club @ **12:00 pm** - Room 217
	  ○ *Please note this club starts 10 minutes earlier than others.*
	• Mobile Robotics Room @ 12:10 - Room 218
	  ○ *The Robotics team is recruiting for a competition. This provides an experience to show creativity and problem solving!*
	• Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actors
	• Female-identifying volleyball practice @ 3-4:30 pm - Gym

THURSDAY	• Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - *(space is limited)* • Term 1 Tech Ed Catch Up @ 12:20 - Woodshop - *this week only!* • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 • Female-Identifying Volleyball Practice @ 11:40-12:25 - Gym • Male-identifying volleyball practice @ 3-4:30 pm - Gym
FRIDAY	• Assessment & Evaluation Day - *No School for Students*

Upcoming Dates

Nov 24th - SAC meeting @ 11:40 - Boardroom
Dec 2nd - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences (5-7 pm)
Dec 3rd - Grade 7 Immunization
Dec 4th - PD/ Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-3 pm) - *No School*
Dec 7th - Holiday Band Concert (6-7:30)

From the Office:

Outdoor Lunch Reminder

As temperatures begin to drop, we would like to remind families that students spend the second half of their lunch break (12:10 pm until the end of lunch) outdoors each day, weather permitting. Lunch monitors are outside during this time to provide supervision.

We encourage families to ensure students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather, including warm jackets, hats, and gloves as temperatures get colder. Thank you for helping students stay warm and comfortable while enjoying some fresh air during their lunch break!

School Musical Information

Musical Clothing Order

For cast members interested in buying merchandise, it is available for purchase on SchoolCashOnline until Thursday, November 19th, 2026!

Join Our Tech Crew!

Interested in being part of the crew for the school musical? The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Room 212.

Please note that should there be more interest than available spots, priority will be given to those who auditioned for the show but were not cast and a draw will be done to ensure fairness.

Thank you!

From the PTA

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser



Who doesn't love chocolate for a good cause? We are excited to launch our **Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser** in support of Gorsebrook Junior High PTA and our upcoming school musical!

With the holiday season just around the corner, this is a great opportunity to pick up some delicious treats and gifts while supporting our school community. A portion of every purchase goes directly toward school programming and helping bring our musical to life!

Orders must be placed by November 23, with delivery to the school scheduled for December 16.

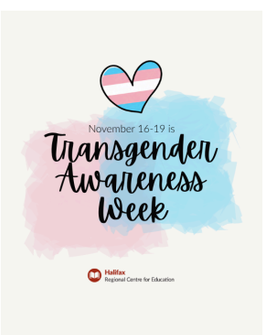
Click here for more information and instructions on how to place your order!

Thank you for your continued support of Gorsebrook Junior High!

For more information about upcoming PTA events and initiatives, be sure to check out the parent-run GJHS Community Facebook page.

From HRCE

November 13-16 is Transgender Awareness Week



Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on how kindness, inclusivity and understanding help create welcoming school communities where everyone feels they belong. Taking time to learn about experiences different from our own, listening with an open mind and treating others with respect can make a meaningful difference in someone's day and sense of belonging.

Families can help reinforce these values by encouraging children to lead with kindness, embrace differences and recognize that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion. Together, we can help create school communities where every student feels welcome, valued and supported.

From the Phys Ed Department

Coming to Class Prepared

As the weather gets less cooperative we will be moving indoors. We're very proud of our students for coming prepared to be outside during the last two months. We wish to foster an active lifestyle both indoors and out, and living in Canada means we have many seasons to embrace!

Could parents/guardians please ensure that students are coming prepared for indoor activities with clean sneakers and light clothing (such as a t-shirt under the hoodie) as the gym gets very hot with so many moving bodies.

Thank you for supporting our Physical Education program!

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 and sign-in at the Main Office.

➔ ***PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal:*** Parents/guardians can log in to https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/ to access the School Messenger website to report all 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 9:05 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 stating your child's full name and the duration of the absence.

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 for 'GJHS Community'.