GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

November 8th-13th

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

This is: Week 1

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 • Male-identifying Volleyball practice @ 12:00pm - Gym • Female-identifying Volleyball Game @ Grammar - 4pm
TUESDAY	• Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • **No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Day Ceremony** • Grab & Go Breakfast available • 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. Oxford @ 4pm - Gym
WEDNESDAY	• Remembrance Day - *No School*
THURSDAY	• Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • **Africville Fieldtrip with Ms. Earley - 701** • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - *(space is limited)* • French Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 • Female-Identifying Volleyball Practice @ 11:40-12:25 - Gym • PTA Meeting @ 6pm - Boardroom

FRIDAY	• Grab & Go Breakfast available
	• Violin Practice (all grades) @ 7:45 am - Room 201
	• Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30am - Library
	• Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:10 - Woodshop
	• All Grades Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students)
	  ○ *Fridays will have a set activity that is posted outside of the gym*
	• Games & Conversation Club @ 12:10 - Room 107
	  ○ *Come meet a new friend! All are welcome*
	• Fiber Arts Friday! @ 12:10 - Room 218
	  ○ *Bring your crochet, knitting, or other project to work on!*
	• Female-Identifying Volleyball Tournament @ SHS

Upcoming Dates

Nov 20th - Assessment & Evaluation Day - *No School*
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!

No Stone Left Alone Permission Slip Reminder

A reminder to all families that signed permission slips for our No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10 must be returned to homeroom teachers as soon as possible.

This ceremony is a meaningful opportunity for our students to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. We ask that all families ensure permission slips are signed and returned promptly so that students can participate in this important event.

From the PTA

Gorsebrook Spirit Wear Is Now Available!



Show your Gorsebrook Bears pride with our latest school clothing order! A variety of apparel options are available in both adult and youth sizes, including hoodies, t-shirts, and performance tees.

Orders will be accepted until Wednesday, November 11. Don't miss your chance to grab some Gorsebrook gear!

Click here to browse and place your order!

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

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 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!

Pancake Breakfast Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the pancake breakfast a success! We had a small but mighty team preparing the food, and a wonderful group of kids came out to enjoy a healthy, delicious breakfast. Your support and enthusiasm helped make the event a great success.

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!

Soccer Jersey Reminder

A reminder to the members of the male and female identifying soccer teams to return your uniforms **ASAP**. Please bring them to Mr. Katcher in the gym.

From HRCE

November 8th is Indigenous Veterans Day



Each year on November 11, people across Canada pause at the 11th hour to remember. The poppy we wear, the silence we observe and the stories we share are ways of keeping the memory of those who served, those who never returned home, and the lasting impact of war alive for future generations.

In our schools, Remembrance Day offers students an opportunity to explore the meaning behind these traditions and consider what remembrance looks like today. As we honour the past, we also reflect on the importance of peace, kindness and understanding in our own communities.

We invite families to join Canadians across the country in taking a moment to remember.

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'.