








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: June 14-18, 2021

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This is: Week 1

<p>MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health Awareness Day - (lunchtime activities are planned outside - drop by the courts to check it out and boost your mental health:)) ● Breakfast club each morning in homeroom classes ● Please ensure you have a mask and water bottle each day:) ● Group 1 Strings rehearsal - 12:10 pm - 12:40 pm (in the band room - group lists have been emailed home) ● Group 2 Strings rehearsal - 12:40 pm - 1:10 pm (in the band room - group lists have been emailed home)
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club each morning in homeroom classes ● Please ensure you have a mask and water bottle each day:) ● GSA meeting at lunch in the foods lab (lower level) ● 3D printing club - 12:00 pm in the lower level tech ed classroom - all welcome
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club each morning in homeroom classes ● Please ensure you have a mask and water bottle each day:) ● Group 3 Strings rehearsal - 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm (in the band room - group lists have been emailed home) ● Black Lives Matter Club - 12:00 pm in the art room
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club each morning in homeroom classes ● Please ensure you have a mask and water bottle each day:) ● Reading Club - 12:00 pm in the library - all welcome! ● SAC meeting - 12:00 pm via Zoom
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club each morning in homeroom classes ● Grade 9 assessments for Science and Citizenship will be wrapped up by today ● Group 4 Strings rehearsal - 12:05 pm - 12:35 pm (in the band room - group lists have been emailed home) ● Group 5 Strings rehearsal - 12:35 pm - 1:05 pm (in the band room - group lists have been emailed home)

Upcoming Dates

June 21 - Grade 9 ELA and FLA cumulative assessments scheduled from 10am-12pm

June 22 - Grade 9 Math cumulative assessments scheduled from 10am-12pm

June 25 - Grade 9 Closing celebration (morning) Details were emailed home to grade 9 parents on June 9.

June 29 - Assessment and Evaluation Day - no classes for students

June 30 - Last day of school - students dismissed at 10am (report cards will be emailed home)

Lates

We are asking that students ensure they are arriving on time both in the morning and after lunch. We realize that lates are sometimes necessary for appointments and the odd traffic snag, and if this is the case, please let the main office know. Setting these good habits early on helps to ensure maximum learning time. Line ups to sign in at the main office are getting longer and students are missing instructional time. We appreciate your support with this.



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[IBM Steam Camp Opportunity](#)

IBM STEM for Girls Program is pleased to collaborate with Industry Partners (ATCO, Telus, Fortinet, Palo Alto Networks and Security and others), to provide students with an opportunity to participate in STEAM activities. The goal is to help build students' confidence and expand their knowledge around the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) field through fun and engaging workshops.

Sessions will take place through a FREE virtual National STEAM Summer camp, which will be hosted on WebEx for the week of July 19th-23rd. Each day will dedicate a few hours in which IBM and other partners will facilitate interactive activities such as: digital art, building chatbots, creative technical writing, cyber security, making ice cream, and lots more. All students, entering grades 7-12, will have the option to choose from a variety of sessions and will be able to choose to attend as many as they would like. Each activity will have recommended ages and supplies required (where applicable).

For more details, including how to register, see [this flyer](#). Feel free to share this opportunity with your students. Parents of interested students may also be directed to this [parent guide to privacy](#) for reference.

[Lunch Schedule](#)

Students are permitted to eat lunch in their homeroom classes until 12:30 each day. At that time, students are required to head outside to get fresh air until their respective lunch ends - grade 9s: 1:00, grade 8s: 1:05 & grade 7s: 1:10. If the weather is rainy or has extreme cold temperatures, students will be permitted to stay inside, in their homerooms, for the entirety of the lunch period. Please note, students are not allowed to have a lunch delivery company, such as Uber Eats or Skip the Dishes, etc. deliver food to them during class time.

[From the Phys. Ed. Department](#)

Changing seasons means changing outdoor gear! Students will continue to take advantage of outdoor time for Phys Ed classes and with the warmer weather approaching, we remind students to plan for the sun by wearing hats and/or sunscreen to avoid over exposure to the sun.

[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.
- Parents, guardians and visitors who are coming to the school are reminded they must call ahead or ring the doorbell. Someone will come assist you, but you are unable to enter the building.
- In an effort to ensure we have accurate and updated information for all our students, we ask that parents and guardians contact the main office if there are changes to home/cell phone numbers, home address, email address and health card expiry dates. Thank you in advance!
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please call our Safe Arrival line @ 902-421-6758 and press 1. **This line is open 24 hours to leave a message.** Additionally, if your child has an appointment during the school day, parents and guardians must contact the school to let us know. Students must always sign out at the main office before leaving the building during regular school hours.



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[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 Community:](#)

[Parent Navigators](#)

For information on the HRCE's Parent Navigator program, please click here:
<https://create.piktochart.com/output/50338546-parent-navigator-info>

[SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Gorsebrook families](#)

[We can:](#)

- Help get answers to your questions.
- Connect you with services that can make a difference for your family.
- Help you fill out forms.
- Help you apply for funding (to help pay for things like recreation programs or eyeglasses).
- Support you during a stressful time.
- Help you get ready for a meeting with a school, agency, landlord, etc. We'll help you feel prepared and have a voice.

[SchoolsPlus services are confidential.](#)

[Yes, we can still do all this during COVID-19. Just give us a call! ...keep scrolling for contact info:](#)

[Contact your SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker \(Laura Hutt\) and Assistant Leader \(Alicia Barrett\) at: 902-399-8317 \(phone or text\) or \[alicia.barrett@hrce.ca\]\(mailto:alicia.barrett@hrce.ca\).](#)



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