








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: June 20th –June 24th, 2022

**Please read below the week's events for more school-related info ☺*

This is: Week 2

<p>MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood shop club in room 102 at 12:00 (eat your lunch first)
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheer team club in the gym @ lunch (eat your lunch first) • ELA/FLA Exam grade 9
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood shop club at 12:00 in room 102 (eat your lunch first) • Math Exam grade 9 • PTA meeting @ 7PM • Gorsebrook's got Talent Dress Rehearsal @ lunch in the gym
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intramurals @ 12 pm in the gym (eat your lunch first; sign-up required) • Extra math help with Mme. Jang Rm 210 @ lunch • School Dance 6-8PM • Dungeons and dragons in room 218
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood shop club at 12:00 in room 102 (eat your lunch first) • Cheer team club in the gym @ lunch (eat your lunch first)

[Upcoming Dates](#)

June 21st Grade 9 ELA/FLA Exam
 June 22nd Grade 9 math Exam
 June 22nd PTA meeting @ 7PM
 June 23rd Dance 6-8PM
 June 27th Gorsebrook's got Talent!
 June 28th Grade 9 closing ceremony

June is Pride Month

Do you know about the Youth Project here in Nova Scotia? Their mission is to make Nova Scotia a safer, healthier, and happier place for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth through support, education, resource expansion and community development.

Each Summer the Youth Project sends 150 Nova Scotian LGBTQ2S+ to summer camps across the province:

- **Camp Seahorse**, for LGBTQ2S+ identifying youth
- **Camp Coyote**, for trans-identifying youth
- **Camp Puffin**, for LGBTQ2S+ identifying youth in Cape Breton



All three camps offer youth a camp experience unlike any other in Nova Scotia – one that is free from bullying, encourages a safe space, and offers campers the opportunity to connect with other LGBTQ2S+ youth and participate in a number of activities that you would expect at summer camp. From social support activities to fashion shows, queer-centered activities



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to swimming arts and crafts to scavenger hunts, Youth Project Summer Camps are a major summer highlight for many who would not otherwise have access to their LGBTQ2S+ peers during the summer months.

The Youth Project provides these summer camps at **no cost to campers** – with your help, we will be able to continue to offer this one-of-a-kind queer camp experience to youth across Nova Scotia.

For more information: <https://youthproject.ns.ca/>

Grade 9 Important Information

- A reminder for ALL **Grade 9** students to purchase their "**Grad Dance Tickets**" for the dance on June 27th at the St. Mary's Boat Club.
- The grade 9 closing ceremony will be held on June 28th at 10 AM. We will send out more information in the upcoming weeks about how the RSVP process will go and how many guest we can accommodate.

Gorsebrook Library Book Drive: Update **Last week** to have books donated for our Library, please consider purchasing one to donate if you have not already done so.

- Gorsebrook Jr High is excited to join efforts once again with Wozzles bookstore to update our junior high reading materials. We thank all the parents who helped make this a great success last year, and we are hoping to do it all over again. This URL will take you to page where you can purchase any of the books our Gorsebrook students have personally chosen that they would like to see in our Library. All you need to do is choose some books, order, pay and we do the pickup. **When you order books through the link, please use code **GJH22** so the bookstore knows the order is for our school.** [Wozzles Wish List](#)

PTA Needs Members (Save The Date June 22, 2022)

Parent Meeting - We need your help to bring theater back in 2022-2023

We have the support of administrators to plan for a theater production during the week of February 25-28th, 2023, we have directors picked and a ton of kids keen to get back on stage with their peers. Now we need a parent committee to come together to plan and fundraise \$5,000-7,000 to make the theater come alive. **Tasks for this committee include:**

- fundraising (examples include: selling ad space in programs, running a school event, ticket sales...)
- liaising with the director and school staff,
- coordinating with school staff,
- costumes and backstage help.
- If your child is interested in an amazing acting or backstage experience next year, please volunteer to help make the play come together for them as without substantial parent support, the magic on stage can't happen. No parent volunteers = no theater at Gorsebrook.
- To help bring theater back, please come to a meeting at the school on June 22, 2022 @ 7pm RSVP gjh@hrce.ca to let us know if you can come to the meeting. Email Michele Byers (byersmichele@gmail.com) or (Tricia Barry tjbarry9@gmail.com) with any questions.

Library

- Could all students with borrowed library books please start returning them ASAP? All books must be returned to the librarian by no later than Thursday, June 24th.



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Grade 9 Exam Schedule

Date/Time	Tuesday, June 21			Wednesday, June 22		
	901	902	903 & 904	901	902	903 & 904
8:40-9:40 <i>*9:30 Break/Set-up</i>	Study Period			Study Period		
	Wotton	Rose	Pillay/Goold	Rose	Condran	Mercer/Donahoe
EXAM	English Exam (ROSE)		FLA Exam (PILLAY)	Math Exam (CONDAN)		Math Exam (MERCER)
9:40-10:40	Gillis	Condran	Pillay/Donahoe	Conrad	Chaulk	Mercer/Jang
10:40-11:40	Condran	Chaulk	Pillay/Mercer	Lehwald	Wotton	Mercer/Goold

Grade 9 Citizenship Project

- Did you know that you can report potholes? Well, you can, and we want people in our community to do so to make our streets safer!
- Potholes are a big problem for everyone! They can often cause problems like having to swerve to avoid them, or when not avoidable they may cause catastrophic damages to your tires and put many people in danger including yourself. This year alone the HRM has reportedly repaired at least 760 with many more to come, but they don't know where to look. You can actually help the road maintenance workers find the potholes at this link <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/paving-repair/report-a-pothole#:~:text=If%20your%20road%20is%20managed,311%20to%20report%20an%20incident>.

They will take your reports then categorize them. Priority 1 potholes are addressed before all other potholes. Pothole priorities are determined by width and size. Priority 1 potholes are at least 25 centimeters in diameter and 8 centimeters in depth. All other potholes are considered Priority 2. Priority 1 potholes will be addressed before Priority 2 potholes. In some circumstances, this might mean one pothole is addressed on your street before another pothole. This is done to ensure the more serious potholes throughout municipal roadways are addressed as soon as possible with service standards. You can also check the service status of your report to see how the pothole you reported is doing. So, if you come across any potholes this summer, please make sure you report them by using the above link to get them fixed!