








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct. 17th – 21st, 2022

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

This is: Week 1

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| <p>MONDAY</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Practice @ 7:30 (Learning 'When I Grow Up' Solo's ONLY) • Bus Evacuation Drills • Debate club in Room 222 @ lunch |
| <p>TUESDAY</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 lunch band • Bear Blast for grade 7's! • Boys soccer game vs. Summet @ 5:15 Glenbourne SF Field |
| <p>WEDNESDAY</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' volleyball practice @7:30am • Library opened @ lunch • Leadership meeting @12PM in rm 205 • Choir Practice @ lunch in the band room • Cross Country Practice @ lunch |
| <p>THURSDAY</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch starts today • Grade 8 Mi'kmaq beadwork workshop. • Library opened @ lunch • GSA Meeting in the community room. • Terry Fox Run today – Please bring in your pledge forms. • Girls' volleyball tryouts @ lunch • Boys Volleyball practice after school |
| <p>FRIDAY</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Practice @ lunch |

Oct. 18th Bear Blast (Grade 7 students)
 Oct. 27th School Dance 6-8PM
 Oct. 28th Provincial Conference (No classes)
 Nov 3rd Gorsebrook Coffee House

From the Office

- Our school counsellor continues to be away from work. We have been working with HRCE Student Services and HRCE Human Resource Services but have yet to find a qualified replacement. Please reach out to Mr. MacPhee or Ms. Fee if you have any concerns with your child that we can assist with.
- We are still looking to hire **one more lunch monitor**. Please contact our vice-principal Ms. Fee at pftee@hrce.ca if you are interested.
- Registrations forms have been sent home with your child today. Please verify and update all information, sign the forms, and return them as soon as possible. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Mi'kmaq History Month

Over the next few weeks, the students of Gorsebrook will be participating in a workshop centered around traditions and culture for Mi'kmaq History Month. These workshops are designed around cultural sharing, and reconciliation,



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and led by Indigenous Recreation Therapist to ensure they use a trauma informed lens and are centered around cultural sharing and conversation starting. Our students will be learning the art of Beadwork and will be introduced to a conversation regarding cultural appropriation vs. appreciation and what that means for Indigenous art.

PTA News

- On the evening of November 3rd Gorsebrook will be hosting a Coffee House. What is a Coffee House you ask? It is an event where students, staff and parents/guardians can demonstrate their talents. If you sing, dance, play an instrument, juggle, do tricks etc., we want to see you perform! So, mark your calendars; there is more information is to come!
- New Gorsebrook Jr. High Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.

Bear Blast

- Calling ALL grade 7's!! Bear Blast will be held **Tuesday, October 18th** (weather permitting). This is a full day event involving all our grade 7 students. Bear Blast is a fun filled day where our grade 7s take part in a series of team, and skill building workshops. There will be four teams, comprised of a mixture of students from all four classes. They will rotate through cooking, tie dye/ cooperative games, drama, and sports workshops. We ask each student to bring something white to tie dye (e.g., pillowcase or t-shirt). Pizza lunch will be provided by the school, but please ensure that each child brings a water bottle.

Cross Country Provincials

Important Dates:

Practice: Wednesday, Oct 19th, and Friday Oct 21st

Provincials: Monday Oct 24th

- Great job to all those who raced yesterday. I think that everyone will be feeling more comfortable knowing the course and that there will be a wide range of paces at the next meet. As always, I would encourage you to run your own race, with your own goals in mind and not worry too much about what others are doing.
- Athletes are responsible for their own drives to/from the event.
- I will be staying to watch all the races. Athletes are welcome to do the same. If they leave the event after their race, they are expected back to school.

STUDENTS MUST CHECK IN WITH A COACH WHEN THEY ARE LEAVING!

- Regionals is an all-weather event. It does not get cancelled for rain. Only a dangerous weather event would cancel it. This means you need to be prepared with the appropriate clothing.
- No one should arrive with only shorts/t-shirts. Everyone should have lots of layers available. Various years I have required rain gear/parkas/hats/mittens, etc. Be prepared...it is an unpleasant day if you are not dressed properly, especially considering we are set up right by the water. Also bring food! Athletes needs lots of healthy food and water for fuel and recovery!

Basketball

- We have been made aware that it's against the HRCE Junior High Sports guidelines to start practicing for basketball until November 7th. Try-outs and practices will resume at that time.



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[Terry Fox Run](#)

#TerryFoxSchoolRun #TryLikeTerry

In 1980, Terry Fox set the bar high for himself when he started his Marathon of Hope, saying, "Nobody is ever going to call me a quitter." Our school is proudly taking part in this year's Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's legacy. Please support our school's fundraising efforts to raise much-needed funds for cancer research.

School Fundraising Goal: \$1000

Run Date: Wednesday, October 19th

Ways to Donate:

- **Make a cash or cheque donation** - Donations will be collected until Friday, October 21st, and can be handed in to homeroom teachers, or dropped off at the office.
- **Make a donation online via our [School Fundraiser Page](#)**

[Musical News](#)

Hello Students & Parents!

We had an excellent first read through today with the cast of *Matilda Jr!* We saw so much talent and excitement today and we ourselves are very excited for what is to come!

I have attached the **schedule for October** going into November. As I mentioned to the students today, we always try to provide as much notice as possible with rehearsals, and this week is the shortest notice that you should have. With that said, the schedule is subject to change, but I will always give you as much notice as I possibly can.

I mentioned today that there is a good chance we will have to have a rehearsal on a weekend day in the months to come. We will be in talks with the school to try to make this happen and will give you notice when (and if) it is possible.

I have also sent students the **link for the practice & performance tracks**. These will be a very helpful tool to learn music & practice at home. If they did not receive them, please email me with their email address & I will resend it.

As I mentioned today at rehearsal, we have a 3-strike policy when it comes to attendance. We ask that if a student can't make it to rehearsal, they email us (with as much notice as possible) so we can adjust what happens in rehearsal. If they do not come without letting us know in advance that counts as a strike and if they get 3 strikes, we will have to ask them to step out of production. Musicals take a huge team, and we are happy to accommodate when someone can't be there, but we need notice or else it's not fair to others involved.

Finally, this email address is where you can get in touch with me about questions to do with the production.

With that being said, we are very excited to get to know each & every one of our performers and cannot wait to see what each one brings to the table!

Have a good evening,

Brittany (and Michael)

Co- Director

[Communication](#)

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Other updates and staff emails can be found on our webpage. <https://qbf.hrce.ca/>

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