








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct. 31st – Nov 4th, 2022

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

This is: Week 1

<p>MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership club students will be collecting foods items/monetary donations at the corner of South St and Robie St from 7:30am-8:30am. Our HRPD liaison officer and teacher liaisons will also be present to assist. • Musical Practice @ 7:30am (All songs) Full Cast • Debate club in Room 222 @ lunch • Girls' volleyball game Gorsebrook @ Oxford 4pm • Ms. Condran has extra math support Rm 205 • Food Drive: Last day to bring in non-perishable food items
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls' volleyball practice @ 12:00pm • Boys' Volleyball game Clayton Park @ Gorsebrook 4pm
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' volleyball practice @7:30am • Library opened @ lunch • Leadership meeting @12:05pm in rm 205 • Choir Practice @ lunch in the band room • Girls' volleyball game St. Agnes @ Gorsebrook 4pm • Musical Practice @ 3:05-5pm (Revoluting Children' Choreography) Full Cast • Musical – Parent Meeting 7pm in room 205
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch • Library opened @ lunch • GSA Meeting in the community room. • Girls' volleyball practice after school • Coffee House 7-9pm
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Practice @ 7:30am (Revoluting Children' Choreography) Full Cast • Boys' Volleyball practice @ 7:30am

From the Office

No Stone Left Alone-November 10th

- Student will leave the school at 10:30 to walk to Fort Massey Church to participate in the No Stone Left Alone ceremony and will return to the school at approximately 11:45. If you do **NOT** give your consent for your child to participate, please send the school an e-mail at gjh@hrce.ca
- Registration Forms
All students had a registration form sent home last week. Please review and make any necessary updates and return the form. It's important we have up to date information on file. We rely on you to provide us with that information.

Expired Health Cards/Medical Insurance

- All students require an up-to-date Nova Scotia Health card or proof of private medical insurance to attend school. Please make sure you update the health card information on the registration form or provide the school with an updated private medical insurance policy with a start and end date.



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Indigenous Art and Reconciliation

- Gorsebrook has recently been granted funding for a project to create a special t-shirt for future Orange Shirt Days at our school. Indigenous students who wish to be a part of this group have been invited to come together and will be asked to meet again next week to get started! The HRCE Fine Arts Specialist with an Indigenous Focus will join the group to share knowledge about art and symbolism and generate discussion about a t-shirt design.
- The group will meet in **room 218** on **Wednesday, November 2 at 11:45**.

PTA News **Coffee house Update**

Come to our coffee house fundraiser on Thursday November 3, from 7-9. Recite a poem or perform a song, no performance is too small. There will be coffee/tea/hot chocolate and some baked goods. Suggested donation of \$10 for a family or \$5 for an individual. We are still seeking gift cards for our raffle; any amount is appreciated. Let's come together to build up our school community.

Students and parents who wish to perform can email gjh@hrce.ca or sign up in the office.

Leadership News – Spirit Week

Monday - Halloween Costumes - no masks, weapons, or cultural appropriation

Tuesday - Timber Tuesday - wear your favorite plaid shirt

Wednesday - Wacky Hair/Hat Day

Thursday - Anything but a Backpack Day (how will you take carry your books to school)?

Friday - PJ Day

Tech Ed New

- It is suggested that all grade 8 and 9 tech ed students need to come to class **with a mask since the wood shop is a very dusty environment** (reusable or disposable is fine). Also, there will be catch-up sessions for term 1 grade 8 and 9 students Thursday at lunch on the Nov. 3rd, 10th and 24th of November. Students should eat lunch then come downstairs with their mask.

Terry Fox Fundraising Results:

TERRY FOX RUN 2022

Another successful event!

A huge **thank you** to students, staff, and the Gorsebrook community for their generosity.

Together we raised \$1477.36 for the Terry Fox Foundation in support of Cancer Research.

A shout-out to our 802, 705, and 704 classes, for their tremendous fundraising contributions.

A further shout-out to 701 for the greatest class participation in both fundraising and running.

Way to continue Terry's Marathon of Hope!



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Phys. Ed News

- The weather is getting chillier and wetter. Before we know it, we will have salt to add to the mud. Please remind your child to bring sneakers to school for use in the gym. It is important we keep the floor as clean and dry as possible to avoid slippage and damage to the wooden floor. We recommend indoor sneakers if possible.

Community News:

Couch of Hope is a free counselling program our group clinic is offering.

Please feel free to pass along to members of your team and community who might have children, students, families, and individuals they'd like to refer.

The program is called H.O.P.E. - Healing Opportunities for People Everywhere.

HOPE is a non-profit organization that offers therapy to all children, teens, families, and individuals who do not have insurance and who otherwise could not afford counselling services.

Please, have a look at our website and if you have any questions, we would be happy to meet and have a conversation about HOPE! <https://couchofhope.com/>

We are happy to let you know we are now accepting new clients again in our Couch of HOPE program beginning in January 2023

Couch of HOPE is located in Dartmouth, NS

Holiday support programs are opening soon and it's a good time to evaluate the needs of your family and register as soon as possible.

Christmas Support:

All the information you need to find support for Christmas can be found at the following link:

<https://www.feednovascotia.ca/find-food/find-christmas-support>.

- A family can apply online at the bottom of this webpage or directly with the Salvation Army or Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank.
 - **Salvation Army** registration begins on October 25 and families can register at <https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/christmas/hrm/> or in person at 2038 Gottingen Street. If there are any questions, call 902-422-1598. They offer applications in 5 different languages. **The deadline to apply through the Salvation Army is December 5.**
 - **Parker Street** registration is open. A family can apply online at <https://parkerstreet.org/programs/christmas-programs/> or by visiting in person on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday between 8:30am and 12pm. A family can call 902-425-2125 for more information and select option one. **The deadline to apply through Parker Street is December 7.**

For more information about the Christmas support programs or to register individuals can email christmas@feednovascotia.ca or call 902-457-2849.

Communication

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