








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov 14th–Nov 18th, 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"> • Musical Practice 7:30am (Learning 'Smell of Rebellion') Full Cast • Debate club in Room 222 @ lunch • Ms. Condran has extra math support Rm 205 @ lunch • Homework Club in the Library @ lunch • Volleyball practice after school
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' volleyball practice @ 7:30am • Girls' volleyball practice @ lunch • Boys' volleyball game vs. St. Agnes @ Gorsebrook 4pm
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library opened @ lunch • Leadership meeting @ 12:05pm in rm 205 • Choir Practice @ lunch in the band room • Musical Practice @ 3:05-5pm (Revoluting Children' Choreography) Full Cast • Board game club family studies room at lunch • Musical Practice @ 3:05pm (Smell of Rebellion' Choreography) Full Cast
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch • Library opened @ lunch • GSA Meeting in the community room • Boys' volleyball game @ Sacred Heart @ 4pm
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Practice 7:30am (Learning 'Smell of Rebellion') Full Cast • End of term 1 for all students

Nov. 21st Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school
 Nov. 22nd Term two begins
 Nov 30th Parent Teacher 6pm-8pm
 Dec. 1st Morning PD session/afternoon parent teacher 1-3pm

From the Office

Student Attendance (Absences & Late Arrivals)

****PLEASE NOTE OUR MENU OPTIONS HAVE CHANGED! PLEASE DO NOT REPORT ANY ABSENCES OR LATES THROUGH 902-421-6758 AS THIS OPTION IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. Thank you!**

- Please contact our **NEW** school **Safe Arrival Line 1-833-582-6940** (Student Attendance – Option 3) or <http://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to report **all** absences/late arrivals. Please report an absence for the **full day**. If your child will be arriving late their attendance will be adjusted once they arrive at school and have signed in at the main office. If your child will be in attendance but leaving early throughout the school day, please call the main office at 902-421-6758 opt 0 or by email carolann.daley@hrce.ca or gjh@hrce.ca. Please do not contact teachers.
- We are asking that students ensure they are arriving on time both in the morning and after lunch (8:30am and 12:50pm). We realize late arrivals are sometimes inevitable for necessary appointments and traffic delays, but they should be reminded of the importance of being at school on time each day. Setting good habits early on helps ensure maximum learning time. There can also be longer than usual wait times to sign in which means students are missing out on instructional time. We appreciate your support with this 😊

Sporting Events

- After a long time with either no, or restricted school sports, we are pleased to welcome back spectators. During home games we will have volunteers available to open the doors to the **front** of the school. If you park in the back, please walk up the driveway to the South Street main door entrance.



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- Also, we are asking parents and guardians to have a conversation with their child about “spectator etiquette.” Unfortunately, during our last few home games some students have been causing a bit of a raucous on the sidelines. It is fine to cheer for our Gorsebrook teams and students, but calling the players’ names and making unkind comments, or cheering so loud that our parent spectators can not properly hear is not appreciated. Plus cheering so loudly when our teams get points or commenting on the plays of the opposing team does not make them feel very welcome.
- We also ask that food or drink, other than water, not be consumed in the gym. Thank you.

Parent/Teacher

- If any parents require an interpreter/translation service for our upcoming Parent Teacher meetings, please email our EAL teacher: andrewse@hrce.ca

PTA New

- Gorsebrook Jr. High Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.

Indigenous Art Project

- Thank you to the students who have begun the Orange Shirt Day design project. We had a lovely lunch session with the HRCE’s two Fine Arts Specialists who focus on Indigenous Art.
- We will have our next lunch meeting in Room 218 on Wednesday, November 23. If any Indigenous students who did not make it to the first session would like to join, you are still welcome!

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
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- 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.

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