








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov 21st–Nov 25th, 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"> • Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school • Boys Basketball tryouts @ 3:05pm
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' basketball practice @ 7:30am • MADD Canada Presentation @ 1pm Grade 8 & 9 only • Girls' basketball afterschool • Leadership bake sale @ lunch • Extra Band help 12-12:30pm (eat your lunch first) • Boys' volleyball game @ Halifax Central 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 • Board game club room 207 at lunch • Musical Practice @ 3:05pm (learn "Miracle") Full Cast • Leadership bake sale @ lunch • Orange Shirt Design meeting @ lunch Rm 218 • Grade 7 Immunization Clinic in the morning
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch • Library opened @ lunch • GSA Meeting in the community room • Girls' volleyball @ lunch • Girls' basketball practice after school
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Practice 7:30am ("School Song" Choreography) Full Cast • Boy's basketball after school • French club in the library @ lunch

Nov. 21st Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school
 Nov. 22nd Term two begins
 Nov. 23rd Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
 Nov 30th Parent Teacher 6pm-8pm
 Dec. 1st Morning PD session/afternoon parent teacher 1-3pm

From the Office



As we head into the winter months the weather will become colder. Students will still be expected to head outdoors every day at lunch for fresh air unless temperatures or wind chill fall below minus 20 degrees. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the colder weather (hats, mitts, winter jackets & boots).



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- MADD Canada's 2022-2023 *School Presentation* is a powerful dramatization about the tragic consequences of impaired driving. The video ends with testimonials from real-life victims who share their heartbreaking stories with the audience.

[Late Arrivals](#)

We are asking parents/guardians to speak with their kids regarding coming to school late. Students need to 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. 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.

[Parent/Teacher](#)

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

[French Club](#)

- Looking to improve your French oral skills? Come hangout at the French Chat & Chill at lunch on Friday, November 25th in the library! The idea is to create a relaxed environment where students can speak French freely and not worry about grades or being judged. The club welcomes all students at Gorsebrook of any French level. It is not meant to be extra-help nor for teaching. We will chat, maybe play some games, and hopefully feel more confident about our French speaking skills. **The one strict rule will be that only French is to be spoken.** Beginners are welcome to come, and we will help them through a conversation. If a student needs to be reminded more than once to speak French, they will be kindly asked leave.

[Matilda Musical Fundraiser](#)

The fundraising team for our school musical **Matilda** has partnered with **Tru Earth**, a Canadian company that makes eco-friendly laundry detergent and household cleaning products. The musical earns 20% from each online purchase when our unique fundraising link is used (<https://fundraising.tru.earth/GJHSMusical>). Their products make great gifts for friends and family!

Support the Gorsebrook musical and the Planet at the same time by ordering your products using this unique link:

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/GJHSMusical>

Take advantage of their holiday sale until **December 12**. The order deadline is **December 20, 2022**.

If you want to place an order, but don't qualify for free shipping, email Jackie Stewart: jackiestewart26@gmail.com with the specific product you would like to order, your child's name/homeroom and e-transfer the money. She will place a group order on December 20 and arrange a pickup time for the products.

Thanks for supporting and spreading the link.

Please direct questions to Jackie Stewart: jackiestewart26@gmail.com

[Leadership News](#)

Next week we are having a bake sale to raise some money for some upcoming planned events! This will be held on Tuesday, November 22 and Wednesday, November 23 at lunch, bring cash and get some goodies!



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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 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

Please follow us on Twitter for updates on school life at GJH! [@GorsebrookJHS](https://twitter.com/GorsebrookJHS)
Other updates and staff emails can be found on our webpage. <https://qbf.hrce.ca/>
Gorsebrook is now on Instagram. Find us @ gorsebrookjuniorhigh

Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent led Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.