




GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov 4th–Nov 11th, 2022

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This is: Week 2

<p>MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate club in Room 222 @ lunch • Ms. Condran has extra math support Rm 205 @ lunch • Girls' volleyball game @ Central 4pm start • Boys' volleyball practice after school • Homework Club in the Library @ lunch
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' volleyball game @ Halifax Grammar 4pm start • Boys' basketball tryouts/practice after school
<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 (Revolting Children' Choreography) Full Cast • Girls' volleyball practice afterschool • Last day to order Gorsebrook Clothing • Board game club family studies room at lunch
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch • Library opened @ lunch • GSA Meeting in the community room • Grade 8 & 9 Tech Ed catch-up session (Term 1 students needing more time) • Boys' volleyball game @ St Agnes 4pm start • Boys' basketball tryouts/practice after school • No Stone Left Alone @ 10:30 students walk to Fort Massey Church
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<p>Remembrance Day – No School</p>

Nov. 8th PTA meeting 6:30 PM
 Nov. 10th No Stone Left Alone
 Nov. 11th Remembrance Day – No School
 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

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

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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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 😊

Gorsebrook Clothing Order

- It that time of year again and we are very excited! It's time to get your "Gorsebrook Bear Wear." All you need to do is go to our school webpage <https://gbf.hrce.ca/> and click on School Cash Online you will be able to order from our Gorsebrook clothing line. We have toques, shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants to choose from. You can place an order online until Nov. 9th; this will allow time for your clothing to arrive before the holiday break. If you would like to purchase clothing as a gift, please let our admin assistant CarolAnn Daley know @ CarolAnn.Daley@hrce.ca and she will notify you when the order comes in.

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.
- 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.

Leadership News

- We had a very successful "**We Scare Hunger**" event last week. We raised 322\$ for Feed NS and collected over 200lbs of non-perishable foods. Well done, Gorsebrook!

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. 10th and 24th of November. Students should eat lunch then come downstairs with their mask.

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.



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Club/ Groups/Sports

- Basketball tryouts and practices resume this week.
- **New:** There will be a homework club starting this week in the library. This will be for students who need to get some work completed, get some extra help on assignments, or who want a quiet place to read.
- **New:** We will be starting a board game club on Wednesdays in the cooking lab. We will have some board games here to choose from, but feel free to bring your favorite board game from home to play with your peers.

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](#)
Other updates and staff emails can be found on our webpage. <https://qbf.hrce.ca/>
Gorsebrook is now on Instagram. Find us @ gorsebrookjuniorhigh