








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Sept. 11th-15th, 2023

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This is: Week 2

<p>MONDAY</p> <p>SAYCHEESE</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure you have a water bottle each day • Please remember to bring back all school related forms to your homeroom teacher. (lunch and internet access forms) • Picture Day Today • Cross Country Running meeting @ lunch (see message below) • Boys and Girls Soccer meeting @ lunch in the gym
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure you have a water bottle each day • Please remember to bring back all school related forms to your homeroom teacher. (lunch and internet access forms)
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure you have a water bottle each day • Please remember to bring back all school related forms to your homeroom teacher. (lunch and internet access forms) • Cross Country Practice @ lunch • Library opened @ lunch • Boys' soccer practice after school
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure you have a water bottle each day • Library opened @ lunch • Stand Up Against Bullying Day: Wear your pink shirts! • Boys' soccer practice after school
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure you have a water bottle each day • Cross Country Practice @ lunch • Debate Club @ lunch Rm 222

Upcoming Dates

- Sept 14th Pink shirt Day
- Sept 20th Musical Tryouts @ 3PM
- Sept. 21st Curriculum Night 6:30PM-7:30PM
- Oct. 2nd Truth and Reconciliation Day. No school.
- Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- Oct. 17th School Bus Evacuation Drill

Lates

Classes start at 8:40AM, however the **first bell rings at 8:30AM** giving students ten minutes to go to their lockers and grab what they require for the morning classes. Students should not be going to their lockers between classes. Please start the school year with good habits and encourage your child to arrive at the school on time for class, ensuring 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, and if this is the case, please call the **Safe Arrival Number 1-833-582-6940**. Setting these good habits early on helps to ensure maximum learning time. Line ups to sign in at the main office take a lot of time and students are missing out on instruction. We appreciate your support with this.



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[Cell Phone Hotel](#)

This is the *third* year at Gorsebrook that we are implementing cell phone hotels in each classroom to avoid disruptions and distractions to learning. If a student brings their phone to class, they will be asked to place their cell phone in their assigned spot in the cell phone hotel. It will stay in the hotel for the remainder of the class until they leave, or they can keep their phones in their locker.

When classes change, students will retrieve their phone and take it with them to the next classroom, where the process will repeat itself. Students will have access to their phone at lunch time. In the event of an emergency students can have access to their cell phone, or use the classroom phone. If an emergency happens and you need to reach your child, please contact the office at 902-421-6758. We will be happy to communicate a message to your child, or we will bring the student to the office so that you can speak to them directly; **parents/guardians should not be texting with students during class time.**

Students who refuse to place their phone in the cell phone hotel or keep it on their person when asked not to, will be addressed by the teacher and if required by the administration using the Provincial Code of Conduct policy to handle the situation. We appreciate your support with this matter and ask for your cooperation in speaking to your child about this policy. Thank you to our School Advisory Council who assisted in the consultation and financial support of this project.

If you do not want your child using the hotel system, or leaving their phone in their locker, please have your child leave their phone at home.

[From the Office](#)

- Curriculum night will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21st, 6:30-7:30pm.
- Please note, Gorsebrook is a scent-free school. Many students and staff have sensitivities. Please do not use spray deodorants/perfumes while at school.

[From the Math Department](#)

The EECD Homework Hub is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. Students can access live tutors on Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers who can tutor any mathematics course in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems any time of day. Please watch the following EECD video introduction to the homework hub: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>. If you have any questions regarding Homework Hub please contact your child's mathematics teacher.

[Group/Clubs](#)

- More information to come in the next few weeks.

[Debate Club](#)

Debate Club begins this Friday in room 222 at lunch. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience or skill level. Please bring your lunch and come right after the bell."

There will also be a Novice Debate Workshop on Saturday, September 30, at Sacred Heart, with more details to come soon. I'm hoping we can get some interested new Gorsebrook debaters out for that. I am planning to attend as a coach/judge. We can probably wait until the next memo for this, but I would not object if you wanted to mention something now.

[From the Phys. Ed. Department](#)

Students will continue to take advantage of outdoor time for Phys Ed classes as much as possible while the warmer weather lasts. We remind students to come dressed appropriately for phys. ed classes.



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Cross Country Running

Welcome back to the gorgeous fall running season. Everyone is welcome, from all grades, to join us for our running program.

Check in at the basketball courts **Monday, Sept 11th** at the lunch bell to hear about the program and what the season will look like.

Practices will start **Wednesday and Fridays at lunch**. Meet out back, come dressed to run and eat lunch afterwards.

Everyone is welcome to train with us, those wishing to participate at the meets will need to have demonstrated an excellent commitment to practice and the team.

Looking forward to seeing you then,

Coaches Melanie, and Mr. Chaulk

Soccer Tryouts

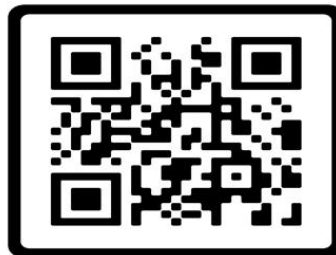
- On Monday at lunch, there will be a meeting for both the boys' and girls' soccer teams. Please join us in the gymnasium at 12:30PM (after you have eaten your lunch) if you want to play soccer this year. Please see Mr. Pfeifenroth (Phys. Ed teacher) for information if you are unable to attend.

Picture Day At Gorsebrook JH. Sept 11TH!



*New this year, Proofs online!
Pick your backgrounds online!
Make your own Packages!*

*See all your images online at
Photomasterstudios.ca*



Gorsebrook Musical

The school musical tradition at GJH will continue with the production of **High School Musical Jr.** in February 2024. Auditions will take place Wednesday, September 20th - beginning at 3pm. The show is scheduled for February 12 & 13th.

More information about auditions, along with the sign-up sheet and permission form will be posted the week of September 11th, the cast list will be posted by September 22nd and rehearsals will begin the week of September 25th. Rehearsals this year will be held Monday and Friday mornings before school and Wednesdays from 3-5pm. The mandatory parent volunteer meeting for those in the cast will be held within the first 2 weeks of rehearsals.



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In support of the musical, we will be hosting our annual **cake walk** fundraiser at Curriculum Night on Thursday, **September 21st**. Please email tjbarry9@gmail.com if you can donate a cake to support the musical. We are hoping to offer over 20 homemade or store bought cakes.

[From HRCE](#)

HRCE is growing!

Almost 58,000 students are currently enrolled in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)! In the last five years, enrolment has increased by nearly 8,000. This is an exciting time for our province, our city and for HRCE!

As our communities continue to expand, we continue to adapt. From new modulars and portables to a new dual-campus model, we continue to find new ways to ensure every student has a safe and welcoming learning environment in which to grow and thrive.

With this growth comes a lot of important changes for our region. Please visit the [HRCE website](#) for the latest updates!



**WE ARE GROWING!
CHANGE IS
HAPPENING.**



[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

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