








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Sept. 18th-22nd, 2023

[*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"> • Please remember to bring back all school related forms to your homeroom teacher. (lunch and internet access forms) • Boys soccer practice @ 3pm
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring back all school related forms to your homeroom teacher. (lunch and internet access forms) • French extra-help on Tuesday, Sept 19th at lunch (12:05pm) Rm 211
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown Drill @10am • Cross Country Practice @ lunch • Library opened @ lunch • Leadership in Room 207 at lunch • Boys' soccer practice @ 3pm • Musical Auditions after school
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library opened @ lunch • <i>Extra math</i> help with Mr. Whittle in room 210 • GSA meeting @ lunch
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Practice @ lunch • Debate Club @ lunch Rm 222

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Sept 20th Musical Tryouts @ 3PM
 Sept. 21st Curriculum Night 6:30PM-7:30PM
 Sept 25th PTA Meeting Monday at 6pm
 Sept 26th Schoolwide Pancake breakfast
 Oct. 2nd Truth and Reconciliation Day. No school.
 Oct. 9th Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
 Oct. 17th School Bus Evacuation Drill

[From the Office](#)

[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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School Safety

Here at Gorsebrook Jr. High we use video surveillance system as part of our continued efforts to support a safe, positive, and effective learning environment. We recognize that the images recorded by this video surveillance system are personal information and, as with all other personal information, we take steps to balance privacy rights with safety and security concerns. The school has the legal authority to collect this personal information under Section 24 of Nova Scotia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Only designated staff has access to our video surveillance equipment and such access is restricted as required by law. The system is used to enhance school safety and to deter or take action in response to unlawful behaviors.

If you have any questions about video surveillance at our school, please contact our principal Mr. MacPhee @ mmacphee@hrce.ca.

- Curriculum night will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21st, 6:30-7:30pm.
- Sept 26th – Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast (No charge, sponsored by RBC) 8:00-8:45 in the gym all students welcome!
- Please note, Gorsebrook is a scent-free school. Many students and staff have sensitivities. Please do not use spray deodorants/perfumes while at school.
- Student Lockers: In a rare circumstance it may be required for school administration to enter a student's locker. Lockers are HRCE/School property there is no expectation of privacy. Students should use school provided locks and not their own locks. Lost locks will result in a \$10 replacement fee.

From Band Dept.

Band students are reminded to start bringing their instruments to school this upcoming week on the days they have band class. A band practice schedule will be communicated to students shortly and included in subsequent memos.

From the PTA

- What is the **PTA**? PTA stands for **Parent Teacher Association**. The goal of the PTA is to come up with ideas to help fundraise money for school initiatives. The PTA also helps encourage parent/guardian, and community involvement and engagement in schools. In the past we have had adult dances, a coffee house, school musicals, and auctions to name a few of our fundraisers. We will be having our first meeting on **Monday, Sept 25th at 6:00pm** in room 205 and we would love to see you there. Remember you do not have to sign up for the full year, but if you would like to get involved in one or two fundraisers as the year progresses please watch the community memo for what we have planned, your help would be very much appreciated; many hands make light work.

From the Math Department

Mme Mercer would happily adopt any chess sets, and/or card decks you may not be using at home - Merci! ☺

Group/Clubs/Sports

- Gorsebrook is currently looking **for volunteers to coach the girls' volleyball team**. Please contact our phys. ed teacher Mr. Cole Pfeifenroth CPfeifenroth@hrce.ca if you are interested. You will be required to have recent child abuse registry and criminal record check completed and sign a coaching contract before the season begins.



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- Do you need to practice your English Language skills? Or are you a student who would like to help other learn the English language? Well, this may just be the club for you! English Conversation and Games. Every Friday at 12:00pm in Room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!
- Gorsebrook GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) will be meeting on Thursdays at lunch in the community room #109, beside the Foods lab on the first floor. All are welcome! GSA will be held on Thursday at noon in the Community room downstairs. All welcome!!
- Leaders are ready to walk the walk - they don't just talk the talk. **The leadership club** helps our students and staff feel like they are part of a real school community. They have a say in and help come up with ideas of what activities or events that take place in the school. As a team your job is to set concrete goals and follow the steps necessary to achieve them. Anyone can have a great idea, but not everyone can make that vision a reality. Leadership in Room 207 at lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 20 ☺
- Debate Club is 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."

From the Phys. Ed. Department

Living in Nova Scotia means being prepared for any weather. In Phys ed we try to give students opportunities to do activities and sports both indoors and out. **This means having appropriate clothing for the conditions.** If they do not want to wear their good sneakers outside, they should bring sneakers they do not mind running around in on the field. Hats are great outside, but are not needed inside, especially in these hot, humid conditions. If we ever see the sun again then sunscreen is a must.

And on the topic of heat, we have many classes in the school and therefore most classes share the gym. It can get very hot and humid with two classes of hard-working students running around. Please ensure children come equipped with light clothing for indoors. Ideally students should have a change of clothes, and wear unscented anti-perspirant, so they do not need to sit afterwards in classrooms in uncomfortable sweaty (and fragrant) clothing. No amount of ventilation can replace good hygiene!

Gorsebrook Musical

The school musical tradition at GJH will continue with the production of *High School Musical Jr.* in February 2024. The show is scheduled for February 12 & 13th. Auditions will take place Wednesday, September 20th - beginning at 3pm. **Group audition is 3:05pm-3:45pm. Solo auditions begin at 4pm. Please see bulletin board outside Room 212 for the solo audition times.** Students coming to the audition need to bring the permission form signed. 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.



Come to curriculum night on September 21st and you may take a cake home for your family! Parents/Guardians are welcome to walk if their children don't attend with them as this is an all-ages FUNdraiser.

Where - Gorsebrook Gym

When - Curriculum night - Thursday, September 21 from 6:30-7:30



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Cost - \$5 cash for each delicious chance to win a glorious cake that goes straight into the musical fund for *High School Musical Jr.*

*****Reminder to bring cash for Curriculum Night*****

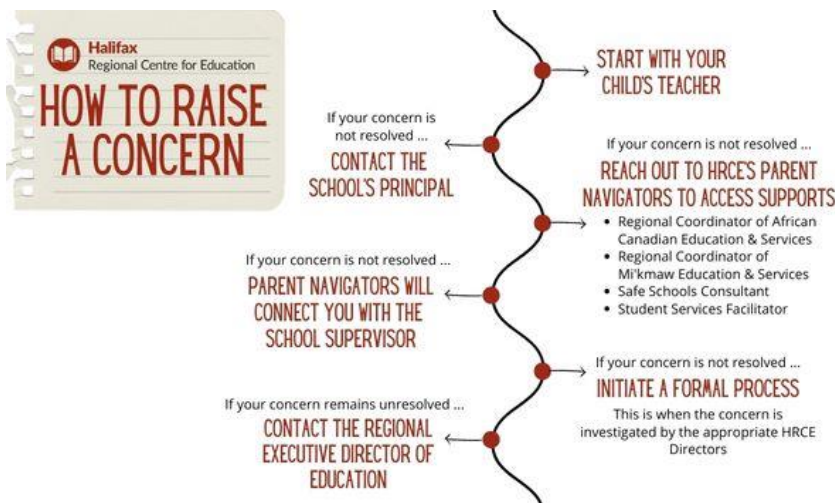
We need at least 8 more cakes! Please email tjbarry9@gmail.com to volunteer your baking services in support of musical theater at Gorsebrook (store bought cakes are also welcome). Cakes can be dropped off to the office in the day or brought between 5:30-6:30pm on September 21st to the Gorsebrook gym. Cakes must be on a dish that goes home with the winner.

[From HRCE](#)

SchoolCash Setup

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply [click here](#) to register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms.

Click here to view the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).



[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.