








# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>-Nov 3rd, 2023

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**This is: Week 1**

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musical Practice 7:30am-8:30am</li> <li>• French and math extra-help with Mr. D @ lunch rm 212</li> <li>• Grade 9 band practice @ lunch</li> <li>• Boys' volleyball practice afterschool</li> <li>• Girls' volleyball game vs Central @ 4pm in the Halifax Central gym</li> </ul>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guitar Club</li> <li>• Girls' volleyball practice afterschool</li> <li>• French extra help with Mme. Pillay @ lunch in Rm 211</li> </ul>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Take your kids to work Day</b></li> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Boys' volleyball practice at lunch</li> <li>• Girls' volleyball game vs Ecole Mer et Monde @ 4pm at Gorsebrook</li> <li>• Musical Practice after school until 5pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza Lunch</li> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Extra math help with Mr. Whittle in room 210</li> <li>• GSA meeting @ lunch</li> <li>• Readers Rumble Club @ lunch in rm 215</li> <li>• Boys' volleyball game vs Oxford at Gorsebrook @ 4pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musical Practice 7:30am-8:30am</li> <li>• Debate Club @ lunch Rm 222</li> <li>• Ms. Andrews has English Conversation and Games in Room 107. Every Friday at 12:00pm. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!</li> <li>• Girls' volleyball practice afterschool</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Dates**

- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> International Night 5-7PM
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day: No school Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Assessment and Evaluation day - No Classes
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Report Cards go home
- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent/teacher 6-8PM
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> PD/Parent/teacher interviews 1-3PM
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting 6:30PM
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Immunization
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting 11:40PM



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### [From the Office](#)

If students wear Halloween Costume's to school on Tuesday, please remind them that they are not to wear masks, have weapons, or cultural appropriation.

#### No Stone Left Alone-November 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Students 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](mailto:gjh@hrce.ca)

### [Demographic Updates](#)

Links were sent home through e-mail on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> asking parents to login to power school and verify there demographic information (and make updates if necessary). We still have **310** outstanding that have not been verified. Please kindly log in and verify your information. It's important that this information is accurate and up to date. If you have questions or need the link again, please contact CarolAnn Daley at 902 421 6758 or [Carolann.Daley@hrce.ca](mailto:Carolann.Daley@hrce.ca)

### [From Guidance](#)

Take Our Kids to Work Day will take place on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for Grade 9 students who returned their forms. All other Grade 9 students will have regular classes.

### [Parent/Teacher Association \(PTA\)](#)

**Mark your calendars!** The Gorsebrook PTA is hosting an **International Night** on Sunday, **November 5** from 5-7PM. It will be a great night of building our school community. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish to share. We'll have an open mic for anyone with a song or dance to perform. And yes: Canadian counts as international! We want your poutine!

### [2023 Terry Fox Campaign](#)

Together we exceeded our goal of \$1555, raising \$2244.15 - go bears!!! Many thanks to students, staff, and the GJH Community for your generosity and support!

### [Grade 8 French Immersion](#)

Grade 8 French immersion field trip to Mount Saint Vincent on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 2:30pm for Francais pour l'avenir conference. Permission forms need to be signed and returned by Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and there is a \$8.75 fee that be paid via school cash online.

### [Math Department](#)

Looking for donations of decks of gently used decks of playing cards, and chess boards. Thank you ☺

### [Capella Regalis Opportunity](#)

**WHAT IS CAPELLA REGALIS?** A free music education in a centuries-old tradition. Inspiring and accessible professional performances. Capella Regalis is a Canadian charity dedicated to training singers and to offering excellent choral music presentations to the public. Founded in Nova Scotia by director Nick Halley in 2010 to build upon the best aspects of the centuries-old European tradition of church choirs and to revitalize this method of music training in Canada, Capella Regalis now comprises a Boys Choir, Girls Choir, and professional Men's Choir (including Young Men with recently changed voices). Our children's choirs are free and open to any child who passes a basic audition.



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Capella Regalis Choirs regularly sing Choral Evensong in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, as part of the Cathedral's Sundays at Four series. The choirs also perform concerts around Nova Scotia and beyond in a busy September – June season and engage the public in many music outreach initiatives. Annual performances include four programs of sacred and secular repertoire from across the Western

tradition, and the popular, annual Christmas series, A Chorister's Christmas. In addition, Capella Regalis frequently collaborates with other groups and world-class musicians in productions of major works. such as J.S. Bach's Easter Cantata BWV 4, J.S. Bach's Saint Matthew Passion, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Bizet's Carmen, Britten's A Ceremony of Carols, Britten's

Saint Nicolas, Handel's Te Deum, Monteverdi's Selva Morale e Spirituale, Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610, Orff's Carmina Burana, the Paul Winter Consort's Missa Gaia/Earth Mass, and Schütz's Musikalische Exequien. Access to excellence.

In the performing arts world, a major barrier to participation is cost. At Capella Regalis, we are passionate about making professional-level choral music available to everyone because we know that music has the power to transform the life of a person, whether that person is a child finding their voice or a listener finding beauty in a soul-stirring performance. We are committed to maintaining a level of excellence in choral music because we believe it is essential to the preservation and development of our cultural heritage. Our free Probationers Programs introduce children as young as six years old to the basics of music literacy and the joy of singing. Our free Boys Choir and Girls Choir advance the musical and social growth of choristers through a disciplined approach to music studies. The result of this training for the children is access to some of the greatest music humankind has produced over the last eight centuries, including new repertoire that responds to and expands that heritage. Our free Young Men's Program gives teenage boys with changing voices a pre-professional performance training within a mentorship-based framework to help them navigate the challenging journey to adulthood. Many of our Young Men go on to become paid singers in our Men's Choir. Capella Regalis supports the artistic practice of professional musicians living and working in Nova Scotia and across Canada. Our Men's Choir employs a roster of professional adult singers to provide the alto, tenor, and bass voices for Capella Regalis performances, forming the backbone of our annual season of professional presentations, together with professional instrumentalists and other collaborating artists.

The two goals of musical excellence AND accessibility for everyone inform all Capella Regalis programming decisions. The choirs regularly provide free or pay-what-you-can access to artistic online presentations of major works in tandem with their live performances. Capella Regalis also partners with local organizations to present free, family-friendly performances of iconic works such as Britten's A Ceremony of Carols and Fauré's Requiem. The choirs share a diverse range of musical repertoire with schoolchildren through free, interactive performances in local elementary schools. Most recently, Capella Regalis created a free, online Music Literacy Course to teach the basics of music reading in a way that anyone can access and learn at their own pace. Capella Regalis holds rolling auditions throughout the year for kids ages 6 - 18 and all our programs are completely free. We encourage anyone interested to please contact [vhalley@capellaregalis.com](mailto:vhalley@capellaregalis.com) to schedule a brief, friendly audition. For more information, visit [www.capellaregalis.com](http://www.capellaregalis.com)

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