



Gorsebrook Junior High School

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Gorsebrook High Bell Schedule

Morning

Duty Time 8:35-8:55 am students may enter the building through their assigned door (see below). They must head straight to their homeroom class.

8:55 am students in homeroom for attendance and O'Canada

9:00 am first class begins

There are no bells in the morning until...12:00 pm dismissal for lunch*

***Staggered Lunch dismissal/return times (Covid-19 Protocol)**

12:00 pm - grade 9s dismissed for lunch (return to class at 1:05 pm)

12:05 pm - grade 8s dismissed for lunch (return to class at 1:10 pm)

12:10 pm - grade 7s dismissed for lunch (return to class at 1:15 pm)

Afternoon

1:05 -1:15 pm students return to their homeroom class as per the return schedule mentioned above

1:15 pm first class begins

There are no bells in the afternoon until the final dismissal bell at 3:15pm

****Staggered end of day dismissal times (Covid-19 Protocol)**

3:05 pm - grade 9s dismissed

3:10 pm - grade 8s dismissed

3:15 pm - grade 7s dismissed

Notes:

- Students are recorded as absent by their homeroom teacher if they are not in their homeroom by the beginning of O'Canada (am) and announcements (pm).
- Parent/Guardians: School busses are on time if they arrive five minutes prior to the start of classes. **In our school, this would be 8:40am.**

Entrance and Exit Door Allocation

Homeroom	Entrance Door	Exit Door
701	South & Robie St doors	Elevator doors (rear of school)
702	Main doors on South St	Back doors down the stairs
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801	South & Robie St doors	Elevator doors (rear of school)

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8/904	Robie St Doors (side of building along Robie)	Back lower level doors leading to ball field
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***If you are late for either morning or afternoon classes, and your assigned door is locked, please ring the bell of the front door to be let in the building. You must sign in at the main office if you are late, so your attendance can be updated.

2020-2021 School Calendar

2020

September 8	First Day of school for students
September 14	School Picture Day *
September 24	Curriculum Night (format TBD)
September 21	Picture re-take day *
September 25	PD Day (no classes)
October 12	Thanksgiving (no classes)
November 11	Remembrance Day (no classes)
November 12	Grade 7 Immunization Day*
November 20	Assessment Day (no classes)
November 30	Reports cards go home
December 2	Parent Teacher evening (format TBD)
December 3	School based PD Day (morning) Parent/ Teacher Conferences (format TBD)
December 22	Last day of classes before Christmas break

2021

January 4	School re-opens
February 15	Edward Arab Day (no classes)
March 15-19	March Break (no classes)
March 24	Assessment Day (no classes)
April 2	Good Friday (no classes)
April 5	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 6	Report Cards go home
April 8	School based PD Day (morning) Parent/ Teacher Conferences (format TBD)
May 18	Grade 7 Immunization Day*
May 21	PD Day (no classes)
May 24	Victoria Day (no classes)
June 21-22	Grade 9 Exams
June 28	Celebration of Learning (format TBD)
June 29	Assessment Day (no classes)
June 30	Last day of school- Report cards go home

*Subject to change due to Covid-19 guidelines.

**Dates for other events may be added in/taken out as Covid-19 protocols evolve.

PROVINCIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the school community of Gorsebrook Junior High School, believe that our school provides a safe, welcoming and positive learning environment for all students and staff.

A way of achieving and maintaining this positive learning environment is the use and application of the Provincial Code of Conduct.

Respect and cooperation form the foundation for all rights, regulations and responsibilities within the code of conduct, which is evident in this document.

The following link will take you to the Provincial Code of Conduct:

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/docs/provincialschoolcodeofconduct.pdf>

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

Gorsebrook Junior High School has a number of students and staff who suffer from severe allergies to nuts. Gorsebrook strives to provide a nut aware environment and as a result, it is imperative that **no peanut products or tree nuts be brought to school**. This applies to all products that may contain traces of peanuts as well. Please read the ingredients on the labels of all foods and snacks that your son/daughter brings to school.

Gorsebrook also strives to provide a scent aware environment. Due to the possibility of severe allergic reactions, all members of our school community are asked to refrain from wearing or using scented products in school.

The use or possession of spray deodorants and perfumes is strictly forbidden.

APPROPRIATE DRESS AT GORSEBROOK

Students at Gorsebrook are most often appropriately dressed during the school day. There are times however when students need to be reminded of appropriate clothing to be worn in an educational environment.

Appropriate clothing that is acceptable in our school should allow students and staff to feel respected and comfortable in their learning and working environment. If a student is dressed in a way that causes others to feel uncomfortable, they may be asked to change their clothes.

Clothing or accessories that contain inappropriate language/content/messages, and any other clothing that is directly linked to illegal activities (i.e. drugs) is not permitted to be worn at GJHS.

Hoods and sunglasses are not to be worn during any scheduled class time.

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CELLPHONES & CAMERAS

Students at Gorsebrook Jr High are not permitted to use cell phones/pocket technology for personal use, during scheduled class time. If a particular lesson requires the use of technology, teachers will ensure there are enough school devices available. Students must leave their personal devices in their backpacks when lockers are not in use, as in the case of the 2020-2021 school year. Devices must be on silent, or completely powered down.

In the event students need to call home, they will be permitted to do so at the main office. Likewise, if parents/guardians need to reach their child during instructional hours, they may call

the main office. **Students who need a personal device for medical reasons and/or educational adaptations will be permitted to use them for these reasons.

In most cases, students who are in using cell phones/pocket technology for personal use during class time will have the phone taken by a staff member or the administration and returned to them at the end of the school day.

The HRCE has established a set of guidelines to be followed when dealing with the use of cell phones and cameras at school. Students should be aware that the use of cell phones and cameras is prohibited in all locker areas/change rooms/washrooms/classrooms in all HRCE schools.

Any pictures/videos being taken on school property should always be accompanied by student's/staff's consent to ensure that the privacy of others is respected. It is never acceptable to post pictures/videos on a website or send them by email unless everyone in the picture/video has seen the picture/video and consented to it being shared.

Gorsebrook Junior High School assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged property. As a result, we strongly encourage students to leave cell phones, electronic devices and cameras at home.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

If a child is going to be late for school in the morning/afternoon, or absent for a day, parents or guardians are to contact the main office at 421-6758 to inform the school.

Regular and on-time attendance are very important to student success in school. Students are expected to arrive in the morning and after lunch in time on time to begin their morning and afternoon classes. Students who have five (5) or more unexcused lates or absences in a month may lose the privilege to attend a school dance or participate in extracurricular sports or activities.

STUDENT FEES

There will be no student fees collected this school year.

BICYCLES & SKATEBOARDS

Students are permitted to bring their bicycles to school; however, they are not to be used on school property during the school day. If a student does bring their bicycle to school, it should be locked up. Gorsebrook Jr High assumes no responsibility for damaged or stolen bicycles. Students are not permitted to use scooters, roller blades, skateboards or 'wheelies' at school.

TEXTBOOKS

In most cases, students are assigned textbooks to use without charge. Students are responsible for keeping the textbook in good condition and are responsible for the replacement of any lost or damaged textbooks. Due to Covid protocol, students are **not permitted** to share textbooks.

LIBRARY

Gorsebrook is very fortunate to have a full service Library for the use of students and staff. Students are permitted to sign out materials from the Library. It is important to note that students are responsible for keeping books in good condition and are responsible for the replacement of any lost or damaged materials.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Our school uses a 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 behaviours.