



## **GORSEBROOK JR HIGH COMMUNICATION PLAN 2022-2023**

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At Gorsebrook Jr High School, we value the important partnership between home and school. Effective communication is a key component in developing this partnership.

This brochure shows the different ways you can communicate with the school and how the school can respond to our community and its needs.

### **How to be an involved parent/ guardian:**

- Talk to your children regularly about school activities and experiences.
- Contact teachers regularly - even when no problems exist.
- Check in frequently with PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Designate a specific time and place for homework.
- Support your child with developing appropriate home study skills.
- Be aware that your attitudes about school and teachers influence your children.
- Keep the school informed of changes in contact information.
- Become involved in school activities.

### **Ways We Communicate**

Student Success Plan, Conversations with Students re: Code of Conduct, Parent/Teacher Interviews, Curriculum Night, Emails/Phone calls, Electronic Newsletters/notices, Twitter, Notes sent home, Individual Program Planning Meetings, School Messenger, Parent Teacher Association Meetings, Awards, PowerSchool, GJHS Communication Sign, Report Cards, School Website, School Advisory Council Meetings.

## Student Assessment and Evaluation

Communication about student learning is important. Every effort is made by teachers to keep parents/guardians informed of ongoing student progress. Assessment and evaluation are essential components of teaching and learning, together these provide a basis to communicate student learning as well as to validate or inform instruction.

Teachers use a variety of ongoing/formative and summative assessment strategies to provide students with a range of opportunities to demonstrate their achievement of the provincial learning outcomes. Student marks are updated in PowerSchool in a timely manner throughout the school year. Parents/guardians and students can access marks in PowerSchool with their own login information. We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to check PowerSchool frequently. If you require support with your PowerSchool access, please call the school.

Throughout the year there are three formal reporting periods (report cards). November, April, and June.

In addition, reports are sent home for students with Adaptations and Individual Program Plans.

## Reporting Student Achievement

- Individual outcomes will be assessed on a 4-point rubric and term grades will be communicated by percentages for all subjects and grade levels.

## Report Card Descriptors for Grade 7-9

**90-100%** - Demonstrates *excellent* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

**80-89%** - Demonstrates *very good* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

**70-79%** - Demonstrates *good* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

**60-69%** - Demonstrates *satisfactory* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

**50-59%** - Demonstrates *limited* understanding and application of concepts and skills in relation to the learning outcomes.

**Below 50%** - Has not met *minimum* requirements of the course

**INS** - Insufficient evidence to determine a grade

**IP** - In progress until all components of the course are completed.

## Homework

Homework will be assigned throughout the school year with the intent for students to practice new knowledge or new skills, to enrich students' understanding of a topic and to prepare for future learning activities. Homework will be communicated through teacher websites and/or GNSPES sites.

## 2022-2023 School Calendar

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – PD Day (no school for students)  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – **First Day** of School for Students  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)  
October 10<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day (no school)  
October 28<sup>th</sup> – Provincial Conference Day (no school for students)  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day (no school)  
November 21<sup>st</sup> – Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school for students)  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Term 2 begins  
November 28-30<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 Report cards e-mailed home  
November 30<sup>th</sup> - 6-8pm Parent-teacher interviews  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – PD- AM / Parent-teacher interviews 1-3pm (no school for students)  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – PD Day PP-12 (no school for students)  
December 21<sup>st</sup>- First day of Christmas Break  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – School reopens for staff & students  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Heritage Day (no school)  
March 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – March Break (no school)  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school for students)  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Term 3 begins  
March 27-29<sup>th</sup> - Term 2 Report Cards will be e-mailed home  
March 30<sup>th</sup> – PD Day-AM / Parent Teacher Interviews 1-3pm & 6-8pm  
(no classes for students)  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – No School  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday – No School  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Victoria Day (no classes)  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – Grade 9 Closing Ceremony  
June 29<sup>th</sup> – Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school for students)  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school! Term 3 Report cards e-mailed home.