



Gorsebrook Junior High School

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Gorsebrook High Bell Schedule

Morning

Duty Time 8:30 am students may enter the building through the front or back of the school (see below)

8:35 am students in homeroom for anthem and announcements

8:40 proceed to first class

There are no bells in the morning until...11:40 am for lunch dismissal

Afternoon

12:50 pm students re-enter the school for afternoon classes

12:55 pm first class begins

2:55 pm bell rings for end of day dismissal

Notes:

- Students are recorded as absent by their teacher if they are not in their consecutive classes at the very beginning for attendance. This will result in being marked absent and possibly receive a call home.
- Parent/Guardians: School buses are on time if they arrive five minutes prior to the start of classes. **In our school, this would be 8:35 am.**

Entrance and Exit

There are two doors that students may use to enter and exit the building. Students will be using the front entrance or main doors on South Street, and/or the back doors adjacent to Gorsebrook Park.

These

two locations of the school are the areas we would like students to congregate at when waiting for the morning and afternoon bell to ring prior to entering the school. These are the supervised areas of the building.

***If you are late for either morning or afternoon classes, please ring the bell of the front door to be let in the building. You must sign in at the main office when you are late, so your attendance can be updated.

2022-2023 School Calendar

2022

- **September 5** - Labour Day
- **September 6** - PD Day for staff
- **September 7** - First Day of School for Students
- **September 12** - Picture Day
- **September 14** - Curriculum night
- **September 19** - Picture Retakes
- **September 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (No classes)
- **October 10** - Thanksgiving Day (No classes)
- **October 28** - Provincial Conference Day PP-12 (No classes)
- **November 11** - Remembrance Day (No classes)
- **November 21** - Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elem/Jr High (No classes)
- **Nov. 28-30** - Elem/Jr High Report Cards Home
- **November 30** -Parent-Teacher Interviews - 6-8pm
- **December 1** - AM - PD / Parent-teacher interviews 1-3pm (no school for students)
- **December 2** – PD Day PP-12 (no school for students)
- **December 21** - Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break PP-12

2023

- **January 3** - Schools Re-open PP-12
- **February 1-28** - Registration Month
- **February 20** - Heritage Day (No classes)
- **March 13-17** - March Break (No classes)
- **March 20** - Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elem/Jr High (No classes)
- **Mar. 27– 29** - Report Cards Home - Elementary/Junior High Schools
- **March 30** - AM - PD Day / PM - Parent-Teacher Interviews 1-3 & 6-8 (No classes)
- **April 7** - Good Friday (No classes)
- **April 10** - Easter Monday (No classes)
- **May 22** - Victoria Day (No classes)
- **June 29** - Assessment & Evaluation Day - PP-12 (No classes)
- **June 30** - Last Day of School - Report Cards e-mailed home

****Subject to change as dates for other events may be added in/taken out as the school year evolves.***

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 School Code of Conduct:

<http://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.

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CELL PHONES & 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 the **cell phone hotel** in each classroom. The cell phone hotel use will be explained in detail by homeroom teachers on the first day of school. Devices must be on silent, or completely powered down during all instructional times.

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 school hours, they may call the main office.

In most cases, students who are using cell phones/pocket technology for personal use during class time will have the phone taken by a staff member or the administration. Students who refuse to put their phone in the cell phone hotel or are found using this technology during class time will be subject to discipline following the Code of Conduct policy, (earbuds should also be put away so students can actively hear instruction).

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 safe arrival at 421-6758 ext. 1 to inform the school.

Regular and on-time attendance is very important to student success in school. Students are expected to arrive in the morning and after lunch on time to begin their morning and afternoon classes. Students who are chronically late will receive a phone call to a parent/guardian to discuss strategies to support getting the student to school on time.

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS & SCOOTERS

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. Skateboards are expected to be kept in the student's locker, bikes should be locked to the bike rack and scooters will be stored in the cage out back of the school.

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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.

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.