



GORSEBROOK JR HIGH COMMUNICATION PLAN 2023-2024

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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, PowerSchool and/or Google classrooms. As a parent/guardian, it is beneficial to receive updates from your child's google classroom so you are aware of upcoming homework and assignments.

2023-2024 School Calendar

September 8th – 10 minute of 1st week at 3:05
September 11th – School Pictures in the AM
September 21st Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30
October 2nd Truth & Reconciliation Day – No Classes
October 9th – Thanksgiving Day- No Classes
October 17th – Bus Evacuation Drills 9:30 (rain date Oct 18th)
October 26th – School Dance 6-8pm
October 27th – Provincial Conference Day
November 5th – PTA International Night Potluck 6-8pm
November 13th – Remembrance Day – No Classes
November 17th – Assessment & Evaluation Day
November 22nd – Parent-Teacher 6-8pm
November 23rd PD AM/PT 1:00-3:30
December 4th – PD Day
December 13th – Band Concert 6:30-7:30 (Snow Date Dec 14th)
December 21st – Frist day of Holiday Break
January 2nd – Classes Resume
Feb 8th School Dance 6-8pm
Feb 12-14th – School Musical
Feb 19th – Heritage Day – No Classes
March Break 11-15th
March 29th Good Friday – No Classes
April 1st Easter Monday – No Classes
April 4th – PD Day
April 18th – AM PD, PM Parent teacher 1:00-3:30, 6:00-8:00
May 20th Victoria Day – No Classes
June 13th – School Dance 6-8pm
June 19th-25th Grade 9 Exams (exact dates to follow as it gets closer)

June 26th – Grade 9 Closing & Boat Cruise
June 27th Assessment & Evaluation Day
June 28th – Last Day!