


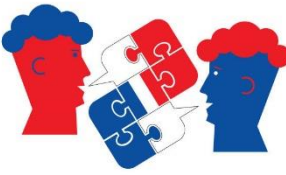





GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Feb 3rd- Feb 7th 2024

[*Please read below for the week's events and other school-related information](#)

This is: Week 2

<p>MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Y Mind Group will meet in Room 214 at the lunch bell. Please bring your lunch with you. • GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome! • Intramurals taking place in the gym at lunch, eat first! (12:00-12:55 pm) • Female-identifying basketball home game vs. Oxford (4:00 pm). • Full cast musical rehearsal after school (3:00-5:30 pm).
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch. • French extra help in Room 211 at 12:10 pm with Mme. Sarita. • Guitar club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105. • Badminton Club taking place in the gym. Open to anyone interested, from beginner to experienced. Bring your own gear if you have it, including indoor sneakers! Sign-up sheet is located outside of the gym. • The students who are working on the African Nova Scotian History Challenge are reminded to check with Madame Lutley on Tuesday during the first 20 minutes of lunch. • Female-identifying basketball practice after school (3:00-5:00 pm). • PTA Meeting in boardroom (6:30 pm)
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full cast musical rehearsal before school (7:30-8:30 am). • Library opened @ lunch • EAL homework club on Wednesdays at lunch in Mme. Goold's room (101). Need some help with an assignment or a quiet place to do your work? Join us! • Intramurals taking place in the gym at lunch, eat first! (12:00-12:55 pm) • Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217 • Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch. • Male-identifying basketball practice after school (3:00-5:00 pm). • Female-identifying basketball home game vs. Armbrae Academy (4:00 pm).
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 band rehearsal will take place from 8:00-8:30 am in the band room. • Library opened @ lunch • Extra Musical Choreography Practice - In the gym. Eat your lunch first (No food in the gym) • String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room all of lunch. • Junior Woodworking Club for anyone who has not yet completed grade 8 Tech Thursday at 12:00. Eat your lunch first. Senior Woodworkers welcome with permission. • Female-identifying basketball practice (3:00-4:15 pm). • Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm). • School Dance (6:00 -8:00 pm) – <i>reminder that cell phones will not be permitted in the gym during the dance.</i> • Male-identifying Quarterfinal game – TBA (4:00 pm)
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full cast musical rehearsal before school (7:30-8:30 am). • Pizza day at lunch! • D&D club on Fridays at noon in Room 101. New adventurers are always welcome!! • EAL games and conversation club with Ms. Andrews at 12 pm in room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome! • Readers Rumble in room 215 at 12:00pm with Ms. U and Ms. Earley. All readers welcome!

Upcoming Dates

- Feb 4th – PTA Meeting in boardroom (6:30 pm)
- Feb 6th – School Dance (6:00-8:00 pm)
- Feb 10th – IB Presentations for students (AM only)
- Feb 20th – IB Presentations for parents at Citadel (6:30 pm)

[Safe Arrival Reminder](#)

Attendance: Students are recorded as absent by their homeroom teachers if they aren't in their homeroom by 8:40 am.

SAFE ARRIVAL: To report your child(ren) absent or late, you can use any of the following methods:

→ **Toll-Free Number**

Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report:

- Future absences using an automated system (max 5 consecutive days) at a time.
- Excuse your child(ren) for a **full day (no half-day option)**. If they arrive late or after an appointment, their attendance will be updated in our system upon arrival.

→ **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal**

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the School Messenger website to report future absences.

→ **School Messenger App**

Parents/guardians can download the School Messenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

*All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Absences can be reported any time before the start of school (9:10 am) on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

If your child will be absent for the afternoon only, please contact the main office at 902-421-6758 ext. 5451000. Feel free to leave a message for this absence. This information can also be found on the hrce.ca website under For Families > General Information > Safe Arrival

Please do not email teachers for attendance purposes.

Thank you for your understanding 😊

[From the Office](#)

- Please note: Gorsebrook is a scent-free school. Many students and staff have sensitivities. Please do not use spray deodorants/perfumes while at school.
- **Save the date:** Grade 9 Closing Ceremony will take place on June 26th at 10am. The grade 9 boat cruise will take place the same evening, on June 26th. Students will arrive at the dock for 6:00 pm with the boat cruising from 6:30-8:30 pm. More details to follow in early June.
- **Reminder:** The second payment of \$105 for the grade 9 trip to Brigadoon is due by Feb 3rd. Please log in and pay through school cash online.

Upcoming school dance on Thursday, Feb 6th from 6-8pm.

- Cost is \$8 at the door.
- If students plan to leave the dance before 8pm we will reach out to parents by phone to ensure you know your child is leaving early.
- Cell Phones will need to be checked at the office and can be picked up at the end of the dance.

SchoolsPlus is here to support you

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school. Call 902-464-2000, ext. 2331 or email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.

Celebrate African Heritage Month 2025

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians.

This year's theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years. In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration.

African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.



[From HRCE](#)

February is Registration Month

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 3. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.



Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

[Duke of Edinburgh](#)

Chaperones Needed

The Duke of Edinburgh program still needs additional chaperones for the Adventurous Journey on June 7th and 8th. If you are a parent of a Grade 9 student and are interested in chaperoning this two day-overnight event, please contact Mme Jang (mjiang@hrce.ca) or Ms Conrad (nconrad@hrce.ca) for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

As an ongoing effort to support our Grade 9 students in meeting their community service requirements for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, we are inviting anyone who knows of any volunteer opportunities for students to fulfill their Duke of Edinburgh Award requirements, to please share the organization and/or contact person information with Nicole Conrad (nconrad@hrce.ca) at any time. She will help to connect students with the relevant coordinators. Your support is greatly appreciated.

[From the Math Department](#)

The EECD [Homework Hub](#) is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. Students can access live tutors on Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers who can tutor any mathematics course in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems any time of day. Please watch the following EECD video introduction to the homework hub: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>. If you have any questions regarding Homework Hub please contact your child's mathematics teacher.

[From the Library](#)

If students currently have overdue library books they wish to have for longer, please let Ms. Maley know in the library. If students have library books they no longer wish to have please return them to either Ms. Maley or the library return bin in the office. Thank you!

[From the English Department](#)

Readers Rumble - Now Virtual!

Like to read (and rumble?) but don't have time to meet on Fridays at lunchtime? The Readers Rumble Club is now VIRTUAL (as well as in-person on Fridays)! Please check in with Ms. Earley in Room 215 to get a Google Classroom code and a reading list. The competition happens at Armbrae Academy this April - our club welcomes competitive and non-competitive readers.

[From the Phys. Ed Department](#)

The dance unit is complete, and students are now working on their “create-a-dance” homework projects due February 7th. That means it's time for badminton! If students have rackets at home that they wish to use, they may bring them to class.

Also, a reminder that it is salty season, and students need indoor sneakers to help keep the gym clean.

From the Tech Ed. Department

Donation Request

Welcoming donations of clean, dry, non-treated dimensional lumber. Please contact Mme Jang to arrange pick-up or drop-off (mjang@hrce.ca)

From the Family Studies Department

Textile Arts Donation Request

Do you have any unused wooden picture or photo frames (8x10 or larger) lying around? We would love to upcycle them into looms for our Textile Arts projects! If you'd like to donate, please send them to Mme. Goold in Room 101. Thank you for supporting our creative endeavors!

Communication

Please follow us on Twitter for updates on school life at GJH! [@GorsebrookJHS](https://twitter.com/GorsebrookJHS)
Other updates and staff emails can be found on our webpage. <https://gbf.hrce.ca/>
Gorsebrook is now on Instagram. Find us [@gorsebrookjuniorhigh](https://www.instagram.com/gorsebrookjuniorhigh)

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