



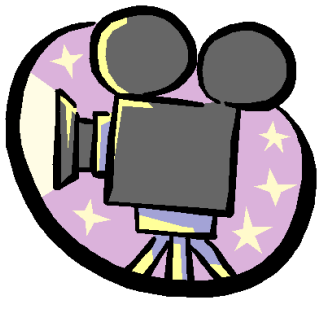




GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Jan 27th - Jan 31st 2024

*Please read below for the week's events and other school-related information

This is: Week 1

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Immunization Clinic make-up date (AM only). • 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! • Chess and strategy games and math extra help Monday at lunch in room 210 • Intramurals taking place in the gym at lunch, eat first! (12:00-12:55 pm) • Male-identifying basketball practice (3:00-5:00 pm). • Full-cast musical costume parade (3:00-4:30 pm).
<p style="text-align: center;">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. • Halifax Transit will be visiting Gorsebrook during lunch to give students a chance to learn more about how to use Halifax Transit, understand the benefits of public transportation, and get a feel for the Transit Code of Conduct. • 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).
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male-identifying basketball practice before school (7:30-8:30 am). • Partial cast musical rehearsal before school (7:30-8:30 am). • Library opened @ lunch • Volunteers for Duke of Ed hours are welcome to help Mme. Jang in the shop (12:00pm) • 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. • Female-identifying basketball home game vs. Armbrae Academy (4:00 pm).
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 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 is cancelled due to the ski trip • Female-identifying basketball practice (3:00-5:00 pm). • Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm). • Male-identifying basketball game at Armbrae Academy (4:00 pm). • All grades Ski field trip @ Wentworth. Returning to school between 6:00-7:00 pm.
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical rehearsal before school (7:30-8:30 am). • Pizza day at lunch! • Grade 10 Course Selection presentations for grade 9 students taking place during morning instruction. • Senior Woodworking Club at 12pm with Mme. Jang. Please eat lunch first. • Intramurals taking place in the gym at lunch, eat first! (12:00-12:55 pm) • 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! • Volunteers for Duke of Ed hours are welcome to help Mme. Jang in the shop (12:00pm) • Readers Rumble in room 215 at 12:00pm with Ms. U and Ms. Earley. All readers welcome!

Upcoming Dates

Jan 27th – Make-up Immunization Clinic (AM only)
Jan 27th – Grade 9 Parent Info Session at Citadel (7:00 pm)
Feb 4th – PTA Meeting in boardroom (6:30 pm)
Feb 6th – School Dance (6:00-8:00 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.
- For any parents/guardians who were unable to attend the parent meeting this past week about this year's **Grade 9 end of year trip to Camp Brigadoon**, you can view the presentation [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Wallace at jwallace@hrce.ca. The second trip payment of \$105. is now available on school cash. Please make your payment by Feb 3rd.
- **In a recent email regarding the upcoming presentations for parents of Grade 9 students, it was incorrectly stated that the IB Presentations would take place on Tuesday, February 20th. We would like to clarify that the correct date for the presentations is Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm. The session will be held at Citadel High School.**

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.

Musical News

Seeking Program Sponsors

DO YOU own a business or know a business that has an advertising budget, and can support local community events? If so, please consider sponsoring the Gorsebrook Musical by purchasing ad space in the program that will be handed out at our production of 13 Jr. on **February 24 & 25, 2025**. Print will be in black and white, and copy will be due **January 31, 2025**.

The space we have available, and the cost is: Full page- \$150 ½ page- \$100 ¼ page-\$75

Don't miss your chance to have your ad seen by upwards of 500 local theater goers who will know your business supports community arts, education and, most importantly, kids. Email Terri at oneill.theresa@gmail.com to get in the program.

[Duke of Edinburgh](#)

For any parents/guardians who were unable to attend the Duke of Ed parent meeting this past week, you can view the presentation that was shared [HERE](#).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mme. Jang (mjang@hrce.ca) or Ms. Conrad (nconrad@hrce.ca).

[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

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