








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Feb 24th- 28th 2025

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

This is: Week 1

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY</p> 	<p>Duty team: Paula, Moragh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y Mind will be cancelled on Monday, February 24th. • GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome! • Gorsebrook presents: 13 Jr the musical! Show time @ 7:00 pm. (Tickets available through SchoolCash Online or for Gorsebrook students at the door).
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY</p> 	<p>Duty team: Amber, Moragh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch. • Guitar club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105. • This is the last week to submit projects to the African Nova Scotian Heritage Challenge. Please see Madame Lutley to fill out the necessary paperwork in order to submit your project to the contest. • Gorsebrook presents: 13 Jr the musical! Show time @ 7:00 pm. (Tickets available through SchoolCash Online or for Gorsebrook students at the door).
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> 	<p>Duty team: Susan, Moragh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 Band fieldtrip to Citadel High • Library opened @ lunch • Duke of Ed volunteers and all term 2 wood shop students welcome in the Woodshop at 12:00 to complete any outstanding projects. • 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. • Final Grade 7 & 8 Badminton tryout after school (3:00-5:00 pm).
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> 	<p>Duty team: Keith, Moragh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 band rehearsal will take place from 8:00-8:30 am in the band room. • Skiing Fieldtrip at Wentworth • Library opened @ lunch • Math extra help @ lunch in room 221 • Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm). • Rugby tryout/practice – (3:00-5:00 pm). <i>More info to follow</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> 	<p>Duty team: Nikki, Moragh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza day at lunch! • Duke of Ed volunteers and all term 2 wood shop students welcome in the Woodshop at 12:00 to complete any outstanding projects. • D&D club on Fridays at noon in Room 101. New adventurers are always welcome!! • Games and conversation club with Ms. Andrews at 12 pm in room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome! • Senior Woodworking at 12 in the shop. Please eat lunch first. • Readers Rumble in room 215 at 12:00pm with Ms. U and Ms. Earley. All readers welcome! • Badminton Practice (3:00-4:30 pm)

Upcoming Dates

Mar 7th – Assessment & Evaluation Day – *No School*
 Mar 10th – 14th – March Break (*No School*)

**Gorsebrook
Junior High School**

Presents:



Book by **DAN ELISH & ROBERT HORN**
Music & Lyrics by **JASON ROBERT BROWN**

Directors

MICHAEL & BRITTANY KAMRAS

Dramaturge & Set Designer
SHAYLE DIDUR-SIMON

Producer
PARENT TEAM

February 24th & 25th at 7:00pm

at Gorsebrook Junior High, 5966 South St, Halifax

*Snow date of February 26th at 7pm if school closed Feb 24th or 25th

Tickets \$5 - Student
\$15 - Adult
\$30 - Family (2 Adults +
2 Students under 16)

Tickets sold through SchoolCash Online
for Gorsebrook students or at the door

[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.

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.

[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 (mjang@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 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 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 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.

[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 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.

[Communication](#)

Please follow us on Twitter for updates on school life at GJH! [@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.