








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

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

*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"> • Football practice taking place before school. (7:30-8:30 am). • GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome! • Chess, Strategy games and extra math help in Mme. Jang's room at 12:00pm. • Intramurals taking place in the gym at lunch, eat first! (12:00-12:55 pm). • Rugby practice after school (3:00-5:00 pm).
<p>TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football practice taking place before school. (7:30-8:30 am). • Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch. • Brass lesson with Bob at 12pm in the band room. • French extra-help at 12:00 pm in room 211 with Mme. Sarita. • Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105. • Grade 7 and 8 Badminton practice at 12:00 pm in the gym.
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library opened @ lunch • Intramurals taking place in the gym at lunch, eat first! (12:00-12:55 pm) • Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217 • Duke of Ed students looking for hours welcome to help in the Shop with Mme. Jang. • Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch. • Rugby practice after school (3:00-5:00 pm).
<p>THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permission forms for Trades Exhibition Hall due to Mme Jang by Thursday March 27 • Grade 8 band rehearsal will take place from 8:00-8:30 am in the band room. • Library opened @ lunch • Shop open for Jr Woodworking @12:00: any Term 1+2 students wanting to finish projects are also welcome. • Grade 9 Badminton practice at 12:00 pm in the gym. • Math extra help @ lunch in room 221 • String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 during lunch. • Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm).
<p>FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Cards will be sent home electronically at the end of day. • Pizza day at lunch! • 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! • French Club at 12:00 pm in room 211 with Mme. Sarita. • Duke of Ed students looking for hours welcome to help in the Shop with Mme. Jang • Readers Rumble in room 215 at 12:00pm with Ms. U and Ms. Earley. All readers welcome! • All grades Badminton practice after school. (3-4:30 pm).

Upcoming Dates

March 25th – PTA meeting (6:30 pm in the Boardroom)
 April 3rd – Parent/Teacher Progress Conferences (*No School*)
 April 18th – Good Friday (*No School*)
 April 21st – Easter Monday (*No School*)

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.
- Kudos to the Kitchen Brigades program for cooking and donating 50L of soup to Brunswick Street Mission which fed 90 unhoused people in HRM. Your hard work is making an impact!

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 (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 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](#)



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Nutrition Month

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Did you know? March is Nutrition Month! This year's theme, Nourish to Flourish, highlights the important role that food has on our physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Whether it's planting an indoor or outdoor garden, cooking together with family, or enjoying a meal with friends, food provides opportunities for building social connections that can support improved feelings of belonging and overall well-being. This is a great time to explore and learn about food. An important part of this is food literacy, which includes having the knowledge and skills to grow, choose, prepare, and talk about food.

[From the English Department](#)

Readers Rumble

The Readers Rumble competition is right around the corner! The team(s) are being selected based on the number of books students have read from the list, but all participants in the club will be invited to attend the competition in April. Stay tuned for more information and permission forms.

[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.

[Communication](#)

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