





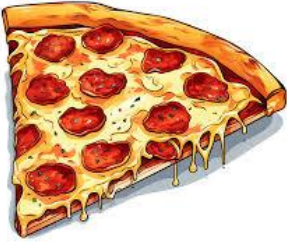


# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: May 12<sup>th</sup>–May 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

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

**This is: Week 1**

<div>MONDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome!</li><li>Karaoke club for ALL grades at lunch at 12:00 in Mme. Sarita's room (211)</li><li>Intramurals in the gym at 12:00 pm with Mr. Desormeau</li><li>Chess, Strategy games and extra math help in Mme. Jang's room at 12:00pm.</li></ul>
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Track &amp; Field Practice <b>Sprints/Middle Distance</b> @ 11:45 am. We will meet on the outdoor basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and appropriate clothing for the weather.</li><li>Anyone interested in doing a choreographed dance for the talent show, come to Room 211 at lunch.</li><li>French extra-help at 12:00 pm in room 211 with Mme. Sarita.</li><li>Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.</li></ul>
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Track &amp; Field City Meet at Beazley Field</li><li>Library opened @ lunch</li><li>Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217</li><li>Gauss Math Contest for Grade 7 and 8 Students</li><li>Duke of Ed students looking for hours welcome to help in the Shop with Mme. Jang.</li><li>Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.</li></ul>
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Staff &amp; Students wear black for Black Excellence Day!</b></li><li>Track &amp; Field City Meet at Beazley Field</li><li>Grade 8 band rehearsal will take place from 7:30-8:30 am in the band room.</li><li>Library opened @ lunch</li><li>Math extra help @ lunch in room 221</li><li>String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 during lunch.</li><li>Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm).</li><li><a href="#">School Dance (6-8 pm, \$8).</a></li></ul>
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pizza day at lunch!</li><li>D&amp;D club on Fridays at noon in Room 101. New adventurers are always welcome!!</li><li>Games and conversation club with Ms. Andrews at 12 pm in room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!</li><li>Sr Woodworking club at 12 p, in the Tech Ed lab. Please eat lunch first.</li><li>French Club at 12:00 pm in room 211 with Mme. Sarita.</li><li>Duke of Ed students looking for hours welcome to help in the Shop with Mme. Jang.</li><li>Female-identifying Softball tryouts after school! Bring gear if you have it!</li></ul>

**Upcoming Dates**

May 15<sup>th</sup> – School Dance (6-8 pm)  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast for Students  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day (*No School*)  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Family Bingo Night @ Gorsebrook (5:30-7 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](http://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](#)

- Congratulations to Julia Nodelman in 704 whose painting won a top prize in the 2025 African Nova Scotian History Challenge. Thank you to all Gorsebrook students who participated in this event, and to Mme. Lutley for facilitating these impressive projects.

### **Grade 8 Provincial Assessments – Coming this Spring**

From May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, our Grade 8 students will take part in the Nova Scotia Provincial Assessment for reading, writing, and mathematics. These assessments help teachers, schools, and the province better understand how students are doing and how to support their learning. The results will not impact students' grades, and no special preparation is needed. Parents will receive individual student reports in the fall. For more information, [[click here to view the parent info sheet](#)].

### **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](mailto:schoolsplus@hrce.ca).

## [From the Phys. Ed Department](#)

### **Track & Field**

The Track & Field City Meet will take place on May 14-15 at Beazley Field in Dartmouth. Students need to pick up and return permission forms from Ms. Johnston. All participants need to dress appropriately for the conditions and bring plenty of water. Check your emails for the event schedule from Coach Mel. Good luck and Go Bears!

## [From the PTA](#)

### **Call for Parent Volunteers – Pancake Breakfast (May 15)**

The PTA is looking for parent volunteers to help cook and serve a pancake breakfast for our students on the morning of Wednesday, May 15. Volunteers would need to arrive by 7:00 a.m. and stay until approximately 8:30–9:00 a.m. to assist with serving and cleanup. If you're available to help, please contact Ines Rei, our PTA Chair, at [gjhspta@gmail.com](mailto:gjhspta@gmail.com).

### **Family Bingo Night – Save the Date!**

Join us for a fun-filled Family Bingo Night at Gorsebrook! The event will take place **at the school on Thursday, May 22nd from 5:30–7:00 PM**, with a cost of \$5 per ticket. It's a great opportunity for families to come together, have some fun, and win prizes. More details will be shared soon—we hope to see you there! For more information, please view the flyer [HERE](#).

## Grade 9 Important Information

### Important Dates

May 29<sup>th</sup>

- Citadel High will be hosting a grade 10 orientation for students and parents from 6:30-7:30 pm. More info to follow as it gets closer.

June 26<sup>th</sup>

- Grade 9 Closing Ceremony will take place at 10 am
- Grade 9 Evening Boat Cruise. Students should arrive at the dock for 6:00 pm with the boat cruising from 6:30-8:30 pm.

## Duke of Edinburgh

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mjang@hrce.ca))

## From HRCE

### May 15 is Black Excellence Day

What is Black Excellence Day? In essence Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging, celebrating, and uplifting Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. The following are ways you celebrate the fourth annual Black Excellence Day:

**Celebrating achievements:** Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the education system.

**Promoting equity and inclusion:** Recognizing Black Excellence fosters a culture of equity and inclusion within schools. It sends a message that all students, regardless of their background, have the potential to excel and make valuable contributions to society. By celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, schools create a more welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

**Education and awareness:** Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

**Empowerment and inspiration:** By celebrating Black Excellence, students are inspired and empowered to pursue their own goals and dreams. Seeing examples of successful Black individuals from various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports, can motivate students to strive for their own excellence.



**Community engagement:** Black Excellence Day can serve as a platform for community engagement and collaboration. It provides an opportunity for schools to partner with local organizations, leaders, and activists within the Black community to organize events, workshops, and discussions that promote dialogue and understanding. Overall, celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

**From the Math Department**

**Homework Hub**

The EECD **Homework Hub** is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. 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.

**Summer Opportunities**

**Free Skilled Trades Camp in your area!**

NSCC in partnership with the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency and The Province of Nova Scotia will be hosting several Skilled Trades Camps for **youth in grades 7 through 9** across the province this summer at **no cost**. Explore a new trade each day - such as carpentry, automotive service repair, plumbing, electrical and more - and discover careers that shape our communities.

**Dates & Locations**

July 7 – 11	NSCC Cumberland Campus, Springhill NS
July 14 – 18	NSCC Kingstec Campus, Kentville NS
July 21 – 25	NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus, Sydney NS
August 11 – 15	NSCC Ivany Campus, Dartmouth NS
August 18 – 22	NSCC Burrige Campus, Yarmouth NS

[Learn more about Skilled Trades Camps](#), including how to register.  
**Registration opens Thursday May 15 at 10am on the NSCC website.**

*Important Note: Campers must be able to attend the full week of camp to be eligible for registration.*

**Questions?**


Contact [skillestradecamps@nscc.ca](mailto:skillestradecamps@nscc.ca)

**Free Summer Fitness for Youth at GoodLife!**

From July 3 to September 2, youth aged 12–17 can enjoy **FREE access** to all GoodLife Fitness locations through the Teen Fitness Summer Program! Registration opens June 2 and must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Teens can work out between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily (last check-in at 3 p.m.), for up to 2 hours per day. This is a great opportunity to boost physical, mental, and social wellness. Visit [teenfitness.ca](https://teenfitness.ca) for more info and to register.

**Communication**

Please visit our [website](#) for updates, staff emails and other important information on school life at GBJH! Gorsebrook is also on Instagram. Find us at @gorsebrookjuniorhigh  
Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent-led Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.



**Finish the year off strong with Homework Hub!**

→ **GNSPES Access**  
Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.

→ **24/7 Access**  
Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.

→ **Bilingual Tutors**  
Tutors available for students in:  
• Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
• Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Find the Homework Hub at [gnspes.ca](https://gnspes.ca) or call 1-888-444-6607**

