








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: May 19th – 23rd 2025

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

This is: Week 2

<div>MONDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victoria Day – No School
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RWM8 Provincial Assessments (AM only)• Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.• Practice in Mme. Sarita's room at 12:00 pm for any students interested in performing in a choreographed routine for the Talent Show• Track & Field (Sprints/Middle Distance) practice at 11:45 am.• Male-identifying Softball practice after school (3:00-4:30 pm)
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RWM8 Provincial Assessments (AM only)• Library opened @ lunch• 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.• Male-identifying Softball practice after school (3:00-4:30 pm)
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 band rehearsal will take place from 7:30-8:30 am in the band room.• RWM8 Provincial Assessments (AM only)• Library opened @ lunch• Math extra help @ lunch in room 221• Track & Field (Sprints/Middle Distance) practice at 11:45 am.• Junior Woodworking Club at Lunch. Eat lunch First.• 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).• Family Bingo Night @ Gorsebrook. (5:30-7 pm)
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Male-identifying Softball practice after school (3:00-4:30 pm)

Upcoming Dates

May 19th – Victoria Day (*No School*)
May 22nd – Family Bingo Night @ Gorsebrook (*5:30-7 pm*)
June 6th – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

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

Spring Concert – Save the Date!

We're excited to invite families to our upcoming Spring Concert on **Tuesday, June 11th** from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Join us for an evening of music and celebration as our students showcase their hard work and talent. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coming Home Tuesday: \$10 NS Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher

Each student will be bringing home a *Nova Scotia Loyal* voucher on Tuesday, May 20. These \$10 vouchers can be used at participating farmers' markets across the province to purchase fresh, local, and handmade products (excluding alcohol).

This initiative helps families connect with local producers while supporting Nova Scotia businesses. For more information and to find a market near you, visit: farmersmarketsnovascotia.ca/NSL.

Let's be Nova Scotia Loyal, together!

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.

Grade 9 Important Information

Important Dates

May 29th

- 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 26th

- 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) at any time. She will help to connect students with the relevant coordinators. Your support is greatly appreciated.

From the PTA

Family BINGO Night 5:30-7pm on May 22!



WHO: GJH students. Families are encouraged to attend! Children under 12 require adult supervision.

WHAT: BINGO NIGHT, presented by the GJH Parent-Teacher Association

WHEN: Thursday, May 22. Doors open at **5:30pm**, Games start at **5:45pm** and end by **7pm**

WHERE: Gorsebrook Jr. High School gym

PRIZES: Gift cards and chocolate bars for prizes!!!

COST: \$5 per ticket. Each ticket comes with a bingo game booklet. **Everyone attending needs a ticket.**

Advance Purchase Draw: Each ticket purchased in advance (by May 21) via [SchoolCashOnline](#) gets you an entry in an early-bird draw for a Starbucks Gift card!!!

BRING CASH for the following:

- **PIZZA FOR SUPPER!**
- Popcorn, drinks & other treats at the canteen
- Additional bingo game booklets.
- Bingo Daubers (or bring your markers

Funds raised at the canteen will go to the **GRADE 9 TRIP**. **Grade 9 parents** please visit volunteersignup.org/3LBWY to make a canteen donation.

Volunteers Needed!
We are looking for BINGO helpers as well as donations of baked goodies and bingo prizes.
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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 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 HRCE

Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

The provincial Accessibility Directorate is providing all HRCE schools with posters to help bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. The posters are being mailed directly to schools from the directorate and should arrive in the coming days.

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).

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 Burridge 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@nsc.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



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 or call 1-888-444-6607

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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 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.