



# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup> 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"><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 the band room with Ms. O'Brien</li><li>Intramurals in the gym at 12:00 pm with Mr. Donahoe</li><li>Chess, Strategy games and extra math help in Mme. Jang's room at 12:00pm.</li><li>Male-Identifying Softball tryouts from 3:00-4:30 pm. Please bring all necessary gear.</li></ul>
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Female-identifying flag football tournament @ BMO Centre</li><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>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><li>Female-identifying football practice outside after school, dress accordingly. (3:00-4:15 pm.)</li></ul>
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Library opened @ lunch</li><li>Caribou Math contest taking place</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><li>Male-Identifying Softball tryouts from 3:00-4:30 pm. Please bring all necessary gear.</li></ul>
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>703 Field trip to Dalhousie Science Days</li><li>O2 interviews being conducted for applicable Grade 9 students. (PM)</li><li>Grade 7 band rehearsal will take place from 7:30-8:30 am in the band room.</li><li>Caribou Math contest taking place</li><li>Library opened @ lunch</li><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>Math extra help @ lunch in room 221</li><li>Junior Woodworking Club at lunch. Eat first!</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>Virtual Grade 6 Orientation meeting for parents @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.</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>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>Male-Identifying Softball tryouts from 3:00-4:30 pm. Please bring all necessary gear.</li></ul>

**Upcoming Dates**

May 6<sup>th</sup> – PTA meeting (6:30 pm)  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – School Dance (6-8 pm)  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast for Students

## [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://sishrs.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](#)

- **Reminder:** As the weather warms up, we know more students may choose to scoot/bike to school. Please remember that scooters are **not permitted to be stored inside the building**. All scooters must be locked outside on the bike rack during school hours. Thanks for helping us keep our hallways safe and clear!
- **Grade 6 Orientation for Parents/Guardians:** Families of incoming Grade 6 students are invited to a virtual orientation on **Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.** We'll share key information about the upcoming school year. Join us via Google Meet: [\[https://meet.google.com/cec-kppy-igh\]](https://meet.google.com/cec-kppy-igh)

### **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 our PTA](#)

The PTA is asking for everyone in District 7 to please come and vote for our mural project at the Participatory Budgeting event. The event will be held on **Monday May 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Lindsay Children's Room in the Halifax Central Library. The voting will take place from 6 pm - 8 pm and the votes will be tallied on site with results being announced shortly after 8 pm. Both adults and children can vote! We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email us at [gjhspta@gmail.com](mailto:gjhspta@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

## [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

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](mailto:mjang@hrce.ca)) or Ms Conrad ([nconrad@hrce.ca](mailto: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](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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

MAY	19	NO CLASSES Victoria Day
JUNE	26	NO CLASSES High school students only for assessment and evaluation
JUNE	27	NO CLASSES PP-12 for assessment and evaluation
JUNE	30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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From the English Department

Readers Rumble

Please return any Readers rumble books to either Ms. Earley or the library **before May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

From the Math Department

Caribou Math Contest


The final Caribou Math Contests of the year will be taking place on Wednesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 8th. If you have not yet participated but would like to, please see Ms. Nicholl (rm 216) **prior** to the contest date. More details will be provided in the Daily Announcement Slides about the time and location for your grade!

**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.

**[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 or call 1-888-444-6607**

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