



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Dec. 1st - 5th, 2025

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

This is: [Week 2](#)

MONDAY 	• Grab & Go Breakfast available • Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 • GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 • Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 3-5:30pm
TUESDAY 	• Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45-8:30am • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222 • French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 • Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 3-5:30pm
WEDNESDAY 	• Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30-8:30am (see call list) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room • Library Open @ 12pm • K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 • Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 • Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 • Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 5:30-7:30pm
THURSDAY 	• PD Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 1-3pm (<i>No School</i>)
FRIDAY 	• Grade 7 Immunization Clinic • Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30-8:30am (see call list) • Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45-8:30am • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221 • French Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Games & Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107 • Readers Rumble @ 12pm - Room 215

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Dec 8th - Band & Strings Holiday Concert (6:30pm)
Dec 19th - Last Day for Students before Winter Break
Dec 22nd - PD Day (*No School*)

[From the Office](#)

Parent-Teacher Meetings are this week. Just a reminder that meetings are held in the gym, on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are no appointment times to sign up for.

Reminder to students

- Please double-check that your e-bikes, scooters, and bicycles are locked securely when you leave them outside. We want to help you keep your belongings safe. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Please ensure your lockers are locked at all times. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Sounds of the Season - Winter Band & Strings Concert

Our Grade 7–9 Band and Strings students will be presenting their *Sounds of the Season* concert on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Families are warmly invited to join us for an evening of music and celebration as our students share what they’ve been working on this term. We look forward to seeing you there!



[From the HRCE](#)

Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE’s goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours, and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted in. If you aren't sure if you have opted in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian, you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.

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.

Learn more about SchoolsPlus [here](#).



From the Tech. Ed. Department

We are currently accepting donations of hammers, measuring tapes, cordless drills/drivers and any clean, dry dimensional lumber 1 foot long or longer (2x4s, 2x6s, etc.). Please contact Mme Jang to arrange drop off/pick up. Thanks!

Support over the Winter Holidays

As we approach the winter season, families may begin looking for assistance during the holiday period. Below are three key community resources available this year:

1. Families may contact 211 to inquire what resources exist in the specific community/area where they reside
2. The Salvation Army "Christmas Help" information and application website:

<https://www.christmasdaddies.org/christmashelp/>

The website contains all the information that families need to apply ONLY online, and the documents that they need to upload to support their application. The Salvation Army applications open on October 23 and close on December 8, 2025

3. Parker Street Hamper: <https://parkerstreet.org/apply-for-hamper/>

Parker Street applications accepted until November 21, 2025

Safe Arrival Reminder

Attendance: Students are recorded as absent by their teachers if they aren't in their first class by 8:40am.

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 about 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.

Communication

Other updates and important school information can be found on our webpage. <https://gbf.hrce.ca/>
Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent-led Facebook Group – you can find it by searching for 'GJHS Community'.