

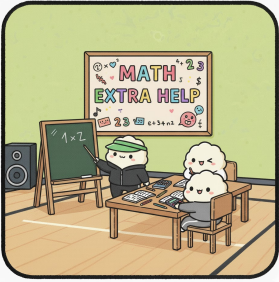


GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Nov. 17th - 21st, 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 • Male-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 12pm • Full Cast Musical Rehearsal @ 3-5:30pm • Female-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. Grammar @ 4pm
TUESDAY 	• Grab & Go Breakfast available • Female-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 3-4:30pm • Musical Rehearsal (see call list) @ 3-5:30pm • Male-identifying Volleyball Away Game vs. St. Agnes @ 4pm
WEDNESDAY 	• Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30-8:30am (see call list) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open @ 12pm • String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room • K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 • Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 • Grade 8 & 9 Tech Ed Catch-up @ 12pm - in the Woodshop • Male-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 12pm • Female-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. St. Agnes @ 4pm
THURSDAY 	• Grade 8 Band Practice (7:45-8:30am) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Violin Technique @ 11:40am - in the Band Room • Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Library Open @ 12pm • Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 216 • Female-identifying Volleyball Practice @ 3-4:30pm • Male-identifying Volleyball Away Game vs. Grammar @ 4pm • PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
FRIDAY 	• Assessment & Evaluation Day (<i>No School</i>)

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Nov 24th - First Day of Term 2
Nov 27th - SAC Meeting (11:40am)
Dec 3rd - Parent Teacher (5:30-7:30pm)
Dec 4th - PD/Parent Teacher (1-3pm) (*No School*)
Dec 8th - Band & Strings Holiday Concert (6:30pm)

From the Office

There will be an initial Brigadoon Trip Parent Information Meeting on Monday, November 24, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place in Room 218

Interested in helping out backstage for the school musical? Sign up on the bulletin board outside Room 212 by Friday!

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.

AI and your child's learning

HRCE teachers and staff are introducing students to artificial intelligence (AI) in safe and meaningful ways that build awareness, creativity, and critical thinking. Together, we can help our learners understand how to use AI responsibly and confidently in their education and everyday lives. [This informational sheet](#) provides you with starting points for conversations about AI and learning.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

A **mandatory, non-refundable** first installment for Duke of Edinburgh fees will become available in SchoolCash Online next week for all participants. It is due in SchoolCash Online by Midnight on Friday, November 24. If the school does not receive fees by the deadline, students will not be allowed to participate. If students require financial support from the school, this must be communicated to Mme Jang, Ms. Conrad, or Ms. Johnston before the deadline. While participants can begin completing their hours, they will not be able to log them in the Online Record Book until payment has been received. Thank you!

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://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 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'.