



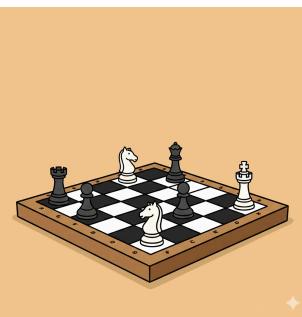
GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Jan. 12th-16th, 2026

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

This is: Week 2

MONDAY



- Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 7-8:25am
- Grab & Go Breakfast available
- Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210
- GSA @ 12pm - Room 214
- Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 3-5:30pm
- Male-identifying Basketball Practice @ 7:15-8:25 am

TUESDAY



- Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am
- Grab & Go Breakfast available
- Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222
- Math Extra Help @ 12:05pm - Room 210
- Duke of Ed Goal Help @ 12:05pm - Room 210 (Goals due by Jan. 19th)
- Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 3-5:30pm
- Male-identifying Basketball Exhibition Game vs. West Bedford @ 4pm

WEDNESDAY



- Male-identifying Basketball Practice @ 7-8:30am
- Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 7:30-8:30am
- Grab & Go Breakfast available
- String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room
- Library Open @ 12pm
- K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109
- Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217
- Junior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:05pm - Woodshop
- Female-identifying Basketball Home Game vs. Highland Park @ 4pm

THURSDAY



- Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am
- Grab & Go Breakfast available
- Violin Technique @ 11:40am - in the Band Room
- Leadership Club Meeting @ 11:45am to plan February Dance - Room 101
- African Heritage Month Contest Meeting @ 12pm - Room 209
 - This competition is an independent project that will be submitted for a cash prize. If you are interested in African Nova Scotian heritage and would like to learn more, please see Mme Lutley
- Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209
- Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211
- Library Open @ 12pm
- Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 216
- Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm
- Ski team info session 3:05-4:00 pm in rm 207

FRIDAY



- Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 7:30-8:30am
- Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 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
- Senior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:05pm - Woodshop
- Male-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3-5pm

Upcoming Dates

Feb 5th - Grade 8 Trip to Oval (1-2:45pm) (*stay tuned*)
Feb 5th - Dance (6-8pm)
Feb 9 & 10th - School Musical (*stay tuned*)
Feb 12th - Grade 7 Trip to Oval (1-2:45pm) (*stay tuned*)
Feb 16th - Heritage Day (*No School*)

From the Office

Access to the Building for After-School Sporting Events

Please note that the main entrance to the school is actively monitored for the first 20 minutes following dismissal (until 3:15 pm) for spectators arriving to attend after-school sporting events.

After this time, the teacher supervising the game will periodically check the doors; however, there may be a short delay before access is granted. We kindly ask for your patience and request that visitors avoid knocking or banging on the doors repeatedly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to maintain a safe and orderly environment for students and staff.

GJHS Ski Team

Race dates for the GJHS Ski Team have been announced! The three main races will take place at Ski Wentworth on February 4th, 11th and 18th (pending weather!), with the provincial championships on March 4th for teams/individuals that qualify.

There will be an information session for **all ski team members** immediately after school on Thursday, January 15th. Please meet in front of the school admin office at 3:05pm.

From the HRCE

Power Outage Information for Families

As we move into the winter months, we want to share how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

Our priority is always to keep schools open safely when possible. A power outage does not automatically mean classes are cancelled – even if it happens during the school day. The decision depends on when power is expected to be restored.

Here's what happens:

- When a school loses power, HRCE's Operations Team contacts Nova Scotia Power to gather available details on the cause and an estimated restoration time.
- Once we have this information, we consider:
- Before school starts: Have buses begun their routes? If so, we wait until students arrive before making a decision. If classes are cancelled, elementary families will be contacted before dismissal.
- During the school day: How close is dismissal? What is the temperature in the building? Does the school rely on power for water or septic systems? These factors, among others, help us decide whether to stay open or close. Often, power returns faster than we could safely send students home.

If classes are cancelled:

- HRCE will notify families by email and text.
- Families of elementary students will also receive a phone call before dismissal.

Deciding to close schools during a power outage is never simple, but safety is always our top priority. We understand that cancellations can be inconvenient, and our goal is to keep students learning in class whenever possible.

More information about school cancellations for any reason can be found [here](#).



Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Ed Bottle Return Fundraiser: The school has set up an account with Tanner's Recycling to raise funds for the Duke of Ed Program to offset student fees for the program. Tanner's Recycling is located at 6393 Bayne St, Halifax, NS B3K 2V6, near the Windsor Street Exchange. At any point, you can bring refundable bottles/cans/tetra packs to their location, tell them that it is for Gorsebrook Junior High School, and they will add it to our account. It would be a great help to them if you label the bags with our School name. If the bottle depot is out of your way, you are also welcome to drop clean, refundable bottles/cans/tetra packs to Mme Jang at Gorsebrook on Fridays. Thanks!

Learn About the Influenza Vaccine

Fast Facts about the Flu Vaccine

Influenza (the flu) is a virus that peaks in transmission in the fall and winter months

- Most people are mildly ill when they contract the flu but sometimes the flu can be serious and require admission to the hospital
- Children under 6 years are at the highest risk of serious complications from the flu
- The flu and RSV can occur at the same time, making children more at risk of needing hospitalization
- The flu vaccine is recommended yearly for children 6 months and older to protect against serious complications of the flu

For more information, [click here](#).

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FLU VACCINE SAFETY

- The flu vaccine cannot cause the flu
- Serious side effects are rare, affecting less than 1 in 1000 people
- Common side effects include pain and swelling at the insertion site



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HOW TO BOOK YOUR VACCINE

- In Nova Scotia, flu vaccines can be booked online and are free of cost
- You can also call to book at 1-833-797-7772. If you or your child does not have a health card, please call rather than booking online



Scan to book



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 and sign-in at the Main Office.

→ **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal:** Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the School Messenger website to report all 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 9:05 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 stating your child's full name and the duration of the absence.

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'.