



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

Jan. 26th-30th, 2026

[*Please read below for the week’s events and other school-related information](#)

This is: [Week 2](#)

<div>MONDAY</div> <div><div>Intramurals</div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duke of Edinburgh participants: mandatory survey in Google Classroom to be completed by end of day• Male-identifying Basketball Practice @ 7-8:30am• Grab & Go Breakfast available• Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210• GSA @ 12pm - Room 214• Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym• Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast & Crew) @ 3-5:30pm• Female-identifying Basketball Home Game vs. Highland Park @ 4pm• School Musical tickets now available on SchoolCashOnline!
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div><div>Band Rehearsal</div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am• Grab & Go Breakfast available• Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222• Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12:05pm - Room 210• Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast & Crew) @ 3-5:30pm• Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div><div>Film Club</div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym• Junior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:05pm - Woodshop• Female-identifying Basketball Home Game vs. Ridgecliff @ 4pm
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div><div>Math Extra Help</div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am• Grab & Go Breakfast available• Violin Technique @ 11:40am - in the Band Room• African Heritage Month Challenge @ 12pm - Room 209<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The deadline for the 2026 African Heritage Month Challenge has been extended! If you are interested in submitting a project for a chance to win a cash prize, please come to Room 209 at lunch. It's not too late! For more information, please see Mme Lutley• Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209• Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211• Bakesale to support the Musical @ 11:40• Library Open @ 12pm• Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 216• Leadership Club (to work on dance decorations) @ 12pm - Room 101• Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm• Male-identifying Basketball Game at Oxford @ 4pm
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div><div>Readers Rumble</div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• 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)

Feb 5th - Dance (6-8pm)

Feb 6th - PTA Pancake Breakfast (8am) - in the Gym

Feb 9 & 10th - School Musical (7pm)

Feb 12th - Grade 7 Trip to Oval (1-2:45pm)

Feb 16th - Heritage Day (*No School*)

Feb 18th - Grade 9 Trip to Oval (1-2:45pm)

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.

Attention: Grade 9 Students & Parents/Guardians

Citadel staff and former Gorsebrook students will give a presentation on the morning of Thursday, January 29th (during Period 2 and 3). They'll be sharing information on Grade 10 course selection and what to expect at Citadel next year! There will also be an information session on Thursday, February 5th @ 6:30pm for parents/guardians at Citadel High School.

Oval Field Trips

- Each grade level will be attending the Emera Oval for skating on the following dates:
- Grade 7 - Thursday, February 12th
 - Grade 8 - Thursday, February 5th
 - Grade 9 - Wednesday, February 18th

Students will leave at 1pm to walk to the Oval and skate until they are dismissed at 2:45pm. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather (hats, gloves, jackets, warm pants). Skates and helmets will be provided free of charge; however, students are welcome to bring their own gear if they have it. Permission forms should be signed and returned to the school a week before the trip.

Coming Soon - School Musical, Shrek Jr!

Gorsebrook Junior High is excited to present *Shrek the Musical JR.* on **February 9th & 10th at 7:00 pm**, with a snow date of **February 11th at 7:00 pm**.

This fun, family-friendly production is based on the DreamWorks film and the book by William Steig, featuring music by Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Tickets are now available on School Cash Online or at the door: **\$5.50 students, \$17 adults, \$35 family (2 adults + 2 students under 16)**. Come support our talented students and enjoy a great night of theatre!

CITADEL HIGH SCHOOL


Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Information Session

	THURSDAY	
4	5	6


FEBRUARY

6:30 PM

CITADEL COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION



An evening to learn about the program offerings at Citadel High.



1855 TROLLOPE ST. SPATZ THEATRE



Tattletales Coin Campaign

During the month of February, we will be raising money for the library! Students can bring in loonies or toonies to their homeroom teacher at anytime or they can bring them directly to the library on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Sadye will be hosting “Minute to Win It” games every Wednesday in February in the library at lunch. The final day to bring in your coins is March 11th. Thanks in advance for supporting this initiative!

Duke of Edinburgh

We are currently looking for chaperones to help with the Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey (overnight camping and hiking trip) on June 6 and 7. Please e-mail Mme Jang (mjang@hrce.ca) or Ms. Conrad (nconrad@hrce.ca) if you are interested and available. Please note, the trip will only proceed if we have enough chaperones.

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!

HeART Program: Art and Mindfulness Program

Each week youth will get to be creative and explore different art styles, in a supportive peer environment, paired with a mindfulness or other coping skill to support their mental wellness.

Costs for the upcoming year is pay what you can! We accept donations of all sizes, and welcome youth if that amount is also zero dollars.

Location: 6036 Coburg Rd, Halifax, NS B3H 1Y9
We have two registration forms this year please ensure you are signing up for the one which best matches your youth:



- Ages 8-12 Elementary School aged youth
 - Wednesday evenings (6-8pm)
 - <https://forms.gle/Q1s8erqxuqLUzJnf8>
- Ages 13-18 Junior High and Highschool aged youth
 - Thursday evenings (6-8pm)
 - <https://forms.gle/PzvVjnKjEMxheyz76>

If you have any questions, please reach out by email to: heartyouthprogram@gmail.com

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

- Bussed 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.

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'.