

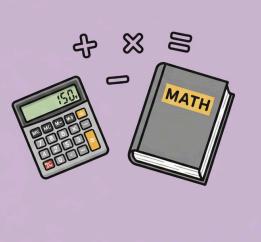


GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Jan. 5th-9th, 2026

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

This is: Week 1

MONDAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 @ 3-5pm
TUESDAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grab & Go Breakfast available• Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222• Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 3-5:30pm• Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm
WEDNESDAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 7:30-8:30am• Grab & Go Breakfast available• String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room• Library Open @ 12pm• Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209• K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109• Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217• Junior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:05pm - Woodshop• Male-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3-5pm
THURSDAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grab & Go Breakfast available• Violin Technique @ 11:40am - in the Band Room• Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211• Library Open @ 12pm• Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 216• Female-identifying Basketball Exhibition Game vs. Central @ 4pm
FRIDAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Musical Rehearsal (Full Cast) @ 7:30-8:30am• 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• Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm

Upcoming Dates

Feb 5th - Dance (6-8pm)
Feb 9 & 10th - School Musical (*stay tuned*)
Feb 16th - Heritage Day (*No School*)

From the Office

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.

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.

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'.