

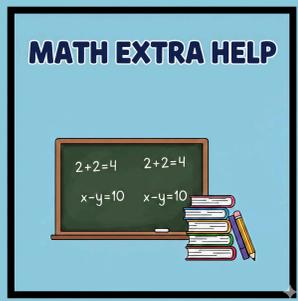


# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

Feb. 23rd-27th, 2026

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

## This is: [Week 2](#)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>● Chess &amp; Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210</li> <li>● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214</li> <li>● Co-ed Rugby Information Meeting @ 3pm - Room 105</li> <li>● Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am</li> <li>● Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>● Badminton Tryouts for <b>GRADE 7 ONLY</b> @ 12-12:45pm - Gym</li> <li>● Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222</li> <li>● Math Extra Help &amp; Duke of Ed Help @ 12:05pm - Room 210</li> <li>● French Extra Help @ 12:10pm - Room 211</li> <li>● Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>● String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room</li> <li>● Library Open @ 12pm             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minute-to-Win-it Games for \$1 to support our Library Fundraiser</li> </ul> </li> <li>● K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109</li> <li>● Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217</li> <li>● Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym</li> <li>● Grade 8 &amp; 9 Tech Ed Catch-up @ 12:05pm - Woodshop</li> <li>● Co-ed Rugby Practice @ 3pm - Gym</li> <li>● Female-identifying Basketball Playoff Game at Rocky Lake @ 4pm</li> <li>● Parent Meeting re: Grade 9 Trip to Brigadoon &amp; Duke of Ed @ 6:30pm - Library</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am</li> <li>● Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>● Grade 9 Band Morning @ Citadel High School</li> <li>● Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room</li> <li>● Badminton Tryouts for <b>GRADE 8 ONLY</b> @ 12-12:45pm - Gym</li> <li>● African Heritage Month Challenge @ 12pm - Room 209             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209</li> <li>● Library Open @ 12pm</li> <li>● Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 216</li> <li>● Grade 8 &amp; 9 Tech Ed Catch-up @ 12:05pm - Woodshop</li> <li>● Co-ed Rugby Practice @ 3pm - Gym</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am</li> <li>● Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>● Badminton Tryouts for <b>GRADE 9 ONLY</b> @ 12-12:45pm - Gym</li> <li>● Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221</li> <li>● Games &amp; Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107</li> <li>● Readers Rumble @ 12pm - Room 215</li> <li>● Grade 8 &amp; 9 Tech Ed Catch-up @ 12:05pm - Woodshop</li> <li>● Female-identifying Basketball Practice @ 3:15-4:45pm</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Dates

Mar 5th - PTA Meeting (6pm)

Mar 13th - Assessment & Evaluation Day (*No School*)

Mar 16th-20th - March Break (*No School*)

## From the Office

### **Late Arrivals**

We have recently observed a significant increase in students arriving late both at the start of the school day and following the lunch break. While we understand that occasional delays occur, every minute of lost time impacts student engagement and academic progress. When a student arrives late, it doesn't just affect their own learning; it interrupts the flow of the lesson for the entire class. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring students arrive on time and ready to learn, allowing our teachers to make the most of every instructional minute.

### **Grade 9 Trip Fundraiser**

We are selling Heppy's pies, cookies, quiches, and sweets to raise funds for Gorsebrook's Grade 9 trip, so that all students, regardless of financial need, can attend our end-of-year trip to Brigadoon. Heppy's Pies is local, homemade cuisine that is delicious and convenient. You can purchase through SchoolCash online by visiting: <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/>

The fundraiser ends February 19th, and food will be delivered for pickup on March 6th. Below is a list of all the offerings. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Ines Rei at [curious\\_ines@hotmail.com](mailto:curious_ines@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your support!

#### Meat Pot Pie 4's:

- Chicken Pot Pie 4's
- Beef Pot Pie 4's
- Broccoli & Chicken Pot Pie 4's
- Free Range Chicken Pot Pie 4's
- Free Range Turkey Pot Pie 4's
- Steak Kidney Pot Pie 4's

#### Meat Pie 9":

- Acadian Chicken & Pork Pie 9"
- Tourtiere 9"
- Steak, Potato & Blue cheese 9"
- Spicy Pulled Pork 9"
- Chicken & Mushroom 9"
- Turkey 9"

#### Quiche:

- Ham & Swiss Cheese Quiche
- Greek Quiche
- Vegetarian Quiche

#### Dessert:

- Lemon Loaf
- Banana Chocolate Bread
- Banana Bread
- Carrot Cake
- Plain Biscuits
- Rise & Shine Biscuits
- Ginger Crinkle Cookies
- Lemon Poppy Cookies
- Kahlua Cookies
- Oatmeal Coconut Cookies
- Hermit Cookies
- Shortbread
- Cinnamon Swirl

#### Traditional:

- Regular Fishcakes
- Bacon Corn Chowder
- Beef Celery Dumpling
- Pork Cabbage Dumpling
- Seafood Chowder
- Regular Baked Beans

- Vegetarian Beans
- Date Ball
- Macaroons

#### Gluten Free Products:

- Gluten Free Chicken Pot Pie 2's
- Gluten Free Beef Pot Pie 2's
- Gluten Free Fishcakes

#### Dessert Pie 9":

- Apple Pie 9"
- Berrie Fruitful Pie 9"
- Acadian Mincemeat Pie 9"

## [Tattletales Coin Campaign](#)

In February, we will be raising money for the library! Students can bring in loonies or toonies to their homeroom teacher at any time, 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 that 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!

## [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 forecast 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](https://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](https://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'.