

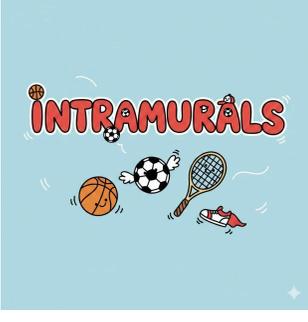
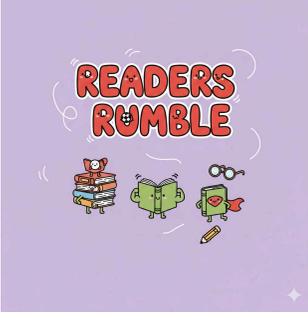


GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

Mar. 2nd-6th, 2026

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

This is: [Week 1](#)

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 ● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 ● Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym ● School-wide Assembly during Integrated Learning (Period 4) ● Rugby Practice @ 3pm - Gym ● Female-identifying Playoff Basketball Game at Rocky Lake @ 4pm
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Grade 7 Badminton Tryouts @ 12pm - Gym ● Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222 ● Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12:05pm - Room 210 ● French Extra Help @ 12:10pm - Room 211
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room ● Grade 8 Badminton Tryouts @ 12pm - Gym ● Library Open @ 12pm ● K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 ● Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 ● Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym ● African Heritage Month Challenge @ 12pm - Room 209 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is the last week to submit an entry to the 2026 African Nova Scotian History Challenge. Please see Mme Lutley in Room 209 if you are interested. ● Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 ● Junior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:05pm - Woodshop ● Rugby Practice @ 3pm - Gym
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> 	<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 ● Grade 9 Badminton Tryouts @ 12pm - Gym ● Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211 ● Library Open @ 12pm ● Math Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 216 ● PTA Meeting @ 6pm
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 ● Rugby Practice @ 12pm - Gym

Upcoming Dates

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

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

Mar 23rd - First Day of Term 3

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.

Communication

When communicating with staff, please continue to use HRCE email accounts. While staff also have GNSPES accounts, these are primarily for student work submission; all other professional communication should be sent to HRCE addresses. Thank you!

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

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

March is Nutrition Month: Make the Most of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

March is celebrated across Canada as Nutrition Month, a perfect opportunity for families to focus on building healthy eating habits together. Nutrition Month allows us to explore sustainable eating patterns, food literacy, and learning about the benefits of balance and variety in everyday meals. By highlighting the connection between nutrition and long-term health, Nutrition Month empowers everyone to build habits that benefit both individuals and the planet.

Use Nutrition Month as a reminder to take advantage of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! With nutritious, balanced meals prepared daily, the program ensures students have the energy and focus they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. The School Lunch Program is designed to provide accessible, affordable, and appealing meals that feature a variety of foods from all food groups, following Canada's Food Guide. By participating, families can help their children develop lifelong healthy habits while making mornings a little less hectic.

Together, we can make small changes that lead to healthier futures for our families and communities.



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'.