

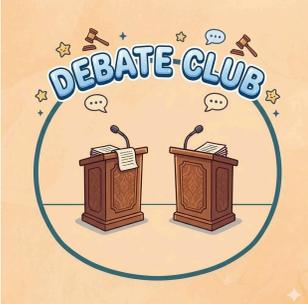
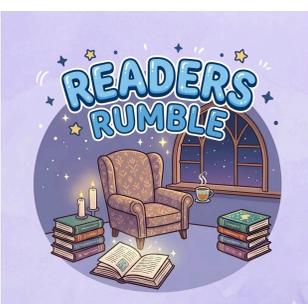


GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

Mar. 23rd-27th, 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"> • First Day of Term 3 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 • Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 • Badminton Practice (All Grades) @ 12pm - Gym • Rugby Practice @ 3pm - Gym
<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 • Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222 • Badminton Practice (All Grades) @ 12pm - Gym • French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 • Math/Duke of Ed Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 210 • Rugby Practice @ 3pm - Gym
<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 • Library Open @ 12pm • K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 • Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 • Badminton Practice (All Grades) @ 12pm - Gym • Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 • Junior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12pm - Woodshop
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby Tournament @ SMU • Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Library Open @ 12pm • Badminton Tournament at Sackville High @ 3pm
<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 @ 12pm - Woodshop

Upcoming Dates

Apr 2nd - PD/Parent Teacher (1-3pm, 5:30-7:30pm)

Apr 3rd - Good Friday (No School)

Apr 6th - Easter Monday (No School)

From the Office

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable March Break. Here's to a strong start to Term 3.

Communication

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

Allergies

A friendly reminder that our school is a nut-aware environment. To help keep all students safe, please avoid sending any food items that contain peanuts, tree nuts, or nut-based products. We have students with severe allergies, and even small traces can pose a serious risk. Thank you for your cooperation in creating a safe and inclusive space for everyone!

Phys. Ed. Department

Slush, salt, mud, boots, and gym floors do not mix. Please remember to bring indoor sneakers, as our sneaker library is limited. Thank you!

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 and offset student fees. 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

Responding to Technology-Facilitated Harms Among Young People

Unplugged Canada is hosting a free community event at the Canada Games Centre on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m., available both in person and virtually. Join to learn from Dr. Alexa Dodge, Assistant Professor of Criminology at Saint Mary's University and a leading Canadian researcher on technology-facilitated sexual violence.

This session will explore cyberbullying, the sharing of intimate images, and other online harms youth face, along with research on the support and responses young people need when problems arise online. This presentation will be valuable for any caregiver or adult supporting young people as they navigate the challenges of their digital social lives.

- Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7 pm
- Canada Games Centre Boardroom - 26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax
- Please register for in-person or virtual [here](#).

Safer Internet Day 2026: Navigating the Internet Safely

As our kids and teens spend more time exploring, creating, and learning online, it's natural to wonder how we can best support them — especially with emerging technologies like artificial intelligence becoming part of their digital world. On Safer Internet Day 2026, Google shared helpful updates and tools designed to make it easier for families to guide, protect, and empower young people as they navigate the Internet safely. Learn more [here](#).

Open your Home to an International Student!

Have you considered opening your home to an international student?

HRCE's International Services welcomes students from all over the world who would like to attend schools in our region. Hosting a student in your home can be an enriching and rewarding experience. We're looking for warm and caring families like yours to provide them with a home away from home.

Hosting an international student is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that gives your family the opportunity to bring the world home. For students, it's a way to learn about the Canadian way of life.

As a host, your family would be matched with a student who will attend your neighbourhood school and participate in your daily routines.

What you can expect:

- Host families receive a tax-free monthly stipend to help cover hosting expenses (\$875)
- Students stay for periods of three to 10 months
- Ongoing support is provided by an experienced Homestay Coordinator
- You will learn about and communicate with your student before their arrival

Learn more [here](#) or contact:

HRCE International Services

(902) 464-2000 ext. 2548
hostastudent@hrce.ca

Please share this message with anyone who may be interested.

Thank you! Gracias. Merci. Xie-Xie. Danke. Arigato. Grazie. Obrigado. Kamsa-Hamnida. Kawp-Kun-Ka. Shukran. Teşekkür Ederim.

HRCE International Services

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'.



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