






GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

Mar. 30th - Apr. 3rd, 2026



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

This is: [Week 2](#)

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 ● Gorsebrook Chess Team tryouts for 2026 School Team Provincials @ 12pm - Room 210 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>If you cannot make it but wish to try out you must contact Mme Jang by the end of Tuesday, April 7th.</i> ● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 ● Intramurals @ 12pm with Mr. Whittle (max. 30 students) - Gym ● Rugby practice @ 2:55pm - in the gym or outside on the field, weather permitting
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● Grade 9 Badminton tournament Tuesday @ Citadel High starting at 8:30 am ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Duke of Ed Meeting for students who cannot attend Adventurous Journey @ 11:40 - Room 210 ● Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222 ● Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12pm - Room 210 ● French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 ● Female-identifying Flag Football second tryout @ 3pm - Gym
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● String Ensemble @ 12pm - in the Band Room ● Library Open @ 12pm ● K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 ● Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 ● Intramurals @ 12pm with Ms. Rachel (max. 30 students) - Gym ● Teachers vs. Students Basketball game - 5th period ● Permission slips for Trades Hall Exhibition trip due to Mme. Jang @ 3:00pm - Room 210 ● Male-identifying Flag Football practice @ 3:00pm - Gym
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Development AM/Parent Teacher Conferences PM (1-3pm, 5:30-7:30pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>No appointment necessary; conferences on a first come first served basis</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good Friday (<i>No School</i>)

Upcoming Dates

Apr 6th - Easter Monday (*No School*)

April 9th PTA Meeting (*6pm*)

Apr 16th - School Dance (*6-8 pm*)

Apr 30th - SAC Meeting (*11:40 am*)

From the Office

Report Cards

Updated report cards files were sent this morning. The previous files did not include elective grades.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing. Please encourage your student to check items to see if anything belongs to them. We will have items out on display at parent-teacher and ask parents to see if any of the missing items belong to your child. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity after Easter weekend.

Grade 9 Trip - Final Payment Reminder

A friendly reminder that the second payment for the Grade 9 trip to Brigadoon is available in [SchoolCash](#) and is due by April 8. If you haven't had a chance to complete this yet, we kindly ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. If your family requires financial assistance, please contact Mr. MacPhee at mmacphee@hrce.ca.

Lunch Container Recycling Reminder

We have noticed an increase in lunch containers being left on school grounds and in classrooms. As part of our commitment to keeping our school clean and reducing waste, we ask that students properly dispose of all items from the provincial lunch program. A reminder that both a green bin and recycling bin are available in the main hallway specifically for these containers. We would appreciate your support in reminding your child to clean up after themselves and use the appropriate bins.

Duke of Edinburgh

There will be a mandatory Duke of Ed Meeting for any students who cannot/might not be able to attend the Adventurous Journey with the School Next Tuesday at beginning of lunch Room 210

Trades Exhibition Hall Visits

Trades Exhibition Hall Visits coming up on April 8th and 9th for select grade 9 students. Please have permission forms in to Mme Jang by Wednesday April 1 at 3:00 pm.

From the HRCE

April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many strengths and experiences of autistic children and youth in our school communities. For families, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of feeling seen, heard, and supported — not just today, but every day.

In our schools, awareness is only the beginning. True inclusion comes from acceptance, understanding, and a commitment to meeting each student where they are. When educators, students, and families work together to build empathy and reduce barriers, we create environments where every child can thrive.

Recognized globally on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, led by the United Nations, highlights the importance of improving quality of life and upholding the rights of autistic individuals. This year's theme, "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," reminds us that every person deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive, both in school and beyond.



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'.