



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

April 6th-10th, 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"> • Easter Monday - (<i>No School</i>)
<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 @ 12pm (all grades) - Gym • French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 • Math/Duke of Ed Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 210 • Band Extra Help/Individual Practice @ 12pm- Band Room • Co-ed Rugby practice @ 3pm - Gym • Reminder to grade 9s that payment for Brigadoon is due April 8th on SchoolCash!
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Maine Musicale whole school assembly • Trades Hall Exhibition Fieldtrip (<i>select grade 9s</i>) • Badminton Regionals • String Ensemble @ 11:40am - in the Band Room • Library Open @ 12pm • K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 • Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217 • Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 • Intramurals @ 12pm with Mr. D (max. 30 students) - Gym • Co-ed Rugby practice @ 3pm - Gym • Reminder to grade 9s that payment for Brigadoon is due <u>today</u> on SchoolCash!
<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 • Trades Hall Exhibition Fieldtrip (<i>select grade 9s</i>) • Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Library Open @ 12pm • Female-identifying flag-football practice @ 3pm - Gym • PTA Meeting 6pm in the conference room
<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 • Rugby tournament (Friday and Saturday) - <i>Please see or email Ms. Macneil if you are unable to attend</i> • Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221 • Games & Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107 • Readers Rumble @ 12pm - Room 215 • Senior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12pm - Woodshop • Male-identifying flag-football practice @ 3pm - Gym

Upcoming Dates

April 9th PTA Meeting (6pm)
Apr 16th - School Dance (6-8 pm)
Apr 30th - SAC Meeting (11:40 am)

From the Office

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 **Wednesday, 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.

Trades Exhibition Hall Visits

Trades Exhibition Hall visit for select students from 901/902/905 Wednesday and 903/904 Thursday. Students are reminded to bring long pants, closed toed shoes and a quick lunch. Anyone who has not yet submitted a permission form and intends to go must have it to Mme Jang Tuesday, April 7th. No permission forms will be accepted the day of. Thank you for your attention to this!

Citizenship Service Learning

Pie-a-Teacher Fundraiser!

Want the chance to pie a teacher in the face? Now's your moment! Buy your tickets at lunch from April 7-10 for a chance to make it happen.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Don't miss out on the fun!

From HRCE

The "Amazing" Adventure Guide

[Unplugged Canada](#) encourages families to reclaim childhood by creating more opportunities for outdoor adventure, independence, and real-world responsibility. Research shows that children thrive when they spend more time exploring their neighbourhoods, solving problems with friends, and contributing meaningfully at home and in their communities. Simple steps like walking to a neighbour's house, biking to a local park, helping plan a family meal or running small errands help kids build confidence, resilience and practical life skills.

Families can support this shift by intentionally creating space for free, unsupervised play and increasing responsibility over time. That might mean designating "no-adult" play zones, encouraging kids to gather in groups of three or more for creative play, or giving them meaningful household roles such as helping with groceries, cooking or caring for pets.

It can feel challenging to step back, but children build independence by practicing it. Families can make it easier by teaming up with other parents in their neighbourhood to create shared boundaries for safe roaming and outdoor play. For more ideas and practical steps, see the full guide: [The "Amazing" Adventure Guide](#) from Unplugged Canada.

Try Carpool Conversations with your Kids

Looking for an easy way to talk with your child about their digital world? Carpool Conversations from Common Sense Media offers short, engaging prompts and mini podcasts designed to spark family discussions about technology, media use, and online behaviour. Many episodes are only a couple of minutes long, perfect for a car ride or while waiting for practice to start. Explore the conversation starters [here](#).

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'.