

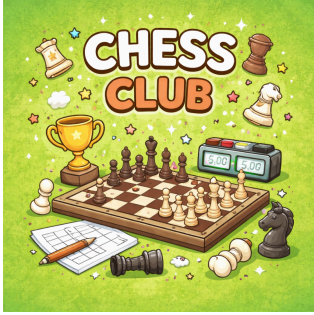



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

April 13th-17th



*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 ● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 ● Male-identifying flag football practice @ 12pm - Gym ● Presentation for students interested in volunteering for the IWK Decontamination Event in the Library during last period (1L). <i>Information sheets and permission forms will be distributed after the presentation.</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 ● Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12pm - Room 210 ● French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 ● Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym ● Female-identifying flag football practice @ 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 (max. 30 students) - Gym ● Male-identifying flag football practice @ 3pm - Gym ● Final Kitchen Brigades session @ 3pm - Foods lab
<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 ● Grade 9 field trip to Citadel High school's Adams Family Musical Performance ● Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room ● Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211 ● Library Open @ 12pm ● Pie-a-Teacher Fundraiser @ 3pm - Gym ● Female-identifying flag football practice @ 3pm - Outside (<i>weather permitting</i>) ● School Dance @ 6-8pm
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pancake breakfast at 8:00-8:40 everyone is invited. ● Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● 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 @ 12pm - Gym

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Apr 16th - School Dance (6-8 pm)
 Apr 29th - PD Day (no school)
 Apr 30th - SAC Meeting (11:40 am)

[From the Office](#)

Woozles Fundraiser

A reminder of the current book fundraiser organized by our PTA.

Here is how it works: students have chosen books that they would like to have in our school library. If you support this fundraiser and buy a book, you MUST put the code "GJH26" somewhere in the order (in the PO spot or the notes field). You can find the book selection using this link.

<https://woozles.com/lists/LoRG26yI5Z8Y>

If you buy the book, we get the book plus a 20% credit at Woozles to purchase more books. It's a great opportunity to help get more books into our library and into our young scholar's hands!

Please don't forget to use the GJH26 code so that we get the credit. If you have questions, please email us at gjhspta@gmail.com.

Thank you again for all your support!

The Addams Family Musical at Citadel High School

Our grade 9 students have been invited to Citadel High School's production of The Addams Family Musical this Thursday, April 16. Students are asked to return their permission forms to their homeroom teachers as soon as possible in order to secure their seat at the show.

Donation/Loan Request

Mr. Chaulk is seeking Crokinole boards for our upcoming annual Skills Rodeo. If you have a board that you wish to donate or loan, please contact Mr. Chaulk (achaulk@hrce.ca). Thank you for your consideration!

[Readers Rumble](#)

We have two teams competing at Readers Rumble this year! The competition takes place at Armbrae Academy on April 21. Participants are kindly reminded to return: permission forms and any books they have borrowed from the club.

[From HRCE](#)

Do you know how to raise a concern?

We want families to feel comfortable reaching out when they have questions or concerns about their child's education or well-being. In most cases, concerns can be resolved quickly by connecting directly with school staff.

If you do have a concern, here are the steps to follow:

- **Start by speaking with your child's teacher or ECE.** They are often best positioned to address questions about your child's learning or classroom experience.
- **If the concern isn't resolved, contact the school principal** to continue the conversation and work toward a solution.
- **If you need additional support, HRCE's Family Navigators are here to help.** They can provide guidance and connect families with helpful resources and supports. They can be reached at connect@hrce.ca.
- **If the concern still isn't resolved,** a formal review process can be requested and the matter will be looked into by the appropriate HRCE Director.
- **The final step** is for the concern to be reviewed by the Regional Executive Director.

You can learn more about the process [here](#) or by reviewing the [Parent/Guardian Concern Policy](#).

[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'.