



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

April 20th - 24th

[*Please read below for the week's events and other school-related information](#)

This is: [Week 1](#)

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Uncover Your Essence Conference field trip for select grade 9 students ● Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 ● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 ● Male-identifying Flag Football practice @ 12pm - Field (weather permitting) ● Pie-a-Teacher Fundraiser @ 2:30 pm - Gym
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222 ● Track & Field Practice ALL EVENTS @ 11:45 am - Basketball courts (outside) ● French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 ● Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12pm - Room 210 ● Intramurals @ 12pm (max. 30 students) - Gym ● Female-identifying Flag Football practice @ 3pm - Gym ● Readers Rumble competition @ Armbrae Academy
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Discovery Centre Fieldtrip - 903/904 students ● String Ensemble @ 12pm - 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 (max. 30 students) - Gym ● Track & Field (Throwing Events) Practice @ 11:45 am - Basketball courts (outside) ● Male-identifying Flag Football practice @ 3pm - Field (weather permitting)
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● Come From Away trip @ Neptune Theatre for Musical Appreciation Club ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room ● Library Open @ 12pm ● Track & Field (Running Events) Practice @ 11:45 am - Basketball courts (outside) ● Female-identifying Flag Football practice @ 3pm - Gym
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 - Field (weather permitting)

[Upcoming Dates](#)
 Apr 29th - PD Day (*no school*)
 Apr 30th - SAC Meeting (*11:40 am*)

[From the Office](#)

★ **Wozzles 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/LoRG26yl5Z8Y>

If you buy the book, we get the book plus a 20% credit at Wozzles 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!

★ 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!

[BINGO Night @ Gorsebrook!](#)

Family Pizza & BINGO Night 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, May 21!

WHO: Gorsebrook Junior High students and their families, Grade 6 students from LeMarchant St. Thomas, Inglis Street Elementary and St. Mary's School. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Children under 12 require adult supervision.

WHAT: Family Pizza & BINGO NIGHT, presented by the Gorsebrook PTA

WHEN: Thursday, May 21. Doors open at 5:30pm, Games from 6-7:30pm

WHERE: Gorsebrook Jr. High School gym **PRIZES:** Gift cards, chocolate bars and more!!!

COST: \$5 per ticket which will be **available soon** in SchoolCashOnline (more info to come!). Each ticket comes with a bingo game booklet. Everyone attending needs a ticket. Limited tickets due to seating availability. Purchase by May 19 to be entered into the early bird draw.

BRING CASH for the following:

- **PIZZA FOR SUPPER!**
- Popcorn, drinks & other treats at the canteen
- Additional bingo game booklets.
- Bingo Daubers (or bring your markers)

All funds raised at the canteen will go to the **GJH GRADE 9 TRIP**. Grade 9 parents please consider making a canteen donation or volunteering!

Volunteers Needed! The GJH PTA is looking for BINGO helpers as well as donations of baked goodies and bingo prizes. Sign up to volunteer here: volunteersignup.org/W79KQ

[Brigadoon - Grade 9 Trip Update](#)

Grade 9 students can now access a Google Form to request who they would like to room with for the Camp Brigadoon trip. The form has been posted and must be completed by **April 28th**. Please note that late submissions will not be accepted. If the form is not completed by the deadline, rooming arrangements will be made by the school.

[Athletics](#)

Gorsebrook would like to wish grade 9 students Bethany and Stephanie the best of luck as they compete at Badminton Provincials this weekend!



We would also like to congratulate all members of the badminton team on a fantastic season. Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have made us proud.

Reminder: All male- and female-identifying basketball players are asked to please return their uniforms to Mr. S this week in order to receive their jersey deposit refund.

[Track & Field - Important Information](#)

Track & Field practices will begin on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:45.

All interested students, regardless of event, need to meet at the basketball courts behind Gorsebook. It is important that all participants wear proper footwear/clothing for the weather conditions.

All running events (Sprints/Middle Distance) will practice every **Tuesday/Thursday @ 11:45**. Throwing events (Javelin/Discus/Shot Put) every **Wednesday @ 11:45**.

Competition Dates:

- City Meet: May 11/12, Rain date: May 15 @ Beazley Field
- Regionals: May 20, 21, Rain date: May 22 @ Beazley Field
- Provincials: May 29/30 @ Beazley Field

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Chaulk at achaulk@hrce.ca.

[Duke of Edinburgh](#)

Students are reminded to submit their permission forms for the Practice Hike (May 1st) to Ms. Conrad as soon as possible.

All groups must fill out the Adventurous Journey Group Planning Form in Google Classroom **no later than Friday, April 24th**. If you require assistance, please see Ms. Conrad or Mme Jang outside of teaching hours.

[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'.