



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

April 27th - May 1st

*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 • Library Open @ 12pm • Male-identifying Flag Football practice @ 12pm - Field (weather permitting)
<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 • Track & Field Practice (throwing 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 - Field (weather permitting)
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Day - <i>No School for Students</i>
<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 • Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room • SAC Meeting 11:40 in the board room • Track & Field (Running Events) Practice @ 11:45 am - Basketball courts (outside) • French Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Female-identifying Flag Football practice @ 3pm - Field (weather permitting)
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am • Duke of Ed - Practice Hike for participating students • 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 - Field (weather permitting)

Upcoming Dates

Apr 30th - SAC Meeting (11:40 am)
May 18th - Victoria Day (No School)
May 21st - Family Pizza & BINGO night (6-7 pm)
May 27-29th - Grade 9 Camp Brigadoon Trip

From the Office

Hoods in Hallways Reminder

Students are reminded that hoods are not to be worn up while in the hallways. This expectation helps staff maintain a safe and welcoming environment where students can be easily identified. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following this school expectation.

Scent-Free Environment Reminder

We have noticed an increase in scented products being worn to school. Gorsebrook is a scent-free environment, as both students and staff may have sensitivities or medical reactions to fragrances. We ask that students avoid wearing perfumes, colognes, or other scented products to help ensure a comfortable and safe space for all. Thank you for your understanding and 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 is available now in [SchoolCashOnline](#). 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

PTA Coffee Fundraiser

The grade 9 parents are having a Java Blend coffee fundraiser to help support our grade 9 student trip to Brigadoon. You can order either medium or dark roast as well as decaf, choose from whole beans or ground. Each bag is 340g and costs \$18, your order can be placed through school cash online. Thank you for your support!



[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.

[Readers Rumble 2026](#)

Congratulations to our Readers Rumble competitors and support team for a fantastic effort at this year's competition on Tuesday at Armbrae Academy! Gorsebrook had two teams again this year and they were up against 11 other teams from across the HRM. Since the Fall, our students have collectively read over 40 books and met each week to prepare for the big quiz. We appreciate all their efforts and positive spirit, and for representing Gorsebrook with poise and respect. Thanks to the families for your support and for cheering on our students. Great job, Bears!

[Duke of Edinburgh](#)

Students looking for volunteer hours please see Ms. Horton in the gym. There are lots of opportunities still available for equipment maintenance!

[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'.