



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

May 11th-15th

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

This is: [Week 2](#)

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track & Field City Meet • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Track & Field Jumping Practice @ 11:40am - Basketball Court • Male Identifying Softball practice @ 11:40am - Please bring your gloves and a baseball cap! Check the daily announcements each day for weather-related updates. • Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 • GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 • Female Identifying Softball practice @ 3pm - Please bring your gloves and a baseball cap! Check the daily announcements each day for weather-related updates.
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track & Field City Meet • Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222 • French Extra Help @ 12pm - Room 211 • Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12pm - Room 210 • Female Identifying Softball practice @ 3pm - Please bring your gloves and a baseball cap! Check the daily announcements each day for weather-related updates.
WEDNESDAY	<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 • Male Identifying Softball practice @ 3pm - Please bring your gloves and a baseball cap! Check the daily announcements each day for weather-related updates.
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 802 field trip to Pier 21 with Ms. Earley • Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room • Grade 6 students will be touring the school with leaders from GJH. • Library Open @ 12pm • Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209 • French Club @ 12pm - Room 211 • Female Identifying Softball practice @ 3pm - Please bring your gloves and a baseball cap! Check the daily announcements each day for weather-related updates. • Grade 6 Parent Meeting in the school gym 6:30-7:30
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Excellence Day! • Duke of Ed Practice Hike • Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am • Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221 • Games & Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107 • Senior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12pm - Woodshop • (Tentative rain date) Male Identifying Softball practice @ 11:40. • Female Identifying Softball practice @ 3pm - Please bring your gloves and a baseball cap! Check the daily announcements each day for weather-related updates.

Upcoming Dates

May 18th - Victoria Day (*No School*)
 May 21st - Family Pizza & BINGO night (*6-7 pm*)
 May 27-29th - Grade 9 Camp Brigadoon Trip
 June 4th - Grade 10 Orientation @ Citadel (*6:30-7:30 pm*)
 June 11th - Spring Concert (*6:30-7:30pm*)
 June 18th - PTA Meeting (*6pm in the Boardroom*)

From the Office

Drink Reminder for Classrooms

We have recently seen an increase in students wanting to bring energy drinks, Starbucks drinks, pop, and other beverages into classrooms. As a reminder, the expectation is that students bring a water bottle with a closing lid to class. Water is the only approved classroom drink, as it helps keep learning spaces clean, safe, and distraction-free. We appreciate families reinforcing this expectation with students.

Citadel High School Grade 10 Orientation – Save the Date

Citadel High School will be hosting their Grade 10 Orientation on Thursday, June 4th, 2026 from 6:30–7:30 pm. Parents/guardians will meet in the Spatz Theatre, while students will begin in the main lobby.

Lunch Program Reminder

We continue to have a large number of lunches ordered through the Provincial Lunch Program that are not being picked up by students each day. Unfortunately, this is resulting in a significant amount of food waste.

When placing lunch orders, families have the option to select specific days. We ask that parents/guardians please only order lunches for days when their child will be at school and planning to access the meal.

As well, a reminder to Grade 9 families to please avoid ordering lunches for May 27–29 if your child will be participating in the Grade 9 trip to Brigadoon.

Thank you for your support in helping us reduce unnecessary waste.

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! Sign up to volunteer here: volunteersignup.org/W79KQ

[Phys. Ed. Department](#)

Spring in Nova Scotia is commonly referred to as the "Muddy Season." We are fortunate to have access to a field behind our school, which provides an excellent opportunity for students to engage in physical activity both before school and during lunchtime. However, to maintain a clean and safe environment inside the gym, we kindly ask that students bring a separate pair of indoor sneakers to change into. Thank you for your cooperation.



Please note: starting the week of May 4th, if the weather is good, we will be going outside. Students should come prepared with caps, long-sleeved and/or short-sleeved shirts, water bottles, and sunscreen!

[From the Social Studies Department](#)

Congratulations to our Grade 7 Social Studies Students who won Honourable Mention in the Buddy Daye African Nova Scotian History Challenge, for their "African Nova Scotian Heroes: Create Your Own Currency" project!

[Duke of Edinburgh](#)

The practice hike has been postponed to Friday, May 15th due to weather. If students are no longer able to attend the practice hike because of the date change, please notify Ms. Conrad or Mme Jang.

[From HRCE](#)

May 15th is Black Excellence Day!

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting the role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.

We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!



[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'.