



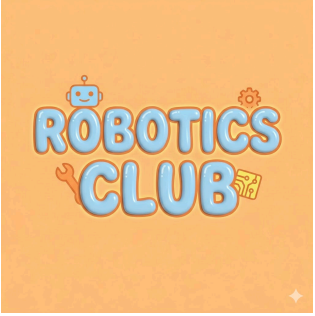




# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

May 18th - 22nd

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

**This is: [Week 1](#)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day (<i>No School</i>)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 7 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am</li> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>• Debate Club @ 12pm - Room 222</li> <li>• French Club @ 12pm - Room 211</li> <li>• Math Extra Help &amp; Duke of Ed Help @ 12pm - Room 210             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Students who have yet to submit ORB goals should attend</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Female-identifying Softball Practice @ 3pm - Field</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>• String Ensemble @ 12pm - Band Room</li> <li>• Library Open @ 12pm</li> <li>• K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109</li> <li>• Film Club @ 12pm - Room 217</li> <li>• Robotics Club @ 12pm - Room 209             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Second last meeting of the year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Male-identifying Softball Practice @ 3pm - Field</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am</li> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available</li> <li>• Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room</li> <li>• Library Open @ 12pm</li> <li>• Female-identifying Softball Practice @ 3pm - Field</li> <li>• <b>Family Pizza &amp; BINGO Night @ 5:30-7:30pm - Gym</b></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am</li> <li>• Male-identifying Softball Practice @ 11:40am - Field</li> <li>• Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221</li> <li>• Games &amp; Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107</li> <li>• Readers Rumble @ 12pm - Room 215</li> <li>• Senior Woodworking/Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12pm - Woodshop</li> <li>• Female-identifying Softball Practice @ 3pm - Field</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Dates

May 27th - 29th - Grade 9 Camp Brigadoon Trip  
June 4th - Grade 10 Orientation @ Citadel (6:30-7:30 pm)  
June 5th - Grade 7 Immunization Clinic  
June 6th & 7th - Duke of Edinburgh Overnight Trip  
June 11th - Spring Concert (6:30-7:30pm)  
June 18th - PTA Meeting (6pm - 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.

### **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.

## Talent Show!

Do you have a secret skill, a high-energy dance routine, or a voice that deserves the spotlight? Whether you're a musician, comedian, magician, or martial artist, or have a unique hobby nobody knows about, now is your time to shine!

### **Audition Details:**

- **When:** June 5th @ 12:00 PM
- **Where:** Library
- **What we're looking for:** Auditions aren't about "perfection"—they are about preparation. We want to see that you're ready to take the stage! When you come to auditions, be ready to:
  - **Perform:** Give us a preview of your act
  - **Details:** Tell us how long your performance is
  - **Gear:** Let us know if you need any equipment (mics, speakers, floor mats, etc.)

### **Save the Date: The Main Event!**

The lights go up on June 25th at 12:55 PM. Whether you're performing solo or with a group of friends, come out and show the school what you've got.

## From the Library

The last date to check out books from the library will be June 11th.

Please return your library books to Ms. Sadye **on or before June 26th**. Books may be returned to the library on Wednesdays & Thursdays or to the library return bin in the main office.

Reminders will be posted around the school, and the list of books will be posted outside the library and sent to homeroom teachers. As per HRCE guidelines, we no longer charge fines for missing books, but please let us know so that they can be marked as lost. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Sadye in the library. Thank you!

## NSCC Youth Skilled Summer Camp

The Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency is offering free Youth Skilled Trades Camps this summer for students entering Grades 7–9 in September 2026. Camps provide students with hands-on opportunities to explore a variety of skilled trades through daily activities led by NSCC faculty. Students will experience trades such as Heavy Duty, Automotive Service, Welding, and Boat Building while learning on an NSCC campus.

### **Why attend?**

*Explore a new trade each day and discover which ones you like most.*

Experience lots of variety with new activities each day.  
Take part in hands-on learning led by NSCC faculty.  
Get an early start exploring what skilled trades careers are like.  
See what it's like to learn trades at a college campus.

### **About the camp**

Cost: Free

Time: 9 am to 3:30 pm

Capacity: 60 campers in grades 7 through 9 per camp. Campers must be 12 years of age\* (minimum) at the start of camp. (\*Must be entering into grade 7, 8 or 9 in September 2026).

Important note: Campers must attend the Monday of the Skilled Trades Camp for mandatory safety training. Campers who do not attend safety training will not be permitted to attend the remainder of the week.

This year's camp in the HRM will be offered at the Akerley Campus and the program will focus on:

- Heavy Duty, Automotive Service Welding and Boat Building.

Lunch and all required safety equipment are provided, and students will be able to take home what they build throughout the week.

Please note spaces are limited and are drawn from random.

### **Important Summer 2026 dates:**

May 26: Applications open at 9 am

May 28: Applications close at 9 am

By June 4: Notification emails will be sent

More information and application details can be found here:

<https://www.nsc.ca/landing/youth-skilled-trades-camps/index.asp>

## **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 are available 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](https://volunteersignup.org/W79KQ)

## **From HRCE**

### **Screen Free Summer: Digital Diet Guidance**

As summer approaches, many families are thinking about screen time. This article introduces the idea of a “digital diet,” encouraging a focus on the quality and purpose of screen use rather than just limiting it. It offers practical ways to help children build healthier, more balanced habits with technology. Read more [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](http://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'.