



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

May 25th-29th

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

This is: [Week 2](#)

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 ● Male-identifying Softball Practice @ 11:40am - Field ● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 ● Female-identifying softball after school today. Bring your glove and a baseball cap!
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 after school today. Bring your glove and a baseball cap!
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 trip to Camp Brigadoon! ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● String Ensemble @ 12pm - Band Room ● Library Open @ 12pm ● K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 ● Male-identifying Softball Practice @ 3pm - Field
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 trip to Camp Brigadoon! ● Grade 8 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room ● Library Open @ 12pm ● SAC Meeting at 11:45 in the conference room. ● Final Robotics Club meeting of the year @ 12pm - Room 209 ● Female-identifying softball after school today. Bring your glove and a baseball cap!
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 trip to Camp Brigadoon! ● Grade 9 Band Rehearsal @ 7:45-8:30am ● Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221 ● Games & Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107 ● Male-identifying Softball Practice @ 11:40am - Field

<p>Upcoming Dates</p> <p>June 4th - Grade 10 Orientation @ Citadel (6:30-7:30 pm)</p> <p>June 5th - Grade 7 Immunization Clinic</p> <p>June 6th & 7th - Duke of Edinburgh Overnight Trip</p> <p>June 11th - Spring Concert (6:30-7:30pm)</p> <p>June 18th - PTA Meeting (6pm - Boardroom)</p>
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[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.

[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 3rd @ 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!

From the Phys Ed Department

Please note that, weather and temperature permitting, most Physical Education classes will be held outdoors for the remainder of the school year. We encourage students to come prepared for outdoor conditions with appropriate clothing and gear, such as hats, t-shirts or light long sleeves, shorts or light pants, outdoor sneakers, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Access to indoor water fountains may be limited during outdoor activities.

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 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'.