



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

November 2nd-6th

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

This is: [Week 2](#)

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201Grab & Go Breakfast availableChess & Strategy Games Club @ 12:10 - Room 210Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>no experience or sign-up required!</i>Debate Club @ 11:45 - Room 212Male-identifying Volleyball Practice @ lunch - GymFemale-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. St. Agnes @ 4pm - Gym
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201Grab & Go Breakfast availableGrade 7 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students)The Readers Rumble Club @ 12:10 - Room 215GSA @ 12:10pm - Room 109Math and Duke of Ed Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211Male-identifying Volleyball Game @ Fairview JH - 4pm
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grab & Go Breakfast availableLibrary Open to all students @ 12:10pm - <i>(space is limited)</i>Sting Ensemble (all strings players) @ 12:10 - Room 201Grade 8 & 9 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students)Lego, robotics, and Lego robotics! @ 12:10 - Foods Lab (Room 108)Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 218Film club @ 12:00 pm - Room 217<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Please note this club starts 10 minutes earlier than others.</i>Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actorsFemale-identifying volleyball practice @ 3-4:30 pm - Gym
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201Grab & Go Breakfast availableLibrary Open to all students @ 12:10pm - <i>(space is limited)</i>Musical Appreciation Club @ 12:10 - Room 211Female-Identifying Volleyball Practice @ 11:40-12:25 - GymMale-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. St. Agnes @ 4pm - Gym
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pancake Breakfast for all students @ 8:00-8:45 am - GymAfricville Fieldtrip with Ms. Earley - 701/703Grab & Go Breakfast availableViolin Practice (all grades) @ 7:45 am - Room 201Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30am - LibraryDuke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:10 - WoodshopAll Grades Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Fridays will have a set activity that is posted outside of the gym</i>Games & Conversation Club @ 12:10 - Room 107<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Come meet a new friend! All are welcome</i>

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Nov 10th - No Stone Left Alone Ceremony
Nov 11th - Remembrance Day - *No School*
Nov 12th - PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm - Boardroom
Nov 20th - Assessment & Evaluation Day - *No School*
Nov 24th - SAC meeting @ 11:40 - Boardroom

[From the Office:](#)

A Spooktacular Success!

Our Spooky Halloween event on Thursday evening was a spooktacular success! From the fantastic haunted house to the fun-filled games and exciting prizes, it was a wonderful evening of Halloween fun for our school community!

A huge shoutout to Ms. MacNeil for organizing such a fantastic event, along with our amazing group of student volunteers who helped bring it all to life! Their creativity, enthusiasm, and hard work made the evening truly special.

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined in the fun! We can't wait to make this an annual Gorsebrook tradition!

Reminder: Student Locker Locks

We would like to remind students and families of the importance of keeping locker locks securely fastened at all times. We have noticed an increasing number of students leaving their locks unlocked, resulting in missing or switched locks, lost instructional time while students try to access their lockers, and an increased risk of theft.

Students are responsible for ensuring their lockers are properly locked each time they use them. **Replacement locks cost \$10**, so we encourage families to remind their children to take care of their locks and keep their belongings secure.

Thank you for your support in helping students develop responsible habits and keeping our school environment safe and organized!

Regional Soccer Champions!

A huge congratulations to both our female-identifying and male-identifying soccer teams on capturing the Citadel Zone Regional Championship banners!

This is an incredible accomplishment for both teams and marks an especially exciting milestone for our female-identifying team, who have now won the regional championship for **THREE** consecutive years!

We are so proud of our student-athletes for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season. A special thank you to our coaches for their time and commitment to supporting our athletes!

Jersey Reminder: All soccer players are asked to return their team jerseys to the school as soon as possible.

Way to go, Gorsebrook! Go Bears!

Duke of Edinburg

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Parent Information Session

Join us virtually on **Wednesday, November 4th at 7 PM** for a brief overview of our Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Program. We’ll cover what the program involves, time commitments, and what students need to get started.

When: Wednesday, Nov 4th @ 7 PM

Where: <https://meet.google.com/gfi-qhve-qzz>

Can't make it live? We know evenings are busy! The session will be recorded, and a video overview along with any important Q&A's will be emailed out following the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you online!

From the PTA

Pancake Breakfast (Friday, Nov 6th) - Volunteers Needed!

Our wonderful PTA is hosting a Pancake Breakfast for all students on Friday, November 6th! This is a fantastic opportunity to bring our school community together and treat students to a delicious breakfast.

The PTA is looking for **parent/guardian volunteers** to help make this event a success! If you're available to lend a hand, please consider signing up using the link below.

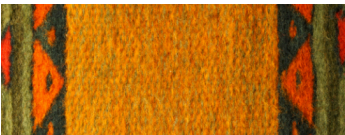
[Click here to volunteer!](#)

A big thank you to our PTA for organizing this special event and to all the volunteers who help make it possible!

From HRCE

November 8th is Indigenous Veterans Day

On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.



Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada’s military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home.

This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of ensuring their contributions are remembered and honoured.

We encourage families to take a moment to learn about Indigenous veterans and share their stories with the next generation. Learn 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'.