GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

November 30th - December 4th

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

This is: Week 2

MONDAY	• Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Intramurals **Soccer Only** (All Grades) @ 12:10 - Gym • Chess & Strategy Games Club @ 12:10 - Room 210 • Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210 • Debate Club @ 11:45 - Room 212 • Mobile Robotics Room @ 12:10 - Room 218 • Female-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. Oxford @ 4pm - Gym
TUESDAY	• Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Grade 7 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym • The Readers Rumble Club @ 12:10 - Room 215 • GSA @ 12:10pm - Room 109 • Math and Duke of Ed Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210 • French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211 • Male-identifying Volleyball Game vs. Grammar @ 4pm • **Female-Identifying Basketball Tryouts @ 3:15 - Gym**
WEDNESDAY	• Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - *(space is limited)* • Sting Ensemble (all strings players) @ 12:10 - Room 201 • **Male-identifying Basketball Tryout for Grade 8/9s @ 11:45am - Gym** ○ *Students are encouraged to bring their own ball* • Grade 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 218 • Film club @ **12:00 pm** - Room 217 • Mobile Robotics Room @ 12:10 - Room 218 • Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actors • **Parent-Teacher Progress Conferences @ 5-7pm - Gym**
THURSDAY	• Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grade 7 Immunization Clinic 9am • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - *(space is limited)* • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 • Female-Identifying Volleyball Practice @ 11:40-12:25 - Gym
FRIDAY	• Professional Development Day - *No School for Students* • **Parent-Teacher Progress Conferences @ 1-3pm - Gym**

Upcoming Dates

Dec 2nd - Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences (5-7 pm)
Dec 3rd - Grade 7 Immunization
Dec 4th - PD/ Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-3 pm) - *No School*
Dec 7th - Holiday Band Concert (6pm)

From the Office:

Parent-Teacher Progress Conferences

Our upcoming Parent-Teacher Progress Conferences will take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, December 2:** 5:00–7:00 pm
- **Friday, December 4:** 1:00–3:00 pm

All conferences will take place in the school gymnasium. No appointments are necessary, and families are welcome to drop in during either session and meet with teachers as they become available.

We encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity to connect with their child's teachers, discuss their academic progress, and explore ways to support their continued success. We look forward to seeing you!

Holiday Concert



Duke of Ed

Searching for Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for a variety of meaningful volunteer experiences for our Duke of Ed participants. As the holiday season approaches, we would love to hear about any local events or organizations seeking volunteers, as well as opportunities where members of our school community may be willing to coordinate a group of student volunteers.

If you know of any volunteer opportunities or would like to help coordinate an experience, please reach out to Mme. Jang (mjang@hrce.ca) or Ms. Conrad (nconrad@hrce.ca).

Thank you for helping our students give back to their community!

From the PTA

Save the Date! PTA Parents' Night Out & Trivia

Mark your calendars! The Gorsebrook PTA is excited to host a Parents' Night Out & Trivia at The Oxford Taproom on **Friday, February 26, 2027!**

Join us for a fun evening of trivia, laughs, and connecting with other parents and caregivers in our school community.

More details to follow. We hope to see you there!

From HRCE

SchoolsPlus is here to support you

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities.

Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus 12 months a year! Just contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator at your school.

Call 902-464-2000, ext. 2331 or email schoolsplus@hrce.ca.

Learn more about SchoolsPlus 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'.