GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

November 23rd-27th

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

This is: Week 1

MONDAY	• Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201
	• Grab & Go Breakfast available
	• Chess & Strategy Games Club @ 12:10 - Room 210
	• Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210
	  ○ *no experience or sign-up required!*
	• Debate Club @ 11:45 - Room 212
	• Mobile Robotics Room @ 12:10 - Room 218
	  ○ *The Robotics team is recruiting for a competition. This provides an experience to show creativity and problem solving!*
	• Male-identifying Volleyball practice @ 12pm - Gym
	• Female-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. Fairview @ 4pm - Gym

TUESDAY	• Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • SAC Meeting @ 11:40 - Boardroom • **Male-identifying Basketball Tryout #1 @ 11:40 - 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 @ Ecole Mer et Monde - 4pm • **Female-identifying Basketball Tryout @ 3:15 pm - 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 • 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 ○ *Please note this club starts 10 minutes earlier than others.* • Mobile Robotics Room @ 12:10 - Room 218 • Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actors • Female-identifying volleyball practice @ 3-4:30 pm - Gym
THURSDAY	• Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - *(space is limited)* • French Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 • Female-Identifying Volleyball Practice @ 11:40-12:25 - Gym • Male-identifying Volleyball Home Game vs. Highland Park - 4pm
FRIDAY	• Grab & Go Breakfast available • Violin Practice (all grades) @ 7:45 am - Room 201 • Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30am - Library • Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:10 - Woodshop • **Male-identifying Basketball Tryout #2 @ 11:40 - Gym** • Games & Conversation Club @ 12:10 - Room 107 • Fiber Arts Friday! @ 12:10 - Room 218 ○ *Bring your crochet, knitting, or other project to work on!* • **Female-identifying Basketball Tryout @ 3:15 pm - Gym**

Upcoming Dates

Nov 24th - SAC meeting @ 11:40 - Boardroom
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 (6-7:30)

From the Office:

2025-2026 Grade 8 Provincial Assessment Results

Provincial Assessment results for Math and Literacy have been sent via Edupost to all parents in grade 9. Please check your e-mail to ensure you have received the e-mail. Please sit with your student and review their results.

Boys' Choir Director Needed!

HRA is currently looking for a Boys' Choir Director! Anyone interested in this opportunity or looking for more information is encouraged to contact Melanie Breen, Principal of HRA, at **mbreen@hrce.ca**.

Basketball Tryouts

Female-Identifying Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the female-identifying school basketball team will take place after school on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, November 24:** 3:15–4:45 p.m.
- **Friday, November 27:** 3:15–4:45 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 1:** 3:15–4:45 p.m.

Students should bring appropriate athletic footwear and clothing. If you are interested in trying out but are unable to attend, please speak with Mr. Katcher before tryouts begin.

Male-Identifying Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the male-identifying school basketball team will take place during lunch on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, November 24:** 11:40 a.m.–12:35 p.m.
- **Friday, November 27:** 11:40 a.m.–12:35 p.m.

Students should bring appropriate athletic footwear and clothing. If you are interested in trying out but are unable to attend, please speak with Mr. Katcher before tryouts begin.

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

Free screening of "Your Attention Please"



Join Unplugged Canada's Nova Scotia Chapter for a FREE screening of the documentary "Your Attention Please" on December 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the White Spruce Room at Keshen Goodman Library.

Parents, caregivers and educators are invited to watch this thought-provoking documentary about the impact of technology on our attention, and come together for a discussion on how we navigate this with youth in our own community. Please register in advance as tickets are limited.

Event: FREE screening of Your Attention Please

Date: December 3, 2026

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: White Spruce Room, Keshen Goodman Library

Cost: FREE

Register: https://yourattentionpleaseNS.eventbrite.ca

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'.