



# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**This is: Week 2**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Musical Practice 7:30am-8:30am</li> <li>● African Dancing in PE classes</li> <li>● French and math extra-help with Mr. D @ lunch rm 212</li> <li>● <b>Intramurals</b> @ 12PM in the gym</li> <li>● Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>● African Heritage Group meeting @ lunch Rm 107</li> <li>● Leadership meeting in rm 207 for all students</li> <li>● Boys Basketball Practice after school</li> </ul>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● African Dancing in PE classes</li> <li>● Guitar Club @ lunch Rm 219</li> <li>● Robotics club Rm 210</li> <li>● Ms. Nicholl has extra math support @ lunch in room 216.</li> <li>● French extra help with Mme. Pillay @ lunch in Rm 211</li> <li>● Girls basketball practice after school</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>● <b>Intramurals</b> @ 12PM in the gym</li> <li>● Musical Practice after school until 5pm</li> <li>● Boys basketball practice after school</li> <li>● Possible girls semifinals after school @ Gorsebrook</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pizza Lunch</li> <li>● Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>● Extra math help with Mme. Jang in room 210</li> <li>● GSA meeting @ lunch</li> <li>● Readers Rumble Club @ lunch in rm 215</li> <li>● Boys basketball home game vs Highland Park @ <b>3:30</b></li> <li>● <b>School Dance 6-8 Admission is \$8 at the door.</b></li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Musical Practice 7:30am-8:30am</li> <li>● Pancake Breakfast 8:00-8:40</li> <li>● Debate Club @ lunch Rm 222</li> <li>● Ms. Andrews has English Conversation and Games in Room 107. Every Friday at 12:00pm. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!</li> <li>● Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>● Dungeons and Dragons club Rm 101</li> <li>● Musical Load/Set up after school starting at 3pm.</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Dates**  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Gorsebrook Musical  
 Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Oval Trip  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Heritage Day – No School  
 Feb 29<sup>th</sup> – SAC meeting 11:40AM  
 Mach 5<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting

**African Heritage Month Trivia**

One way we are honoring African Heritage Month at Gorsebrook this year is with a daily trivia question. Students are invited to submit their answers in the office ballot box at lunch or afterschool daily to be entered to win a prize at the end of each week!

We look forward to learning more about the rich heritage and culture of our many African Nova Scotian communities and leaders.



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### [Citadel High Grade 9 Parent Meeting](#)

Parents and guardians of our current grade nine students are invited to attend an information session at Citadel High School on **Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Spatz Theatre**. Citadel staff members will share important information about the school and how to support your child with course selection for their upcoming grade ten year. Grade nine students will receive the same presentation during the last week of January, when the Citadel school counsellors visit the junior highs. It is therefore not necessary for students to attend the evening session on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### [Grade 9 Course Selection](#)

On the afternoon of Wednesday, **January 31**, Citadel will be visiting to present **course selection information** sessions to all of our grade 9 students.

### [Skating at the Oval](#)

To help us break up the dark and dreary winter days, we are going to the Oval! We will be taking the **Grade 8's on Tuesday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** for the afternoon. Students will go to their 4<sup>th</sup> period class for attendance immediately after lunch and then we will walk to the Oval. This should have us arriving around 1:15 pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:45 pm to walk home or back to the school. The **Grade 7s** will go on **Tuesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### [Ski Martock](#)

We are planning some outdoor winter fun at Martock again this year! All students who are interested in attending will have a chance to go on their grade level date listed below. Students will receive permission forms that are due back to Ms. Conrad (Room 207) **no later than Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note: we are looking for **a few more chaperones** for each of the dates listed above! If you have availability on one of these dates, an **updated criminal record check and child abuse registry check**, and would like to chaperone, please email Ms. Conrad directly ([nconrad@hrce.ca](mailto:nconrad@hrce.ca)) for details. Thanks in advance!

Dates: Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Grade 8

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Grade 9

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Grade 7

### [Phys. Ed](#)

**Inside classes:** Winter has arrived and as a walking school we have many students who are sensibly wearing boots to school. However, we need to remind them that boots bring salt and water into the school and not all floors are appropriate places for wet boots. Our gym floor is varnished wood and we need to do our best to keep it in good condition. Also, as some activities involve sitting or lying it's no fun ending up with wet clothes. Indoor sneakers are recommended. Crocs, slippers, and sandals, although very popular, are not appropriate alternatives.

**Outside classes:** Due to the musical in the gym on February 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, physical education classes will be relocated either an indoor room or may be taken. Please keep an eye on the weather over the weekend of Feb 10-11. We will try to give advanced notice of outdoor activities where possible. If the weather is clear and there is snow on the hill, students should be prepared to go sledding. Please note that students are invited to bring sleds as we have limited equipment.

### [Grade 9 Trip to Brigadoon](#)

**Please make your commitment payment of \$100 by February 9<sup>th</sup> so we can confirm numbers!**



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## Bottle Drive for the Grade 9 Trip

You can help every grade 9 student get to their graduation trip at Brigadoon in May by simply donating your refundable bottles to the cause. Every dollar earned by your bottles will reduce the price of the trip so cost is not a barrier to attendance.

We have an account set up to collect funds under the name **Gorsebrook Grade 9 Trip** at:

### Tanner's Transfer Enviro Depot

6393 Bayne St, Halifax, NS B3K 2V6 <https://www.facebook.com/TannersDepot/>

There are two ways you can help:

1. **save your bottles** and watch for notification of our upcoming bottle drive where students will come pick them up and deliver them for you (likely in February/March) **and/or**
2. **drop them yourself anytime** at Tanner's Transfer in the North end and ask them to put the money towards the account: **Gorsebrook Grade 9 Trip**

**Every Grade 9 student appreciates every bottle donated so they can all celebrate together.**

## [From the PTA](#)

Adult event February 22 from 7-10 at The Brewery by Quinn's on Quinpool Rd. Come out for a night of fun and community and support the PTA. Tickets can be purchase in school cash for \$12.75

## [Musical News](#)

**Naas Neatt**  
Physician Wealth Management

**Gorsebrook  
Junior High School**

Presents:



Book by DAVID SIMPATIO  
Music Adapted, Arranged & Produced by BRYAN LOUISELLE  
Based on a Disney Channel Movie Written by PETER BARSOCCINI

Directors  
MICHAEL & BRITTANY KAMRAS

Assistant Director  
JEN GARAGAN

Producer  
PARENT TEAM

**February 12th & 13th at 7:00pm**

at Gorsebrook Junior High, 5966 South St, Halifax

\*Snow date of February 14th at 7pm if school closed Feb 12th or 13th

### Tickets

\$5 - Student  
\$15 - Adult  
\$30 - Family (2 Adults + 2 Students under 16)

Tickets sold through SchoolCash Online for Gorsebrook students or at the door

### Musical Ticket Sales

Ticket sales will go live next week. Don't miss the chance to see our very own Gorsebrook students shine in *High School Musical Jr.*, the inspiring Disney hit where students learn to work together to challenge the *status quo*.

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Please note, Gorsebrook students **will NOT see** the full musical in school time this year as the dress rehearsal will be for incoming elementary students from our feeder schools \*\*\*\*\*

**Show dates: Monday, February 12th and Tuesday, February 13th (Snow Date Feb 14th)**

**Time:** 7-8pm (doors open 6:30pm)

**Where:** Gorsebrook Junior High Gym

**Price:** \$5/student, \$15/adult and \$30/family (2 adults + 2 student tickets).

Tickets sold through School Cash **Online until Thursday, February 8th** and if there are any left, they can be bought with cash at the door. Tickets bought for friends and family who do not attend Gorsebrook will be listed under the name of the Gorsebrook student they were purchased under at the ticket tables. Let's pack the gym to make the actors feel that we truly are "all in this together"!

## [PTA Library Fundraiser](#)

**Your child chose a favorite book: Please help support the Gorsebrook Library!**

The PTA and Wozzles, Halifax's wonderful independent bookstore for young people, are partnering with students to get some favorite new books into our library collection again this year.



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We asked students to draw up a wish-list of titles they would like to see in the school library.

Woozles has them in stock or has promised to order them for us.

We're asking families to visit the [special Gorsebrook Wish List](#) on the Woozles website, and purchase a book – ask your child which one they nominated.

Books purchased with the GJHS code (GJH24) will be kept at the store for our librarian to collect.

For every book we buy, the school library gets a credit to spend at Woozles. (And we support a great community business.)

Please visit [our list](#) and use the code GJH24 in the comment section of your order, to make sure your book gets directed to the library. You can also shop in person at [Woozles](#) on Shirley Street and tell the staff your purchase is for Gorsebrook. Questions? Send them to [gjhspta@gmail.com](mailto:gjhspta@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support!

### [Communication](#)

Please follow us on Twitter for updates on school life at GJH! [@GorsebrookJHS](#)  
Other updates and staff emails can be found on our webpage. <https://gbf.hrce.ca/>  
Gorsebrook is now on Instagram. Find us @ gorsebrookjuniorhigh

**Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent led Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.**