








# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct 21st – Oct 25th, 2024

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

## This is: Week 2

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full cast musical rehearsal in the library from 3-5:30 pm.</li> <li>• Male-identifying soccer practice after school (Gorsebrook Park)</li> <li>• Female-identifying soccer semi-final game at 4:00pm (Glenbourne)</li> <li>• GSA at lunch in room 109</li> <li>• Mme Jang will be offering extra help and Chess club in Room 210 at lunch</li> <li>• Terry Fox Run in the afternoon</li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice @ lunch (11:55-12:45pm)</li> <li>• PTA meeting at 6:30pm in the conference room.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30am)</li> <li>• Debate Club at lunch. Please come straight to room 222 at the bell and bring your lunch.</li> <li>• French extra help in room 211 @ 12:10 pm</li> <li>• Cross-country practice @ 11:45. Meet at the outdoor basketball court. Make sure you are wearing appropriate running shoes and dressed accordingly with a water bottle. Students may eat lunch in Mr. Chaulk's room when practice finishes.</li> <li>• Male-identifying soccer semi-final game at 4:00pm (Tremont)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217</li> <li>• Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.</li> <li>• Male-identifying soccer practice afterschool @ Gorsebrook Park</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library opened @ lunch</li> <li>• Grade 7 band rehearsal will take place from 8:00-8:30 am in the band room.</li> <li>• Math extra help @ lunch in room 221</li> <li>• String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.</li> <li>• Cross-country practice @ 11:45. Meet at the outdoor basketball court. Make sure you are wearing appropriate running shoes and dressed accordingly with a water bottle. Students may eat lunch in Mr. Chaulk's room when practice finishes.</li> <li>• Male-identifying soccer final at 4:00pm (Mainland Common) <i>TBC</i></li> <li>• Female-identifying soccer final at 5:15 (Mainland Common) <i>TBC</i></li> <li>• Female-identifying volleyball practice before school (7:30-8:30am)</li> <li>• Junior Woodworking Club at lunch for students <b>WHO HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED GRADE 8 TECH IN THE SHOP</b> – all welcome, no experience needed.</li> <li>• School dance 6-8pm cost is \$8 cash at the door. Please arrive no later than 6:30. Cell phones will need to be put in your locker upon arrival for the duration of the dance. We will have a canteen on site where students can purchase candy and drinks. Cash only.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NSTU Conference Day – No School for Students</b></p>

### Upcoming Dates

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – Musical Parent Meeting (6:30 pm)  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day (No school)

## [Safe Arrival Reminder](#)

**Attendance:** Students are recorded as absent by their homeroom teachers if they aren't in their homeroom by 8:40 am.

**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.

→ **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal**

Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the School Messenger website to report future 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 the start of school (9:10 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 for this absence. This information can also be found on the [hrce.ca](http://hrce.ca) website under For Families > General Information > Safe Arrival

**Please do not email teachers for attendance purposes.**

Thank you for your understanding 😊

## [From the Office](#)

- Please note: Gorsebrook is a scent-free school. Many students and staff have sensitivities. Please do not use spray deodorants/perfumes while at school.
- We've noticed that some students have been leaving their lockers unlocked. To prevent any lost or misplaced items, we kindly ask that students remember to lock their lockers when not in use. This will help protect their belongings throughout the day.

## [24-25 HRCE Demographic Updates Form](#)

### **Important Reminder for Families:**

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the 2024-25 Demographics Update Form, accessible in PowerSchool's Parent Portal. Updated forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 25, 2024.

## [Remembrance Day Ceremony](#)

Our annual 'No Stone Left Alone' Remembrance Day Ceremony will be taking place the morning of November 8<sup>th</sup> at Fort Massey Cemetery. Permission slips are being sent home with **all** students for parents/guardians to sign-please return at your earliest convenience.

## [Terry Fox Run](#)

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**Run Date:** Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (rain or shine!)

**School Goal:** \$2000

**Ways to Donate:**

- **Cash or cheque donation**  
*\*Any final donations can be brought to the school Monday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.*
- **Online donation** - via our [School Fundraiser Page](#)

## [Woodworking Club](#)

This term, due to high interest and varying skill level, we will be splitting Woodworking Club into a Junior and a Senior group. Junior Woodworking Club will take place **Week 2 Thursdays at lunch** and will be for students who have **NOT YET COMPLETED GRADE 8 TECH IN THE SHOP** (All welcome, no experience required).

Senior Woodworking Club will take place on **Week 1 Fridays at lunch** and will be for students who **HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED GRADE 8 TECH IN THE SHOP**. With permission only from Mme Jang, Senior students may come on Junior days to mentor Junior students or to work independently.

**Junior Woodworking will start October 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Woodworking will start October 18th.**

## [School Photos](#)

We've been in touch with John from Photomaster Studios regarding students who are new to our school or missed both the original photo day and the retake day.

To ensure everyone gets their school photo taken, John will be opening his studio at home every Saturday throughout November. Parents can contact him directly to schedule an appointment by emailing [photomasterstudios@icloud.com](mailto:photomasterstudios@icloud.com).

## [From the Math Department](#)

The EECD [Homework Hub](#) is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. Students can access live tutors on Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers who can tutor any mathematics course in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems any time of day. Please watch the following EECD video introduction to the homework hub: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>. If you have any questions regarding Homework Hub please contact your child's mathematics teacher.

## [From the English Department](#)

### [Readers Rumble](#)

After taking home the bronze medal at last year's Agricola Street Books' Readers Rumble, Ms. Earley and Ms. Ugursal are ready and excited to invite all interested students to get reading again! The Readers Rumble Club will meet on Fridays at 12pm in Room 215. If you love to read all genres of young adult fiction and non-fiction, please join us! All are welcome.

### [Drama Classes for English Language Arts 7 Students](#)

This month, grade 7 English students have been enjoying drama classes with our Halifax Regional Arts specialist, Zara Tufts. Ms. Tufts visits every second Wednesday in October to do drama, improv and tableau with our students.

## [From the Phys. Ed. Department](#)

### **Sneaker Donations Needed!**

If you have any old sneakers lying around that could be given a new life, please consider donating to our "Sneaker Bank". We try to keep pairs in multiple sizes available for those days when kids forget. We don't want students to have to miss out on an awesome phys ed class due to a little forgetfulness!

### **Cross-Country**

Congratulations to all members of the cross-country team for a very successful race at Regionals last week. The Jr. Girls finished in first place, winning Regionals while the Jr. Boys finished in fourth. Both teams will be representing Gorsebrook at Provincials. Also joining the team having qualified as an individual in the Intermediate Girls category is Kaye Wilson. Practices will continue on Tuesday and Thursday for all members of the cross-country team.

Best of luck to all of you!

## [Communication](#)

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

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