



# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

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

**This is: Week 2**

<div>MONDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome!</li><li>• Karaoke club for ALL grades at lunch at 12:00 in Mme. Sarita’s room (211)</li><li>• Intramurals in the gym at 12:00 pm with Mr. Donahoe</li><li>• Announcement of next year's musical in Room 211 at lunch!</li></ul>
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.</li><li>• Female-Identifying soft-ball practice at lunch</li><li>• Practice in Mme. Sarita’s room at 12:00 pm for any students interested in performing in a choreographed routine for the Talent Show</li></ul>
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Library opened @ lunch</li><li>• Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217</li><li>• Talent show auditions in library at 12:00pm. Eat lunch first.</li><li>• All Duke of Ed volunteers and any students looking to wrap up final projects are welcome in the Shop with Mme. Jang @ 12:00 pm.</li><li>• Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.</li><li>• Spring Concert rehearsal after school (3-4:30 pm)</li></ul>
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 8 band rehearsal will take place from 7:30-8:30 am in the band room.</li><li>• Library opened @ lunch</li><li>• Math extra help @ lunch in room 22</li><li>• All Duke of Ed volunteers and any students looking to wrap up final projects are welcome in the Shop with Mme. Jang @ 12:00 pm.</li><li>• String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 during lunch.</li><li>• Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm).</li></ul>
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 7 Immunization Clinic</li><li>• Pizza day at lunch!</li><li>• All Duke of Ed volunteers and any students looking to wrap up final projects are welcome in the Shop with Mme. Jang @ 12:00 pm.</li><li>• Games and conversation club with Ms. Andrews at 12 pm in room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!</li><li>• French Club at 12:00 pm in room 211 with Mme. Sarita.</li><li>• Female-Identifying soft-ball practice after school</li></ul>

**Upcoming Dates**

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert Rehearsal (3:00-4:30 pm)

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Duke of Ed Adventurous Journey

June 10<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting (6:30 pm in the boardroom)

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 Immunization Make-up Clinic

June 11<sup>th</sup> – SAC Meeting (11:40 am in the boardroom)

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert (6:30-7:45 pm)

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

Spring Concert – Save the Date!

We're excited to invite families to our upcoming Spring Concert on **Tuesday, June 11th** from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Join us for an evening of music and celebration as our students showcase their hard work and talent. We look forward to seeing you there!

SchoolsPlus supports for summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school [[ssteeves@hrce.ca](mailto:ssteeves@hrce.ca)]. Learn more [here](#).

Grade 9 Important Information

Gade 9 Exam Schedule

Date	Morning Exam	PM
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	ELA/FLA	Study Period/Extra Help
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Math	Study Period/Extra Help
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Exam Make up	Extra Help/Completing overdue assignments

*\*If your child is going to be absent during the study/extra help periods, please call safe arrival and input their absence.*

Gade 9 Closing

Our grade 9 closing ceremony will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11am with a cake and juice reception afterwards (optional). Doors will open at 9:30 and seating is first come, first serve. We account for two guests for each grade 9 student. If you plan to bring more or less than 2 people, please e-mail [CarolAnn.Daley@hrce.ca](mailto:CarolAnn.Daley@hrce.ca) and provide the number of chairs you will require. We are not attempting to limit how many guests, but simply ensure we have enough chairs available so that everyone has a place to sit.

Grade 9 Boat Cruise

Students are invited to join us for a celebratory boat cruise on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to meet at the dock

(1751 Lower Water St) at 6pm. The boat sets off at 6:30 sharp and will return at 8:30pm. Students will be dismissed from the dock following the boat cruise.

The cost for the boat cruise is \$43 per student which includes the boat cruise, one drink ticket (water, pop or juice) as well as two slices of pizza (compliments of our school advisory council). Please log into school cash and pay for your child’s ticket **no later than June 20<sup>th</sup>**.

If you need financial assistance, please let Mr. MacPhee know at [mmacphee@hrce.ca](mailto:mmacphee@hrce.ca). If you are able to sponsor another child’s ticket you can do so by following this [LINK](#).

Donations are greatly appreciated Any donation over \$20 is eligible for a tax receipt.

If students wish to dress up for the boat cruise they may, but formal dress is not required.

The boat cruise is for Gorsebrook students only and students from other schools are not permitted to attend.

## [From the English Department](#)

### **Grade 9 ELA Exam Information:**

The two-hour final English 9 exam will take place on the following dates:

- 901-903 - June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 904 - June 20th during fourth and fifth periods (12:55 - 14:55)
- 905 - June 19th during fourth and fifth periods (12:55 - 14:55)

A more detailed overview of the exam will be sent directly to parents/guardians of grade 9 students.

## [From the Library](#)

If students have library books they no longer wish to have please return them to either Ms. Maley or the library return bin in the office. As the end of the school year approaches, students will no longer be able to sign books out of the library. Thank you!

## [From HRCE](#)

### **2025-26 Bus Information**

Information about student transportation for the 2025-26 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

- Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child’s bus information once it is available.
- Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.
- If you can't find the email, please contact [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

**Reminder:** The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child’s name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child’s student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child’s report card.

### **Be tick aware**

*Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health*

In summer and fall, people spend time at Nova Scotia’s many beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. These small insects are found across Nova Scotia and can cause tick-borne diseases (TBDs), including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Ticks like moist and humid environments and can be found in or near woods, shrubs, leaf litter, long grass, urban parks and gardens. They can be very small, which makes them hard to spot and their bites don’t hurt, which makes it difficult to know when you’ve been bitten.

Visit [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](https://NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety) and learn:

- How to protect yourself - especially in grassy, wooded, or shrub-covered areas
- What to do if you find a tick on yourself/your child
- The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses



[From the PTA](#)

**Gorsebrook Family BINGO**

A big thank you from the PTA to everyone who made donations, volunteered, and participated in this year’s Family Bingo event on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a big success and everyone who attended had lots of fun!

[From the Math Department](#)

**Homework Hub**

The EECD **Homework Hub** is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. 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.

[Summer Opportunities](#)

**Free Skilled Trades Camp in your area!**

NSCC in partnership with the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency and The Province of Nova Scotia will be hosting several Skilled Trades Camps for **youth in grades 7 through 9** across the province this summer at **no cost**. Explore a new trade each day - such as carpentry, automotive service repair, plumbing, electrical and more - and discover careers that shape our communities.

**Dates & Locations**

July 7 – 11	NSCC Cumberland Campus, Springhill NS
July 14 – 18	NSCC Kingstec Campus, Kentville NS
July 21 – 25	NSCC Sydney Waterfront Campus, Sydney NS
August 11 – 15	NSCC Ivany Campus, Dartmouth NS
August 18 – 22	NSCC Burridge Campus, Yarmouth NS

[Learn more about Skilled Trades Camps](#), including how to register.  
**Registration opens Thursday May 15 at 10am on the NSCC website.**

*Important Note: Campers must be able to attend the full week of camp to be eligible for registration.*

**Questions?**

Contact [skillestradecamps@nscc.ca](mailto:skillestradecamps@nscc.ca)

**Free Summer Fitness for Youth at GoodLife!**

From July 3 to September 2, youth aged 12–17 can enjoy **FREE access** to all GoodLife Fitness locations through the Teen Fitness Summer Program! Registration opens June 2 and must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Teens can work out between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily (last check-in at 3 p.m.), for up to 2 hours per day. This is a great opportunity to boost physical, mental, and social wellness. Visit [teenfitness.ca](https://teenfitness.ca) for more info and to register.

**Do you Love to Sing?**

Auditions for the Halifax Boys Honour Choir will take place on June 4th and 11th, Room 5, Halifax Central Junior High School. Drop by on either date any time between 4:00-5:30 pm.

The audition piece is *O Canada*, and *Row Row Row Your Boat* or *Frere Jacques*

Auditions are on a first-come first-served basis and are for students (*male identifying*) entering grades 4-9 in September 2025.

Email Pam Burton [halifaxboyschoir@gnspecs.ca](mailto:halifaxboyschoir@gnspecs.ca) for more information.

[Communication](#)

Please visit our [website](#) for updates, staff emails and other important information on school life at GBJH! Gorsebrook is also on Instagram. Find us at [@gorsebrookjuniorhigh](#)  
Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent-led Facebook Group – You can find it by searching GJHS community.