



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: May 26th- 30th 2025

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

This is: Week 1

<div>MONDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 end of year trip to Brigadoon• GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome!• Karaoke club for ALL grades at lunch at 12:00 in Mme. Sarita's room (211)• Intramurals in the gym at 12:00 pm with Mr. Desormeau• Male-identifying Soft-ball practice after school
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 end of year trip to Brigadoon• Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.• Grade 7 students that have not finished their Sweet Caroline test are required to come to the band room at lunch to complete these tests.• Practice in Mme. Sarita's room at 12:00 pm for any students interested in performing in a choreographed routine for the Talent Show• Female-identifying Soft-ball practice after school
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9s return from Brigadoon• Library opened @ lunch• Film Club @ 12pm- Room 217• Female-identifying softball practice from 11:40-12:30. Players can eat in Ms. Eaton's room (222) after practice.• Duke of Ed students looking for hours welcome to help in the Shop with Mme. Jang.• Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.• Male-identifying Soft-ball practice after school
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male-identifying Soft-ball Tournament• Grade 7 band rehearsal will take place from 7:30-8:30 am in the band room.• Library opened @ lunch• Math extra help @ lunch in room 221• String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 during lunch.• Kitchen Brigade Program for selected students will take place after school in the Foods Lab. (3:00-5:00 pm).
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza day at lunch!• D&D club on Fridays at noon in Room 101. New adventurers are always welcome!!• Games and conversation club with Ms. Andrews at 12 pm in room 107. Eat your lunch first. All are welcome!• French Club at 12:00 pm in room 211 with Mme. Sarita.• Grade 9 Tech Ed catch-up, Duke volunteering and Senior Wood Working Club in the shop at 12:00 pm with Mme. Jang.• Female-identifying Soft-ball practice after school

Upcoming Dates

June 6th – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
June 10th – PTA Meeting (6:30 pm in the boardroom)
June 11th – Grade 7 Immunization Make-up Clinic
June 11th – 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 website under For Families > General Information > Safe Arrival

Please do not email teachers for attendance purposes.

Thank you for your understanding 😊

[From the Office](#)

Reminder: Lock Bikes and Scooters Securely

We'd like to remind families that bikes, scooters, and e-scooters should be locked securely if brought to school. There has been a recent theft and an attempted theft from the racks near the school. While we make every effort to monitor the property, the school cannot be held responsible for personal items left outside during the day. We appreciate your support in helping keep students' belongings safe.

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 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.

[Grade 9 Important Information](#)

May 29th

- Citadel High will be hosting a grade 10 orientation for students and parents from 6:30-7:30 pm. More info to follow as it gets closer.

June 26th

- Grade 9 Closing Ceremony will take place at 10 am
- Grade 9 Evening Boat Cruise. Students should arrive at the dock for 6:00 pm with the boat cruising from 6:30-8:30 pm.

[From the Tech Ed. Department](#)

Donation Request

Welcoming donations of clean, dry, non-treated dimensional lumber. Please contact Mme Jang to arrange pick-up or drop-off (mjang@hrce.ca)

[From the Library](#)

If students currently have overdue library books they wish to have for longer, please let Ms. Maley know in 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. Thank you!

From HRCE

Access Awareness Week

Access Awareness Week takes place annually during the last week of May to raise awareness about disability, access and inclusion. This year, Access Awareness Week runs from May 25-31, and the provincial theme is "Our Voices, Our Votes: Disability Rights in Action."

The provincial Accessibility Directorate is providing all HRCE schools with posters to help bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. The posters are being mailed directly to schools from the directorate and should arrive in the coming days.

For 38 years, Nova Scotians have organized community events, flag raising, forums, and concerts during Access Awareness Week to bring attention to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. More information can be found [here](#).

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 Burrige 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

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 for more info and to register.



Communication



Finish the year off strong with Homework Hub!

- **GNSPES Access**
Easy access to online resources and tutoring through your GNSPES account (gnspes.ca) by clicking on the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon.
- **24/7 Access**
Anytime access to video tutorials, practice questions and vocabulary review.
- **Bilingual Tutors**
Tutors available for students in:
 - Grade 4-6 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 - Grade 7-12 on school nights 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Find the Homework Hub at
gnspes.ca or call 1-888-444-6607



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.