



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: June 23rd – 27th 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 ELA/FLA Exam (AM)GSA on Mondays at noon in room 109. All are welcome!Woodshop open at 12:00 pm with Mme. JangKaraoke club for ALL grades at lunch at 12:00 in the band roomIntramurals in the gym at 12:00 pm with Mr. DesormeauPlease return all library books
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 Math Exam (AM) – <i>reminder to students to bring calculators to the exam</i>Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.Woodshop open at 12:00 pm with Mme. JangPlease return all library books
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 Exam make-up dayLibrary opened @ lunchWoodshop open at 12:00 pm with Mme. JangPlease return all library books
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 Closing Ceremony (10 – 11 am in the gymnasium. Doors open at 9:30).Library opened @ lunchSock Hop for all students in the gym (pm only – <i>cash canteen available</i>).Grade 9 Boat Cruise (6 – 8:30 pm)Please return all library books
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessment & Evaluation Day – <i>No School</i>

Upcoming Dates

June 26th – Grade 9 Closing Ceremony & Boat Cruise
June 27th – Assessment & Evaluation Day – *No School*
June 30th – Last day of 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 website under For Families > General Information > Safe Arrival

Please do not email teachers for attendance purposes.

Thank you for your understanding 😊

From the Office

Report Cards – June 30

Report cards will be shared electronically on **June 30th** using the email address listed in PowerSchool. If your email has changed or you would like to confirm the address we have on file, please contact Ms. Daley in the main office prior to June 26th at carolann.daley@hrce.ca.

Students can also access their report cards through their **GNSPES account** by clicking on the "Post Office" icon from the launch page. This feature can be found after logging into their GNSPES account at gnspes.ca.

Sock Hop – This Thursday Afternoon!

We're ending the year on a high note with a Sock Hop during the afternoon on Thursday! All students are invited to join us in the gym for music, dancing, and a great time with friends.

There will also be a cash-only canteen open during the event:

- \$2 – Pop & Chocolate Bars
- \$1 – Chips & Gummy Candy

School Supply List for 2025–2026

The school supply list for the 2025–2026 school year is now available. You can view it at this [link](#), or on our website.

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]. Learn more [here](#).

Grade 9 Important Information

Gade 9 Exam Schedule

Date	Morning Exam	PM
June 23 rd	ELA/FLA	Study Period/Extra Help
June 24 th	Math <i>Reminder to students to bring a calculator with them to the exam</i>	Study Period/Extra Help
June 25 th	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 26th 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 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 26th. 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 20th**. Permission slips have been handed out to all grade 9 students and are also due back **no later than June 20th**.

If you need financial assistance, please let Mr. MacPhee know at mmapcpee@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 Tech Ed Department

Tech Ed – Grade 9’s Welcome

Grade 9 students are welcome to join Mme. Jang in the Tech Ed shop during any Grade 8 or 9 Tech class from Monday to Wednesday. Students **must** sign-in and have permission from their classroom teacher before attending.

From the Library

Students: Please check the wall across from the library (Between Mr. Katcher's room and Ms. MacNeil's room) to see if you have outstanding library books. Please return any/all books **before June 26th**.

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 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 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.

Summer Opportunities

Take Charge – Summer Leadership Program

Looking for a chance to upgrade your leadership skills? This program is designed to empower youth aged 12 to 15 by helping them develop and strengthen their leadership skills in a supportive, hands-on environment. Through a combination of volunteer experience and structured workshops, participants will build confidence, learn valuable life skills, and gain real-world experience working with children and peers.

There are four cohorts running throughout July and August. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Cohorts:
Cohort 1: July 7th - 18th
Cohort 2: July 21st - August 1st
Cohort 3: August 5th - 15th
Cohort 4: August 18th - 29th

[Register here:](#)





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

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.