



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: June 9th – June 13th 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">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. DFemale-identifying softball practice after school
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Guitar Club at lunch with Mr. Brewer in room 105.Female-identifying softball practice at lunchPTA Meeting in the boardroom (6:00 pm)
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 7 Immunization make-up clinicSAC Meeting (11:40 am in the boardroom)Library opened @ lunchFilm Club @ 12pm- Room 217All Duke of Ed volunteers and any students looking to wrap up final projects are welcome in the Shop with Mme. Jang @ 12:00 pm.Violin with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 all of lunch.Female-identifying softball practice after schoolBand concert at 6:30pm. Please arrive at 5:45pm.
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Band rehearsal cancelled today for grade 9s.Female-identifying Softball Tournament. (Please get permission slips to Ms. Nicholl as soon as possible!)Library opened @ lunchMath extra help @ lunch in room 22String Ensemble with Mr. Jefferies in the band room 201 during lunch.
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pizza day at lunch!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.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.

Upcoming Dates

June 10th – PTA Meeting (6:00 pm in the boardroom)
June 11th – Grade 7 Immunization Make-up Clinic
June 11th – SAC Meeting (11:40 am in the boardroom)
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



Gorsebrook Recognized as a Top Terry Fox Fundraiser!
We are proud to share that Gorsebrook Junior High placed 8th in Nova Scotia in the *Top Terry Fox Fundraisers of 2024 (Secondary Division)*! A huge thank you to our students, staff, and community for your generosity and support in the fight against cancer. A special shout out to Mme. Mercer for organizing this year's campaign and helping us achieve this amazing result. Together, we are helping to keep Terry's dream alive.

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 [sssteeves@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	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**.

If you need financial assistance, please let Mr. MacPhee know at 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 23rd
- 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](#)

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.

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 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 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

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.

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@gnsps.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.