



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: September 15th-19th 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">Grab & Go Breakfast available.GSA Monday at lunch at 12 in room 214Chess and Strategy Games club Mondays at lunch with Mme. Jang. All welcome! No experience necessary. (Room 210)Male-identifying soccer practice afterschool.
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grab & Go Breakfast available.Cross-country practice at 11:45 am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running.French Extra Help in Room 211 at 12pmDebate Club every Tuesday at lunch in room 222. Please go straight there at the bell and bring your lunch.Female-identifying soccer practice afterschool.
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grab & Go Breakfast available.Library opened to all students @ lunch. <i>(Students eat in homeroom first)</i>String Ensemble at lunch in the band room (11:40-12:50 pm)Male-identifying soccer practice afterschool.
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grab & Go Breakfast available.Library opened to all students @ lunch. <i>(Students eat in homeroom first)</i>Cross-country practice at 11:45 am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running.Violin Technique at lunch in the band room (11:40-12:50 pm).Curriculum Night at Gorsebrook. (6:30-8:00 pm).Female-identifying soccer practice afterschool.
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grab & Go Breakfast available.

Upcoming Dates

September 18th – Curriculum Night (6:30-8:00 pm)
September 25th – Picture Re-takes
September 29th – PD Day *(No School)*
September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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

The first two days of school have been a great success. Thank you to staff, students, and families for helping us start the year on such a positive note.

A few important reminders:

- **Lunch Forms:** These were sent home on the first day. Please return completed forms to homeroom teachers by Thursday, September 12th.
- **Student Fees:** The \$10 student fee can be paid online through SchoolCash Online. If financial assistance is needed, please reach out to Mr. MacPhee by email at mmacphee@hrce.ca.
- **Arrival & Start Time:** A friendly reminder that students should arrive on school property in time to enter at our 8:30 am bell to be ready for the 8:40 am start of classes. Arriving on time helps everyone begin the day smoothly.

Demographics Registration Form Reminder

As you complete your child's online Registration Form, please make sure the following sections are filled out:

- **Consent Form and Technology Hardware Use Consent** – both are located under *Paper-based Student Records*.
- **Unexpected Early Closure Arrangements** – found at the very bottom of the *Transportation* section.

Completing these fields is essential to ensure accurate records and smooth dismissal procedures on days when an early closure is necessary.

We appreciate your continued support in making this a positive and successful school year.

Coming Soon!

- **K-Pop Club** will be held in Room 109 on Wednesdays starting September 17th! All students welcome. Please eat your lunch first.
- Starting on Thursday, September 18th in room 211 with Mme. Sarita: **Musical Appreciation Club** - like a book club but for musicals! (No relation to musical production)

Nova Scotia Homework Hub

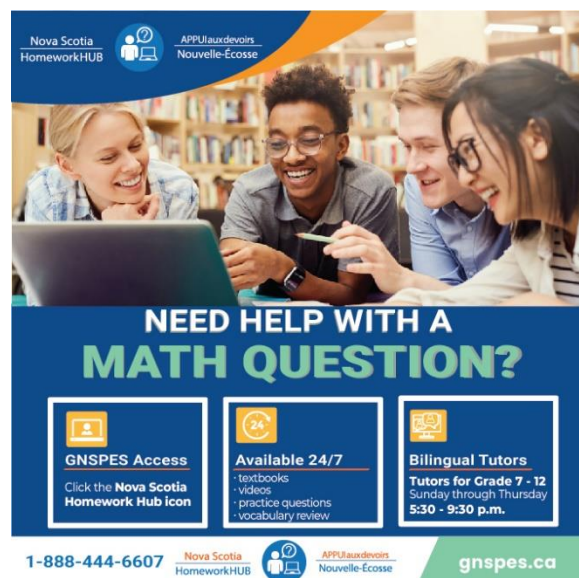
The Homework Hub will open for mathematics tutoring as of Sunday, September 14th for grade 7-12. Tutoring is available during the following times:

- o Grades 7-12: Sunday-Thursday 5:30-9:30 pm

The Homework Hub also provides access to electronic textbooks, instructional videos, vocabulary review, and practice questions.

From the Phys Ed. Department

We've started another busy year in the Phys ed department with soccer try-outs and cross country practices well under way. In class we are currently working on our soccer and tennis units outside and related development inside on inclement weather days. As we are weather dependent for many activities, we ask that parents help children choose the correct clothing and footwear for the conditions. Even on nice days, the field is wet with dew in the mornings and sneakers may get muddy.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the Nova Scotia Homework Hub. At the top, it features the 'Nova Scotia Homework HUB' logo and the 'APPU aux devoirs' logo in both English and French. Below the logos is a photograph of four diverse students (three girls and one boy) smiling and looking at a laptop screen. The main text in the center reads 'NEED HELP WITH A MATH QUESTION?'. Below this, there are three white boxes with blue borders. The first box is titled 'GNSPES Access' and says 'Click the Nova Scotia Homework Hub icon'. The second box is titled 'Available 24/7' and lists 'textbooks', 'videos', 'practice questions', and 'vocabulary review'. The third box is titled 'Bilingual Tutors' and says 'Tutors for Grade 7 - 12' and 'Sunday through Thursday 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.'. At the bottom, it includes the phone number '1-888-444-6607', the 'Nova Scotia Homework HUB' logo, the 'APPU aux devoirs' logo, and the website 'gnspe.ca'.

We also ask that students bring water bottles to school so they do not have to miss lesson time when we are outside.

It's going to be a great year!

From the Tech Ed. Department

The Tech Ed department is accepting donations of hammers, locking vice grips/ pliers, pry bars and measuring tapes. Please email mjang@hrce.ca to arrange pick up or drop off. Thanks!

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.