








GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: September 22nd – 26th 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">• Grab & Go Breakfast available.• Chess and Strategy Games club Mondays at lunch with Mme. Jang. All welcome! No experience necessary. (Room 210)• Female-identifying soccer game vs. HGS at Glenbourne SF (4:00 pm).• Male-identifying soccer practice after school.
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 7 Band practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)• Grab & Go Breakfast available.• Bear Blast event for all grade 7 students. Pizza lunch provided!• GSA at lunch at 12:00 pm in room 214• 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 12pm• Debate Club every Tuesday at lunch in room 222. Please go straight there at the bell and bring your lunch.• Male-identifying volleyball tryout @ lunch• Male-identifying soccer game vs. HGS at Glenbourne SF (5:15 pm).• Female-identifying soccer practice after school.
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grab & Go Breakfast available.• K-Pop club in room 109. Please eat your lunch first, all students welcome.• 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)• Film Club. Wednesdays at Noon. Mr. Donahoe's Room (217). Sign-up Required. No Drop-Ins. Parent/Guardian Permission Required. Attendance Mandatory. Discussion/Critique to Follow Films. No Phones. No Talking.• Male-identifying volleyball tryout @ lunch• Female-identifying soccer game vs. Armbrae at Tremont Field B (4:00 pm).• Male-identifying soccer practice after school.
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture re-take day!• Grade 8 Band practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)• 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).• French Club in Room 211 at 12 pm.• The Lego Robotics team will have their first meeting on Thursday, September 25th, in room 209. If you like coding and/or Lego, come check it out. <i>Future meetings will be Wednesdays at lunch on week 1 and Thursdays at lunch on week 2.</i>• Male-identifying soccer game vs. PW at Glenbourne SF (4:00 pm).• Female-identifying volleyball tryouts after school in the gym.• PTA meeting @ 6:00 pm in the boardroom.
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 Band practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)• Grab & Go Breakfast available.

Upcoming Dates

September 25th – Picture Re-takes & PTA Meeting @ 6:00pm
September 29th – PD Day (*No School*)
September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 2nd – School Advisory Council Meeting 11:40-12:40
October 13th – Thanksgiving Day (*No 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

A few important reminders:

- **No Food Deliveries to the school:** Please note that food delivery services (Uber Eats, SkipTheDishes, DoorDash, etc.) are not permitted during the school day, including the lunch hour. Deliveries create disruptions, raise safety concerns, and make it difficult to manage student supervision. Students should bring a packed lunch with them in the morning.
- **Lock your Bikes and Scooters:** We have had several theft attempts this week, including two e-scooters that were taken and thankfully found. Please make sure to lock your bike or scooter securely when you arrive at school and avoid leaving them unlocked even for a short time. **The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Let's work together to keep everyone's belongings safe!**
- **Lunch Forms:** These were sent home on the first day. Please return completed forms to homeroom teachers ASAP.
- **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.
- **SchoolCash Setup:** SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You can pay for your child's sports teams, class trips and so much more, quickly and conveniently. Simply register an account to be able to pay in several different payment forms. [Click here](#) for more information.

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.

School Advisory Council

Our first school advisory Council meeting of the year will be held on **October 2nd** from 11:40-12:40 pm. We are looking for a grade 9 parent representative to join the school advisory council. If you are interested, please contact Mr. MacPhee at mmacphee@hrce.ca.

We will elect our chair at the first meeting.


School Musical

School Musical – Shrek Jr.

Get ready to let your **freak flag fly** – this year’s school musical is **Shrek Jr.!**

- **Auditions:** Monday, October 6th after school
- **Sign up:** On the bulletin board outside Room 212
- **Show Dates:** February 9th & 10th

Permission forms are required to audition. They contain all the details you may need to make a decision about whether you are able to participate.

 Our stage can only fit so many fairy tale creatures safely, so the cast will be capped at about **25 students**. Don’t miss your chance to be part of this funny and magical show!

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mme Sarita (spillay@hrce.ca)

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.

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!

From the English Department

The annual **READERS RUMBLE COMPETITION** hosted by Armbrae Academy will be held on April 21st, 2026. Our Gorsebrook team will begin meeting in mid-late October (day of the week TBD). In the meantime, students from grade 7-9 who are interested in joining the READERS RUMBLE CLUB should drop by room 215 to grab a reading list, or and ask any questions.

Get Ready to Rumble!

From the Social Studies Department

Students in grade 7 and 8 (English program) require an 80-page (flat, not coiled) Hilroy Scribbler which serves as their Social Studies journal/notebook. These notebooks are available at Staples, Amazon and sometimes Walmart. If you haven't already done so, please send one in. Thank you!

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.