


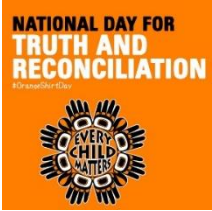





GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Sept 29th – Oct 3rd 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">Professional Development Day – No School
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No 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.Anyone interested in Lego Robotics club is welcome to meet in room 209 (Mme Lultey's) at lunch <i>(Thursdays week 2)</i>Male-identifying Volleyball tryout at lunch.Shrek Jr. School Musical: Audition time slots will be posted on the bulletin board outside Room 212. A permission form is required to audition. Our stage can only fit so many fairy tale creatures safely, so the cast will be capped at about 25 students. If you have any questions, please see Mme. Sarita (Room 211). Auditions will take place on October 6.Male-identifying soccer practice after school.Female-identifying soccer game vs. Fairview at Tremont field B (4:00 pm)
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 8 Band practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)Grab & Go Breakfast available.SAC meeting at 11:40-12:40 pm.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.Musical Appreciation Club at 12pm in room 211.Male-identifying soccer game vs. Oxford at Glenbourne SF (4:00 pm)Female-identifying volleyball tryout after school. (3-4 pm).Female-identifying soccer practice after school.
<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.Grade 8 Fieldtrip to Rebecca Cohn Auditorium for Prismatic Arts Festival.Senior Woodworking Club will Start Fridays at 12:05 (please eat lunch first). This is currently for students who have already completed Grade 8 Tech ed or participated in Woodworking Skills Rodeo. Junior Woodworking will be coming soon for any other students interested!

Upcoming Dates

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](#)

A few important reminders:

- **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.

[Upcoming Grade 8 Fieldtrip](#)

Grade 8 classes are invited to attend a field trip on Friday, October 3 to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium for a musical performance. Prismatic Arts Festival presents Jah'Mila performing with Symphony Nova Scotia. Explore Music and Band classes will be engaging with curriculum created by reggae musician Jah'Mila and conductor Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser for their Roots Reggae program.

[From HRCE](#)

Join us in observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year on September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who didn't return from residential schools, as well as survivors, their families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day, led by Indigenous communities, aims to raise awareness about the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and allows us all to show our support for the Every Child Matters movement.

As there are no classes on Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, we welcome staff and students to wear orange on Friday, September 26.

[Kitchen Brigades Returning for the 2025-26 School Year!](#)

**Enjoy COOKING?
Want to learn or sharpen your existing skills?**

GBJH is beginning its second run with Kitchen Brigades, a culinary program for youth aimed at teaching food self-sufficiency through hands-on cooking with a local Chef.

Kitchen Brigades is a free 24-week program held **Wednesdays from 3-5pm** in the Foods Lab at the school.

Kitchen Brigades was developed in Montreal by the Tablee des Chefs organization, which aims to encourage healthy lifestyles and eating habits while addressing such topics as budgeting, supporting local farms, and kitchen safety, among others. Points are awarded weekly by the head Chef for teams based on integration of skills, presentation, and taste. The team with the most points will have the opportunity to travel out of province for a competition against other Brigades from across Canada. ****Please note that air travel is a possibility, and any student selected for the Kitchen Brigades program would be responsible for their own food costs while travelling (flights and accommodations provided by Tablee des Chefs).**

Given the program's popularity last year, SchoolsPlus staff facilitating the program will be implementing a 'lotto' system. Interested students may **sign up BEFORE Thursday, October 2nd using the sign-up sheet posted outside the Main Office**. Those whose names are randomly drawn will be invited to join the Kitchen Brigades program beginning Wednesday October 8th after school. **Commitment to the program is key, so we ask that only those able to attend the entire 24-weeks sign up.**

For more information, you can visit: <https://www.tableedeschefs.org/en/kitchen-brigades/> or email SchoolsPlus Facilitator, Sharon Steeves at ssteeves@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](#)

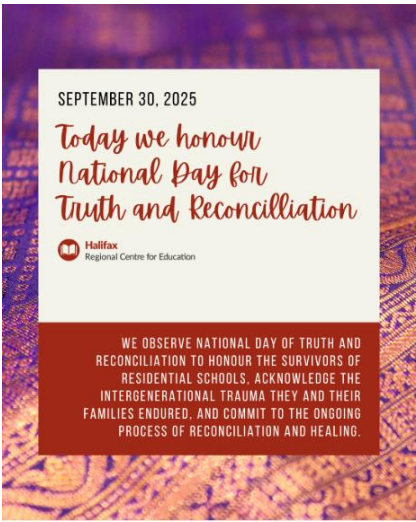
Welcome to Fall activities!

We are continuing to take students outside for lessons such as soccer and tennis, and will be starting Ultimate Frisbee soon. Unfortunately, the fields have many bare patches due to the drought this summer. This means we are encountering muddy conditions in the mornings from the dew, and dusty conditions in the afternoon.

We suggest students bring older or outdoor sneakers with them if they do not want to risk staining their lovely new school year footwear (or clothes). As always, it's best to be prepared for indoors or outdoors as we are very weather dependent in the shoulder seasons.

[From the Tech Ed. Department](#)

Tech Ed Department is accepting clean, dry, non-pressure treated dimensional lumber (2x4, 2x6, 2x8 etc). Any pieces 12" or longer can be used. Please e-mail Mme Jang at mjang@hrce.ca to arrange pick-up/drop-off.



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!

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.