



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: September 8th-12th 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">• Picture day for all students!• Male-identifying soccer meeting at start of lunch (11:45 am) in the gym for all students interested in trying out.• Female-identifying soccer tryouts afterschool
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male-identifying soccer tryouts afterschool• Cross-country practice at 11:45 am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running.
<div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library opened to all students @ lunch. <i>(Students eat in homeroom first)</i>• Female-identifying soccer tryouts afterschool
<div>THURSDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stand Up Against Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day)• 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.• Male-identifying soccer tryouts afterschool
<div>FRIDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The end of the first official full week of school - you made it!

Upcoming Dates

September 8th – Picture Day
September 11th – Pink Shirt Day
September 18th – Curriculum Night (6:30-8:30 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.

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

[Stand Up Against Bullying Day](#)

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

On Thursday, September 11, we will celebrate inclusivity, kindness and friendship. All HRCE school teams are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive.

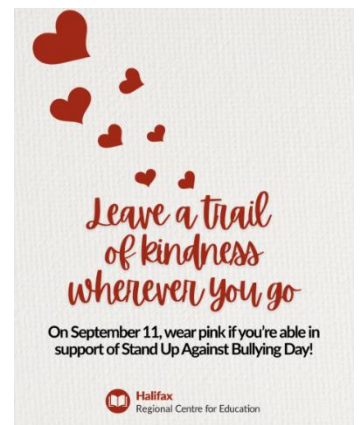
Please join us and wear **pink** if you're able on September 11 to take a stand against bullying.

[Cross Country](#)

Cross-country practices will begin on **Tuesday, September 9th** at 11:45 am. All students interested in joining will meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts/parking lot area. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running. Practices will take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45 am.

[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.