





# GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

[\\*Please read below for the week's events and other school-related information](#)

## [This is: Week 1](#)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thanksgiving Day – No School</b></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grade 7 Band</b> practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)</li> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available.</li> <li>• <b>Debate Club</b> every Tuesday at lunch in room 222. Please go straight there at the bell and bring your lunch.</li> <li>• <b>GSA</b> at lunch at 12:00 pm in room 214</li> <li>• <b>Student Leadership Club</b> meeting at 11:40 in room 105 to finalize dance decorations.</li> <li>• <b>Cross-country</b> practice at 11:45 am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running.</li> <li>• <b>French Extra Help</b> in Room 211 at 12pm</li> <li>• Male-identifying <b>volleyball</b> practice at lunch</li> <li>• Female-identifying <b>soccer</b> practice after school</li> <li>• Male-identifying <b>soccer</b> game vs. Fairview at Glenbourne SF (4:00 pm)</li> <li>• <b>Musical Rehearsal</b> in the library 3pm-5:30pm</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Musical Rehearsal</b> in the library 7:30am-8:30am</li> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available.</li> <li>• <b>K-Pop club</b> in room 109. Please eat your lunch first, all students welcome.</li> <li>• Library opened to all students @ lunch. (<i>Students eat in homeroom first</i>)</li> <li>• <b>String Ensemble</b> at lunch in the band room (11:40-12:50 pm)</li> <li>• <b>Film Club.</b> 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.</li> <li>• Anyone interested in <b>Lego Robotics</b> club is welcome to meet in room 209 (Mme Lultey's) at lunch</li> <li>• Male-identifying <b>soccer</b> practice after school</li> <li>• Female-identifying <b>volleyball</b> practice after school (3-4:30 pm)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grade 8 Band</b> practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)</li> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available.</li> <li>• Library opened to all students @ lunch. (<i>Students eat in homeroom first</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Cross-country</b> practice at 11:45 am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running.</li> <li>• <b>Violin Technique</b> at lunch in the band room (11:40-12:50 pm).</li> <li>• Male-identifying <b>volleyball</b> practice at lunch</li> <li>• <b>Musical Appreciation</b> Club in room 211 at 12pm</li> <li>• Female-identifying <b>volleyball</b> practice after school (3-4:30 pm)</li> <li>• <b>Student Leadership Club</b> meeting at the end of the day to hang up dance decorations.</li> <li>• <b>School Dance (6-8 pm).</b> Cost is \$8 at the door and there will be a cash canteen on site!</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Musical Rehearsal</b> in the library 7:30am-8:30am</li> <li>• <b>Grade 9 Band</b> practice before school (7:45-8:30 am)</li> <li>• Grab &amp; Go Breakfast available.</li> </ul>

### Upcoming Dates

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day (*No School*)  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – School Dance (6-8 pm)  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> – PTA (6pm in the boardroom)  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – NSTU Conference 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 about this absence. This information can also be found on the [hrce.ca](https://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

### **Nova Scotia School Lunch Program Starting Monday, October 6th**

We are excited to let you know that the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program will begin at Gorsebrook on Monday. Families can place meal orders through the provincial ordering site: <https://hrce.nslunch.ca/login>. (If you have not yet created an account, the site provides step-by-step instructions.)

Each school day, lunches will be available for pick up at two locations:

- **Grade 7 students:** Main Office
- **Grade 8 & 9 students:** Board Room

After collecting their lunch, students will return to their homeroom to eat.

On Monday morning, our administrative team will visit classrooms to explain to students how to pick up their meal if an order has been placed.

### **A few other 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.
- Our first **school dance** of the year will be taking place this coming Thursday, October 16th. Students who wish to bring a guest from another junior high school to the dance must pick up a guest sign-in pass from the office. Completed passes must be returned to the office by **Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Students are permitted to bring one guest who must be in good standing at their school.**

## School Musical

Thank you to everyone who auditioned for the musical this year! We had the best time getting to see so much talent!

Congratulations to all those cast! To those who weren't cast, you were fantastic, but we only had so many allotted spots in the cast. Don't let this tome you from continuing in theatre.

For all those who were cast, please don't forget to pay the fee for your script via SchoolCash Online as soon as possible!

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run

#TRYLIKETERRY

**Run Date:** Monday, October 20th (Rain date: Monday, October 27th)

**School Fundraising Goal:** \$2000

Ways to Donate:

1. Cash, or cheque (payable to The Terry Fox Foundation)  
*Donations can be submitted to homeroom teachers, Mme Mercer (rm205), or the main office until Thursday, October 23rd*
2. Online - via our School Fundraiser Page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/GorsebrookJuniorHigh>
3. Purchase a LIMITED EDITION 45th ANNIVERSARY Terry Fox T-Shirt (Order forms sent home Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>)

**\*ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE TO MME MERCER (rm205), Tuesday, October 14th.**

\*All sales are added to our fundraising total

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: t-shirts may arrive after our school run\*\*\*

## 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](mailto:mjang@hrce.ca) to arrange pick-up/drop-off.

## Grade 9 Duke of Edinburgh Information

As an ongoing effort to support our Grade 9 students in meeting their community service requirements for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, we are inviting anyone who knows of any volunteer opportunities for students to fulfill their Duke of Edinburgh Award requirements, to please share the organization and/or contact person information with Nicole Conrad ([nconrad@hrce.ca](mailto:nconrad@hrce.ca)) or Moragh Jang ([mjang@hrce.ca](mailto:mjang@hrce.ca)) at any time who will help to connect students with the relevant coordinators.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Nova Scotia Homework Hub

The Homework Hub will open for mathematics tutoring as of Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.