



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct 27th – 31st 2025

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

[This is: Week 1](#)

MONDAY	• Grab & Go Breakfast available • Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm – Room 210. All Welcome! • Musical Rehearsal from 3-5:30pm – Full cast • Male-identifying soccer practice after school • Female-identifying soccer game vs. Armbrae @ Tremont field B (5:15 pm). • Male-identifying volleyball practice after school (3-4:30 pm)
TUESDAY	• Grade 7 Band Practice (7:45-8:30am) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Debate Club @ 11:40am – Room 222 • Cross-country Practice @ 11:45am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running. • French Extra Help @ 12pm – Room 211 • GSA @ 12pm – Room 214 • Musical Rehearsal from 3-5:30pm – In the Library (see bulletin board for who is called) • Male-identifying soccer game vs Fairview at Glenbourne (5:15 pm) • Female-identifying volleyball practice after school (3-4:45 pm)
WEDNESDAY	• Musical Rehearsal from 7:30-8:30am – In the Library (see bulletin board for who is called) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Lego Robotics Club @ 12pm – Room 209 • String Ensemble at lunch in the band room (11:40-12:50 pm) • K-Pop Club @ 12pm – Room 109 • Library opened to all students @ 12pm (<i>Students eat in homeroom first</i>) • Film Club @ 12pm – Room 217 • Female-identifying volleyball home game vs. Fairview (4:00 pm)
THURSDAY	• Grade 8 Band practice before school (7:45-8:30 am) • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Violin Technique at lunch in the band room (11:40-12:50 pm) • Cross-country practice @ 11:45am. Meet at the back of Gorsebrook on the basketball courts. Please wear sneakers and clothing for running • Library opened to all students @ 12pm (<i>Students eat in homeroom first</i>) • Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm – Room 211 • Female-identifying volleyball practice at lunch. • Male-identifying volleyball practice after school (3-4:30 pm)
FRIDAY	• Musical Rehearsal in the library 7:30am-8:30am – Full cast • Grade 9 Band practice before school (7:45-8:30 am) • Grab & Go Breakfast available. • Games & Conversation club at 12:00 pm with Ms. Cameron (rm 107) • Sr. Woodworking Club and Duke of Ed volunteers at 12:00 pm in the wood shop. Please eat lunch first. • Readers Rumble in room 215 at 12:00 pm. All readers welcome!

[Upcoming Dates](#)

November 10th – No Stone Left Alone Ceremony
November 11th – Remembrance Day (*No School*)
November 21st – Assessment & Evaluation 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 website under For Families > General Information > Safe Arrival

Please do not email teachers for attendance purposes.

Thank you for your understanding 😊

From the Office

- Reminder to students: please ensure you are disposing of your lunches properly. There has been a substantial increase in littering on and off school property since the implementation of the NS Lunch Program.
- Please remember to contact staff using their @HRCE.CA email addresses. HRCE emails are checked daily by staff, while @gnsps.ca accounts are used as secondary accounts and are not monitored as regularly.

From the English Department

Get ready to rumble! Ms. Earley and Ms. Ugursal are delighted to announce Gorsebrook's participation in the third annual Middle School Readers Rumble Competition - a team trivia challenge hosted by Armbrae Academy. The competition is on **Tuesday the 21st of April** and leading to the big event, our **Readers Rumble Club** will meet most Fridays at lunchtime in room 215 (Ms. Earley's room). We don't have many books yet, so in the meantime, please consider borrowing books from the Halifax Regional Library (and you may even find some classics, like "The Hobbit" on your own shelves!) Check the [2025-26 Readers Rumble Booklist](#) for more information. The Readers Rumble Club is open to all students, grade 7-9, and there are plenty of books for all ages. English Language Learners and those who prefer audio books are welcome.

HeART Program: Mi'kmaw Led Recreation Therapy Programs for Youth

Art and Mindfulness Program

Each week youth will get to be creative and explore different art styles, paired with a mindfulness or other coping skill to support their mental wellness.

Costs for the upcoming year is pay what you can! --> We accept donations of all sizes, and welcome youth if that amount is also zero dollars.

Location: 6036 Coburg Rd, Halifax, NS B3H 1Y9

We have two registration forms this year please ensure you are signing up for the one which best matches your youth:

Ages 8-12 Elementary School aged youth

Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm (Beginning: November 5th)

<https://forms.gle/Q1s8erqxuqLUzJnf8>

Ages 13-18 Junior High and Highschool aged youth

Thursday evenings + 1 Saturday Afternoon (1-4pm) a Month (Beginning November 6th)

<https://forms.gle/PzvVjnKjEMxheyz76>

If you have any questions please reach out by email: heartyouthprogram@gmail.com

From the Library

A friendly reminder for students to please return books to Miss Sadye OR to the return bin in the office. Thank you!

From the Phys. Ed. Department

It's time for fitness. The next couple of weeks we'll be working on improving our five components of fitness. It's going to be hot, sweaty, and fun! Please ensure students are ready with good running shoes, cool comfortable clothes, and water bottles.

From the Tech. Ed. Department

We are currently accepting donations of hammers, measuring tapes, cordless drills/drivers and any clean, dry dimensional lumber 1 foot long or longer (2x4s, 2x6s, etc.). Please contact Mme Jang to arrange drop off/pick up. Thanks!

Support over the Winter Holidays

As we approach the winter season, families may begin looking for assistance during the holiday period. Below are three key community resources available this year:

1) Families may contact 211 and to inquire what resources exist in the specific community/area where they reside

2) The Salvation Army "Christmas Help" information and application website:

<https://www.christmasdaddies.org/christmashelp/>

The website contains all the information that families need to apply ONLY online and the documents that they need to upload to support their application. The Salvation Army applications open on October 23 and close on December 8, 2025

3) Parker Street hamper: <https://parkerstreet.org/apply-for-hamper/>

Parker Street applications accepted until November 21, 2025

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.