



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

THIS WEEK AT GORSEBROOK: Oct 6th-10th 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.First day of Provincial Lunch Program at GJHS.Male-identifying soccer practice after school.The updated female-identifying volleyball tryout list for Tuesday will be posted on the bulletin board outside the gym by the end of the day. Please check the list to see if your name is included for Tuesday's tryout. We appreciate everyone's effort so far and look forward to seeing those continuing.Female-identifying game vs. St. Agnes at Tremont field B (5:15 pm)
<div>TUESDAY</div> <div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grab & Go Breakfast available.Male-identifying volleyball at lunch.Male-identifying soccer game vs. St. Agnes at Glenbourne SF (4pm)Female-identifying volleyball tryout 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.
<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.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).Anyone interested in Lego Robotics club is welcome to meet in room 209 (Mme Lultey's) at lunchFrench Club in Room 211 at 12 pm.Male-identifying volleyball at lunch.Male-identifying soccer game vs. Sommet at Ecole du Sommet (4pm)
<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.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!Any students interested in getting some volunteer hours for Duke of Ed can see Mme Jang in the woodshop at 12:00 pm.

[Upcoming Dates](#)

October 13 th – Thanksgiving Day (<i>No School</i>) October 16 th – School Dance (<i>6-8 pm</i>) October 23 rd – PTA (<i>6pm in the boardroom</i>) October 24 th – NSTU Conference Day (<i>No School</i>)
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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

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.

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.

From HRCE

October is Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. In our schools, we can honour this month by incorporating Mi'kmaq stories, traditions and teachings into our curriculum. Activities such as guest speakers, art projects and cultural events can help students appreciate and understand the significance of Mi'kmaq heritage. Please join us in offering our respect, awareness and appreciation for the Mi'kmaq community and their enduring legacy. Learn more [here](#).

O Canada in Schools

In September, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development shared a new provincial policy about the playing of our national anthem in schools. You can read it [here](#).

In keeping with this policy, we play O Canada at the beginning of each school day in our school.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.

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 mjiang@hrce.ca to arrange pick-up/drop-off.

Grade 9 Duke of Edinburgh Information

Grade 9 students who are interested in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program **must attend a mandatory** lunch session at one of the following times:

- a) **903/904:** Wednesday, Oct. 8 @ 12pm (Room 210)
- b) **901/902/905:** Thursday, Oct. 9 @ 12pm (Room 207)
- c) **Any class:** Friday, Oct. 10 @ 12pm (Room 207)

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 English Department](#)

The annual **READERS RUMBLE COMPETITION** hosted by Armbræ 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.