



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

June 15th-19th

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

This is: [Week 1](#)

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Chess & Strategy Games @ 12pm - Room 210 ● GSA @ 12pm - Room 214 ● Last day to turn in grade 9 Boat Cruise Permission Slips and Payments!
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Math Extra Help & Duke of Ed Help @ 12pm - Room 210 ● Musical Appreciation Club @ 12pm - Room 211
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● String Ensemble @ 12pm - Band Room ● Library Open @ 12pm ● K-Pop Club @ 12pm - Room 109 ● Woodworking Club & Duke of Ed Volunteer hours @ 12pm - Woodshop ● Tech-Ed catch up @ 12pm - Woodshop
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Violin Technique @ 11:40am - Band Room ● SAC Meeting @ 11:40am - Boardroom ● Grade 9 French Club @ 12pm - Room 211 ● Library Open @ 12pm ● Tech-Ed catch up @ 12pm - Woodshop ● PTA @ 6:00pm - Boardroom
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Warhammer Club @ 12pm - Room 221 ● Games & Conversation Club @ 12pm - Room 107 ● Woodworking Club & Duke of Ed Volunteer hours @ 12pm - Woodshop ● Tech-Ed catch up @ 12pm - Woodshop

[Upcoming Dates](#)
 June 18th - PTA Meeting (6pm - Boardroom)
 June 26th - Grade 9 Closing & Boat Cruise
 June 29th - Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)
 June 30th - Last day of school

[From the Office:](#)

Bike and Scooters

Students who ride a bike or scooter to school are reminded to lock them securely at the designated bike racks during the school day. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged bikes and scooters. Taking a few moments to properly lock your bike or scooter can help prevent theft and keep your belongings safe.

Late Arrival Reminder

As the year is nearing an end we continue to experience a high volume of students arriving late in the mornings. Students should arrive at school for an 8:30am start. It is disruptive to teachers and classmates when students arrive late. A reminder that if your child will be arriving late, please contact safe arrival and report a full day absence. If your child will need to leave before the end of the day, please call and leave a message (902-421-6758 ext 5451000) or email (gjh@hrce.ca) to report their absence. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Lost & Found

A reminder there are many, many items in our lost & found. Please take a few minutes to check and see if any of your belongings have made their way there! All items not claimed will be donated on Friday, June 26. Thank you!

Grade 9 Boat Cruise - June 26th

Grade 9 students will be receiving permission forms for the Grade 9 Boat Cruise, which will take place on Friday, June 26. Signed permission forms must be returned to the school by **Monday, June 15**. We encourage families to complete and return forms as soon as possible to help us finalize arrangements for this exciting end-of-year celebration.

Tech Ed Projects

If you wish to keep any of your Tech Ed projects from previous terms you must let Mme Jang know by June 22 at the latest or it may be recycled.

Softball Season Comes to a Close!

Congratulations to both our female-identifying and male-identifying softball teams on a fantastic season and a successful tournament! Throughout the season, both teams represented Gorsebrook with outstanding team spirit, dedication, and sportsmanship. We are proud of the effort, positive attitudes, and support shown by all players. Thank you for a great season, and well done to everyone involved!

[From the PTA:](#)

Grade 9 GJHS Hoodies and shirts - SALE EXTENDED!

Congrats to all of our grade 9 students!

We hope that all grade 9s are able to order either a hoodie or t-shirt. Both options will be dark heather grey with the school logo printed on the front and graduation year with classmate's signatures printed on the back. If you would like to contribute a few extra dollars to ensure everyone gets a clothing item, please select the option to donate to school cash at: <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/4/319/false/true?school=637&initiative=1>

If you require financial assistance, please contact Vice Principal Kelsey Johnston (Kelsey.johnston@hrce.ca) for next steps.

Options:

1. Dark heather grey hoodie (ATC 2500)

- price \$45 (+SCO fee)
- select size xs to 5xl
- add sleeve personalization \$8

2. Dark heather grey t-shirt (ATC 1000)

- price \$25 (+SCO fee)
- select size xs to 6xl
- add sleeve personalization \$8

Order deadline - Now extended until Monday, June 15th!

[From the Library](#)

The last date to check out books from the library will be June 11th.

Please return your library books to Ms. Sadye **on or before June 26th**. Books may be returned to the library on Wednesdays & Thursdays or to the library return bin in the main office.

Reminders will be posted around the school, and the list of books will be posted outside the library and sent to homeroom teachers. As per HRCE guidelines, we no longer charge fines for missing books, but please let us know so that they can be marked as lost. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Sadye in the library. Thank you!

[From the Phys Ed Department](#)

Please note that, weather and temperature permitting, most Physical Education classes will be held outdoors for the remainder of the school year. We encourage students to come prepared for outdoor conditions with appropriate clothing and gear, such as hats, t-shirts or light long sleeves, shorts or light pants, outdoor sneakers, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Access to indoor water fountains may be limited during outdoor activities.

[From HRCE](#)

Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada

[Unplugged Canada](#) has launched a new resource called [Operation Landline](#), designed to help families reconnect kids with safe, healthy communication, without the pressures and distractions of smartphones. The initiative encourages families to bring back the family landline as a simple way for children to build independence, strengthen social skills and stay connected with friends and neighbours in a safer, more intentional way.

Created in partnership with the Institute of Child Psychology, the [complete guide](#) includes practical tips for setting up modern landline options, teaching phone safety and etiquette, and even creating a family phonebook together. Families are also invited to sign the [Unplugged Canada](#) pledge to help create a new community norm around delaying smartphones and supporting connected childhoods.

[Safe Arrival Reminder](#)

Attendance: Students are recorded as absent by their teachers if they aren't in their first class by 8:40am.

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 and sign-in at the Main Office.

→ **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal:** Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the School Messenger website to report all 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 9:05 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 stating your child's full name and the duration of the absence.

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.

[Communication](#)

Other updates and important school information can be found on our webpage. <https://gbf.hrce.ca/>
Gorsebrook Jr. High has a Parent-led Facebook Group – you can find it by searching for 'GJHS Community'.