



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

September 14th-18th, 2026

*Please read below for the week’s events and other school-related information

This is: [Week 1](#)

MONDAY	• Please bring a water bottle • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Debate Club @ 11:45 - Room 212 ◦ <i>Please bring your lunch and plan to eat it there.</i> • Grade 7 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) • Male-identifying soccer practice afterschool @ 3pm - Soccer/Rugby field
TUESDAY	• Please bring a water bottle • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Lockdown Drill 10am • Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court • Female-identifying soccer practice afterschool @ 3pm - Soccer/Rugby field • Curriculum Night @ Gorsebrook (6:00-7:15 pm)
WEDNESDAY	• Please bring a water bottle • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12pm • Grade 8 & 9 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) • Female-identifying soccer practice afterschool @ 3pm - Soccer/Rugby field
THURSDAY	• Please bring a water bottle • Grab & Go Breakfast available • Library Open to all students @ 12pm • French Club @ 12:10pm - Room 211 • Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court • Male-identifying soccer practice afterschool @ 3pm - Soccer/Rugby field
FRIDAY	• Please bring a water bottle • Grab & Go Breakfast available • All Grades Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) ◦ <i>Fridays will have a set activity that is posted outside of the gym</i>

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Sept 15th - Curriculum Night @ 6:00 pm
Sept 24th - Bear Blast for Grade 7s
Sept 25th - PD Day (*No School*)

Sept 29th - Observe Orange Shirt Day Sept 30th - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (<i>No School</i>) Oct 4th - International Potluck Oct 9th - Picture Retakes
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[From the Office:](#)

Student Fees

A reminder to log into school cash and pay your students \$20 student fee. These funds are used to pay speakers to come to student assemblies with motivating messages for our students. One assembly is planned for each term. A portion of the funds are also used to provide students with agenda’s to track homework and due dates.

Please follow this link to login/register for [School Cash](#)

School Advisory Council

We are still looking for a grade 8 parent who would be willing to serve on the school advisory council. We meet 8 times per year to talk about student life at Gorsebrook. If you are interested in volunteer or have questions please e-mail Mr. MacPhee at mmacphee@hrce.ca by Friday Sept 18th.

School Musical Auditions!

Audition for the school musical! If you are interested in being part of the school musical, a sign-up sheet for auditions is posted outside Room 212. Please sign up by **Friday, September 18th**

Bear Blast is Coming!

We are excited to host our Grade 7 "Bear Blast" on Thursday, September 24th! This full-day event is packed with fun activities throughout the school designed to build community and school spirit. Students will participate in tie-dyeing, sports games, baking, bracelet making, and team-building challenges. Lunch will be provided for all students.

What Students Need to Bring:

- A refillable water bottle
- One new or lightly used item to tie-dye (e.g., a white t-shirt, pillowcase, socks, or tote bag)

We look forward to an amazing day with our 7th graders! Please reach out to Ms. Conrad (nconrad@hrce.ca) if you have any questions.

School Photos

Students and families can go on to the Photomaster website: www.photomasterstudios.ca and view their photos. They will need their student numbers to enter the site. Physical proofs of the photos have been provided to students. Retakes will take place on October 9th.

Student Transit Passes

Halifax Transit’s Student Transit Pass Program will continue for the 2026–27 school year, providing eligible Grade 7–12 students with free, unlimited access to Halifax Transit. This year, there is an important change: student passes are transitioning from physical cards to the HFXGO mobile app. Please take a few minutes to review the information below regarding changes to how students will access their transit passes this year.

For Families: [<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EvUxSSn4bCFJQwoszdsUuy6RTfiknPXT/view?usp=sharing>]

For Students: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cwPWFnGEzOb9vZ26130a1mist_FOUHsV/view?usp=sharing]

Volunteering at Gorsebrook

If you wish to volunteer or coach at Gorsebrook you will require a **Criminal Records Check** (with **vulnerable sector check**) completed within the past three months and a **Child Abuse Registry Check**. Both take time to complete so we recommend starting the process now and having them on file with the school so there is no delay when you want to be involved.

For the Criminal Records Check:

- You will require a volunteer letter from the school. Please email Ms. Daley (CarolAnn.Daley@hrce.ca) with your first and last name to request one.
- You will then need to visit your local police station with the volunteer letter to request the check.

You can obtain the Child Abuse Registry Check at the following link: [Apply for Nova Scotia Child Abuse Registry Search](#)

For the safety of our students, no one will be permitted to volunteer until the appropriate checks are received. There are no exceptions to this policy.

CAKE WALK

In support of Gorsebrook’s next musical: The Lightning Thief !



WHEN: Curriculum Night, Tuesday, September 15th.

WHERE: Gorsebrook Jr High School, 5966 South St.

WHAT: Students will be hosting a **cake walk fundraiser** for the school musical!

We need your help!

We need families to donate cakes for the cake walk! They can be either homemade or store bought. Please contact gjhmusicalprogram@gmail.com to donate a cake.



46th Annual Terry Fox Run

#TRYLIKETERRY

Run Date: Monday, September 28th (Rain date: Monday, October 5th)
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 Friday, October 2nd.*
2. Online - via our School Fundraiser Page:
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/GorsebrookJuniorHigh>
3. Purchase a Terry Fox T-Shirt
*ORDER FORM & PAYMENT DUE TO MME MERCER (rm205), Thursday, September 17th.
*All sales are added to our fundraising total

From HRCE

Homework Hub (Mathematics) Update

The Homework Hub will open for mathematics tutoring as of Tuesday, September 8 for students in grades 4-12. Tutoring is available during the following times:

- Grades 4-6: Sunday-Thursday 6:00-8:00p.m.
- Grades 7-12: Sunday-Thursday 6:00-9:30p.m.

The Homework Hub also provides access to electronic textbooks, instructional videos, vocabulary review, and practice questions.

From the Social Studies Department

Grade 7 and 8 Social Studies Students (Ms. Earley's classes) are reminded to bring in a Hilroy Scribbler which will serve as their year-long Social Studies Journal.

NEED HELP WITH MATH?



GNSPES Access

Click on the **Nova Scotia Homework Hub** icon

Available 24/7

- Textbooks • Videos
- Practice Questions
- Vocabulary Review

Bilingual Tutors

Tutors for Grade 4 - 6
Sunday to Thursday
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tutors for Grade 7 - 12
Sunday to Thursday
6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

1-888-444-6607

Nova Scotia HomeworkHUB

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gnspes.ca

[From the Phys. Ed. Department](#)

Welcome to Physical Education 2026-2027!

We will be physically active both indoors and outdoors during the year. This month and into October most of our activities will be outdoors whenever the weather cooperates. We ask that students come prepared for moving whether we are inside or outside. Students should always have appropriate footwear, meaning fastened (tied or velcroed) sneakers. We will be running around on the fields a lot so be aware that sneakers will get dirty. No sandals/slippers/Crocs/slides/clogs/socks/or boots please. These do not support feet and ankles and there is always the danger of stepping on something sharp. Students should also be prepared with hats, sunscreen, or sweaters depending on the conditions. We want all students to enjoy activities in a safe and comfortable way.

[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'.