



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

September 21st-25th, 2026

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

This is: [Week 2](#)

MONDAY	- Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Debate Club @ 11:45 - Room 212 - Please bring your lunch and plan to eat it there. - Grade 7 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) - Male-identifying Soccer Practice @ 3pm - Field - Female-identifying Soccer Game @ 5:15pm - Tremont Field
TUESDAY	- Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court - French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211 - Female-identifying Soccer Practice @ 3pm - Field - Male-identifying Soccer Game @ 5:15pm - Glenbourne SF
WEDNESDAY	- Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - Sting Ensemble (all strings players) @ 12:10 - Room 201 - Grade 8 & 9 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) - Lego, robotics, and Lego robotics! If you like creating and problem-solving, come to the Lego robotics club! This will be held downstairs in the food lab (room 108) every Wednesday at 12:10. Please eat first. - Film club @ 12:00 pm - Room 217 - Please note this club starts 10 minutes earlier than others. - Musical Auditions after school - Gather in the gym @ 3:00 pm. - Please check the bulletin board outside room 212 to find out your audition time!
THURSDAY	- Bear Blast for all grade 7 students! - Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Library Open to all students @ 12pm - Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court - Musical Appreciation Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 - Female-identifying Soccer Practice @ 3pm - Field - Male-identifying Soccer Game @ 4pm - Tremont Field
FRIDAY	Professional Learning Day - No School for Students

[Upcoming Dates](#)

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 (No School)
Oct 4th - International Potluck
Oct 6th - SAC Meeting
Oct 9th - Picture Retakes

[From the Office:](#)

Office Update

Please note that our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Daley, will be away from the school from September 21–October 14. During her absence, parents/guardians who need to contact the main office are asked to email gjh@hrce.ca.

Thank you for your understanding!

School Agendas

On Monday, all students will receive a School Agenda during an Integrated Learning lesson focused on how to use an agenda effectively. We hope this will be a helpful organizational tool for students as they keep track of assignments, due dates, important events, and other responsibilities. We encourage families to regularly sit down together and look through the agenda to help students stay organized and prepared for the weeks ahead.

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.

Road, Bike & Scooter Safety

As a reminder, Gorsebrook is located at a very busy intersection, and we have recently observed many students rushing across the road or entering the intersection in unsafe ways when leaving school grounds at lunch and after school. We ask families to please have a conversation with their child about road safety, including safely crossing at designated crosswalks and taking extra care when riding bikes or scooters. We know students are often eager to get where they’re going, but taking a few extra seconds to stop, look, and cross safely is important.

Thank you for helping us reinforce these safety expectations!

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 at 11:40am to talk about student life at Gorsebrook. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please e-mail Mr. MacPhee at mmacphee@hrce.ca.

[46th Annual Terry Fox Run](#)

FINISH IT!

It's Terry Fox School Run time and every dollar raised brings us closer to Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Join us and make your impact today:

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>

[From the PTA](#)

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is excited to welcome teachers, students and families back to Gorsebrook Junior High for the 2026-27 school year!

A number of activities are planned for this year, starting with **International Night**. This free event will take place from 6-7:30pm on October 4 in the school gym. It’s a chance for families to gather, share food from their cultures and connect with one another. International Night is a potluck event. Families are invited to bring a traditional dish to share and encouraged to wear cultural attire.

We are looking for volunteers!

Would you like to get involved with the PTA? We are looking for coordinators and volunteers to support the following activities:

- International Night (various ways to help)
- Clothing fundraiser (parent liaison)
- Coffee fundraiser (coordinator)
- Pancake breakfast for students (coordinator and volunteers)
- Parent/Guardian Social event (various ways to help)

For more information, please email gjhspta@gmail.com or check out our “GJHS Community” facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1248311029346000>.

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.

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.

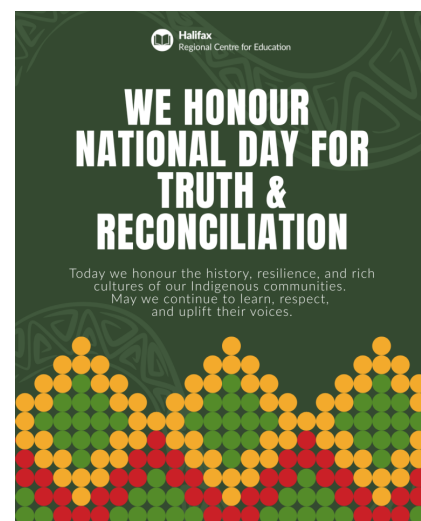
From HRCE

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, and the survivors, families and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that Every Child Matters and encourages all of us to learn, reflect and support truth and reconciliation.

As there are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, **we invite students and staff to wear orange, if they're able, on Tuesday, September 29.**



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://sishrs.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'.