



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

September 28th - October 2nd, 2026

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

This is: [Week 1](#)

MONDAY	● Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Terry Fox Run! Bring in your donations! ● Please bring a water bottle ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Chess & Strategy Games Club @ 12:10 - Room 210 ● Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210 ○ <i>no experience or sign-up required!</i> ● 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-identifyong Soccer Practice @ 3:00 pm - field ● Female-identifying Soccer Game @ 5:15pm - Glenbourne SF
TUESDAY	● Observe Orange Shirt Day - Wear your orange! ● Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Please bring a water bottle ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Brief meeting for grade 9 students interested in participating in IWK Decontamination Event during 2nd period. Listen for announcements! ● The Readers Rumble Club @ 12:10 - Room 215. ○ <i>For Readers Rumble, students are encouraged to read widely, and talk about books, from a prescribed reading list. Then, our teams will compete against other schools at a trivia-style competition, held at Armbræ Academy in April. Note that we accept readers of all levels including reluctant readers, learners with reading disabilities, and those learning English. Anyone is welcome! The goal is to enjoy books, have fun, and of course, win prizes! - from Ms. Earley and Ms. Ugursal</i> ● Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court ● French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211 ● Male-identifying Soccer Game @ 4pm - Tremont Field B ● Musical Rehearsal @ 3-6pm - Library
WEDNESDAY	● National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (<i>No School</i>)
THURSDAY	● Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Please bring a water bottle ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Library Open to all students @ 12pm ● SAC Meeting 11:40-12:50 in the board room ● Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court ● French Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 ● Female-identifying Soccer Practice @ 3:00 pm - field ● Male-identifying Soccer Game @ 4pm - Tremont Field B
FRIDAY	● Violin Practice (all grades) @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● 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> ● Games & Conversation Club @ 12:10 - Room 107 ○ <i>Come meet a new friend! All are welcome.</i> ● Francais pour l'avenir (French for the future) session 1 @ 12:10 - Room 211

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Sept 30th - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (*No School*)
Oct 4th - **International Potluck - All welcome**
Oct 6th - SAC Meeting
Oct 9th - Picture Retakes

[From the Office:](#)

Bear Blast Success!

Our Grade 7 Bear Blast was a huge success! We were so happy to see students enjoying the day, trying out different activities, and building connections with their classmates. We can't wait to see everyone rocking their new tie-dyed creations around the school!

We also heard from many students who were eager to get their hands on the recipe for the delicious cinnamon buns they made with Mme. Lutely. You can find the recipe [HERE](#).

A huge thank you to Ms. Conrad for organizing this fantastic day and to Ms. Andrews, Mme. Lutley, Mr. Brewer, Ms. U, and Mme. Jang for running sessions and helping make the day such a success!

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!

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!

[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>



Gorsebrook Jr. High PTA Presents:

International Night

A POTLUCK CELEBRATION

6:00–7:30pm on Sunday, October 4, 2026 in the school gym

International Night is a potluck event. Families are invited to bring a cultural dish to share. It is a chance to celebrate our diverse cultures, enjoy delicious food, and connect with one another.

Students, parents, and siblings are encouraged to share a song, dance, or other cultural tradition. Everyone is welcome to wear traditional, cultural or national attire.

We look forward to celebrating the amazing cultural diversity of our Gorsebrook Jr. High community!

Notes:

- This is a free event! Families are invited to bring a cultural dish to share
- For each potluck item, please write out ingredients, dish name & country
- Plates and cutlery will be provided, bring your own water bottle
- Email gjhspta@gmail.com for more info or to help out



[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://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'.