



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

September 7th - 11th, 2026

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

This is: [Week 2](#)

MONDAY	Labour Day <i>(No School)</i>
TUESDAY	- Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Provincial school lunch program starts - First Debate Club meeting of the year @ 11:45 in our NEW room (212). We already have upcoming events to talk about! - Anyone interested in trying out for the male-identifying soccer team is asked to attend a brief meeting at 11:45 in the gym. - Anyone interested in trying out for the cross country team is asked to attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 11:45 in the Room 101 (downstairs). - Female-identifying soccer tryout after school (Gorsebrook field @ 3:00)
WEDNESDAY	- Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Library Open to all students @ 12pm
THURSDAY	Stand Up Against Bullying Day - Wear your pink! - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Library Open to all students @ 12pm - Male-identifying soccer tryout after school (Gorsebrook field @ 3:00) - PTA meeting @ 6:00 - Boardroom
FRIDAY	- Please bring a water bottle - Terry Fox Guest Speaker & Fundraiser Kick-off (Pledge Forms & T-shirt order forms going home) - Lunch Forms due back to Homeroom teachers - Male-identifying soccer tryout after school (Gorsebrook field @ 3:00)

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Sept 7th - Labour Day *(No School)*
Sept 10th - PTA meeting @ 6:00 pm (Board room)
Sept 15th - Curriculum Night @ 6:00 pm
Sept 25th - PD Day *(No School)*
Sept 29th - Observe Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30th - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation *(No School)*

[From the Office:](#)

Lunch Forms

All students were given lunch forms. Please fill out the form, sign it and send it back with your child. Select only one of the options on the form. Do not create and write alternatives on the form.

A reminder food from the provincial lunch program will start on Tuesday Sept 8th, 2026. Students will be called down at the bell to pick up their meal.

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 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 will be provided to the students on Tuesday afternoon to be taken home.

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/1EvUxSSn4bCFJQwoszdsUuy6RTfknPXT/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.

School Insurance Program

School Accident Insurance is available through the School Insurance Program (SIP). Please click the link below for more information.
[Parent Brochure School Insurance Program](#)

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.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day



On Stand Up Against Bullying Day, we come together to promote kindness, inclusion and respect in our school communities.

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

APPUilauxdevoirs

Nouvelle-Écosse

gnspe.ca

Every student deserves to feel safe, supported and welcome at school. On Thursday, September 10, we invite students and staff to wear pink, if they're able, and help show that bullying has no place in our schools. Together, we can help create school communities where everyone feels they belong.

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'.