



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

October 26th-30th

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

This is: [Week 1](#)

MONDAY	● Spirit Week Theme: Monster Monday - Kick off the week dressed as your favourite friendly monster, witch, or vampire! ● Grade 8 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● There will be a short, mandatory meeting for those on the Male identifying volleyball team with Mr. Katcher @ 11:40 - Gym ● 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 ● All Grades Soccer Only Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) ● Female-identifying volleyball practice @ 3:00-4:30 - Gym
TUESDAY	● Spirit Week Theme: Black & Orange/ Pumpkin Tuesday - Show your fall colours in orange & black or pumpkin-themed outfits! ● Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● The Readers Rumble Club @ 12:10 - Room 215 ● GSA @ 12:10pm - Room 109 ● Math and Duke of Ed Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210 ● French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211 ● Male-identifying volleyball practice @ 3:00-4:30 - Gym
WEDNESDAY	● Spirit Week Theme: Wild Wednesday - Show your wild side in your favourite animal prints! ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - <i>(space is limited)</i> ● Sting Ensemble (all strings players) @ 12:10 - Room 201 ● Grade 8 & 9 Intramurals @ 12:10 - Gym (max 30 students) ● Lego, robotics, and Lego robotics! @ 12:10 - Foods Lab (Room 108) ● Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 218 ● Film club @ 12:00 pm - Room 217 ○ <i>Please note this club starts 10 minutes earlier than others.</i> ● Female-identifying volleyball practice @ 3:00-4:30 - Gym ● Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actors
THURSDAY	● Spirit Week Theme: Thrill & Chill Thursday - Get cozy in your favourite pyjamas (bonus if they’re Halloween-themed!) ● Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Grade 8 Peace by Chocolate Fieldtrip with Ms. Earley ● Library Open to all students @ 12:10pm - <i>(space is limited)</i> ● French Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 ● Male-identifying volleyball practice @ 3:00-4:30 - Gym ● Spooky Night Student Event - 6-8pm: Tickets available on SchoolCash Online!
FRIDAY	● Spirit Week Theme: Freaky Friday - End the week by rocking your Halloween Costume! (No masks or Weapons) ● Violin Practice (all grades) @ 7:45 am - Room 201 ● Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30am - Library ● Grab & Go Breakfast available ● Duke of Ed Volunteering @ 12:10 - Woodshop ● 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>

Upcoming Dates

Oct 29th - Spooky Haunted House Event for Students
Nov 9th - No Stone Left Alone Ceremony
Nov 11th - Remembrance Day - *No School*
Nov 12th - PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm - Boardroom
Nov 20th - Assessment & Evaluation Day - *No School*

From the Office:

Get ready to show your school spirit!

Join us for Halloween Spirit Week:

- **Monster Monday:** Kick off the week dressed as your favourite friendly monster, witch, or vampire!
- **Black & Orange Day / Pumpkin Tuesday:** Show your fall colors in orange, black, or pumpkin-themed outfits.
- **Wild Wednesday:** Show your wild side in your favourite animal prints!
- **Thrill & Chill Thursday:** Get cozy in your favourite pyjamas (bonus if they’re Halloween-themed!).
- **Freaky Friday:** End the week by rocking your Halloween costume! *(Please remember: no masks or weapons allowed).*

We can't wait to see everyone get creative and join in on the fun!

Student Attendance Notifications

As part of Nova Scotia’s Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy, teachers are required to notify families when a student has missed 10% or more of instructional time in an individual course.

Some families may receive these notifications in the coming weeks. We recognize that students miss school for many valid reasons, including illness, appointments, and family commitments. These notices are not disciplinary in nature or a cause for alarm. They are simply a way to keep families informed about attendance and ensure students are supported in their learning.

If you receive a notification, please know that no immediate action is required unless there are attendance concerns or barriers you would like to discuss with us.

Donations

The Gorsebrook community is now accepting donations of empty, clean prescription pill bottles. These containers will be re-used to support medical programs and reduce waste. Bottles need to be washed, dried and recapped. Please also remove all labels. Donations can be left in the main office or brought to Madame Lutley in room 209.

Spooky Night!

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Haunted House & Halloween Fun

Get ready for a night of spooky fun, games, music, treats, and more!

- Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
When: School Gym
Who: Gorsebrook Students or signed in guests who are in grades 7-9

Our gym will be transformed into a Halloween-themed Spooky Night, complete with a haunted house, games, music, treats, popcorn, and costume prizes!

Admission: \$7 per person

Your \$7 admission includes:

- A walk-through of our Haunted House
- 10 tickets to use at our various games and activity stations
- Popcorn and treats
- Music and Halloween fun
- A chance to win costume prizes

Tickets are available now on **School Cash Online** and sign in sheets for guests will be available in the office. Additionally tickets will also be available for purchase at the event. Students may bring money if they wish to play additional games past their 10 tickets.

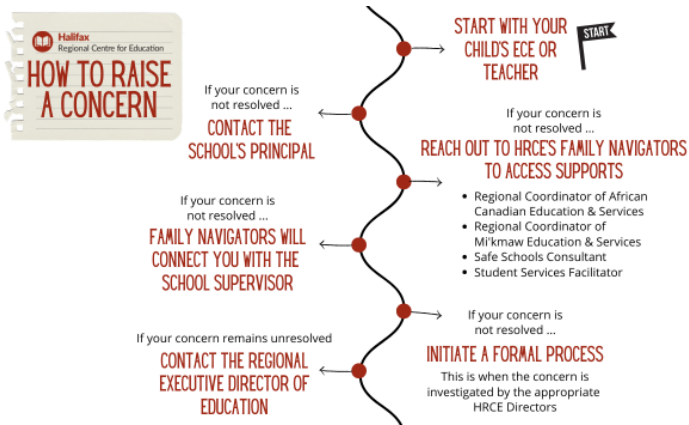
Come dressed in your favourite Halloween costume and join us for an evening of spooky fun! We hope to see you there!

Students are not required to stay for the entire time and can leave once they have participated in games and the haunted house. Parents, please make arrangements with your child regarding what time they will leave.

[From HRCE](#)

Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there’s a protocol in place to help families contact schools or the HRCE office when you have concerns about your student’s education or well-being.



- All concerns should first be shared with your child’s teacher.
- If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to HRCE’s [Family Navigators](#) who can provide information about a wide range of support and resources.
- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.
- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

[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'.