



GORSEBROOK JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY MEMO

October 5th - 9th, 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 - Terry Fox Run! (Rain date) - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - Chess & Strategy Games Club @ 12:10 - Room 210 - Math Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 210 - 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) Musical Parent Meeting - Information session for parents/guardians who have kids participating in the school musical. We encourage all to attend! - 6pm in Room 211 - Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actors - Female-identifying Soccer Game vs. Fairview @ 5:15 - Tremont Field B
TUESDAY	- Grade 9 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available SAC @ 11:40-12:50 pm in the Boardroom - The Readers Rumble Club @ 12:10 - Room 215 - GSA @ 12:10pm - Room 109 - Cross country practice @11:45am - Meet on the basketball court - French Extra Help @ 12:10 - Room 211 - Male-identifying Soccer Game vs Fairview @ 5:15 - Glenbourne
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! @ 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> - Musical Rehearsal @ 3pm-6pm - Please see bulletin board for called actors - Female-identifying Soccer Game vs. St. Agnes @ 5:15 - Tremont Field B
THURSDAY	- Grade 7 Band Practice @ 7:45 am - Room 201 - Cross Country Regional Meet @ Point Pleasant Park - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available - French Horn Clinic - (<i>Period 1- Grade 8, Period 3- Grade 9</i>) - Library Open to all students @ 12pm - Musical Appreciation Club @ 12:10 - Room 211 PTA Meeting @ 6:00pm - Boardroom <i>The PTA is still looking for parent volunteers for various events! Email gjhspta@gmail.com if interested</i> - Male-identifying Soccer Game vs. Armbrae @ 4:00 - Graves Oakley - Female-identifying Soccer Game vs. Grammar @ 4:50 - Clayton Park Field
FRIDAY	- Violin Practice (all grades) @ 7:45 am - Room 201 - Musical Rehearsal @ 7:30am - Library - Please bring a water bottle - Grab & Go Breakfast available Photo Re-takes - 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> - Male-identifying Soccer Game vs. Oxford @ 3:30 - St. Stephens Elementary

[Upcoming Dates](#)

Oct 8th - PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm - Boardroom
Oct 9th - Picture Retakes
Oct 12th - Thanksgiving Day (*No School*)

From the Office:

A Friendly Reminder: Bring Your Agenda to Every Class!

Student agendas are key to building strong daily routines, staying organized, and keeping track of upcoming deadlines and important dates. Please ensure your child brings their student agenda to every class, every day. Thank you for helping us build great habits together!

Please see below message from our school photographer at Photomaster Studios:

Attn: Parents/Guardians

Your photos are available online at photomasterstudios.ca. To access them, you will need your student's 10-digit student number. (*For example, 310xxxxxx.*)

The next delivery date of orders is retake day on October 9th; retake orders will be due 10 days after the retake day. After that, orders will be subject to a late or shipping fee.

Your photos will be available for order until June 1, 2027, after which they will be removed from the site.

Regarding Retakes:

Students must present their old proof card to the photographer on retake day. They will retain it, as no new card will be made for their retakes. Photos will be added to the online site. This information is included on the proof card.

Students who did not have a photo taken on the first day will receive access information at the time of the retake.

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Duke of Edinburgh - Mandatory Meetings

All students who have applied and who have been accepted for the Duke of Ed program, are asked to attend a mandatory meeting at one of the following times (bring your lunch):

- Tuesday, Sept. 6th @ 11:45am (Room 207) - 904/905 students
- Thursday, Sept. 8th @ 11:45am (Room 207) - 901/902/903 students
- Friday, Sept. 9th @ 11:45am (Room 207) - any students who could not attend previous date

If you cannot attend, please see Mme Jang or Ms. Conrad (outside of instructional time) for further direction.

From HRCE

October is Mi'kmaq History Month

Each October, Mi'kmaq History Month provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of Mi'kmaq culture, history, language and traditions, while recognizing the important contributions of Mi'kmaq people past and present.

Across our schools, students and staff may mark the month through learning, storytelling, art, community connections and cultural experiences that bring Mi'kmaq perspectives into the classroom and school community.

As we learn together, Mi'kmaq History Month reminds us of the importance of listening, building relationships and continuing our shared commitment to truth and reconciliation.

Learn more about Mi'kmaq History Month [here](#).

Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency is inviting families to take part in Fire Prevention Week, October 4–10. Visit halifax.ca/fpw to complete an online fire safety quiz. Want to win a Nintendo Switch, Apple products or LEGO sets? Participants who score 100% will be entered into a draw for a prize in their age category.

This year's theme, "Safe Charging is a Superpower," focuses on the safe use and charging of rechargeable devices powered by lithium-ion batteries. These batteries power many everyday devices, including phones, tablets, laptops, e-bikes and power tools. If damaged or charged improperly, they can overheat and cause fires.

Visit halifax.ca/fpw for contest details, videos and fire safety resources, and take a few minutes to test your smoke alarms and review your home fire escape plan.

[From the PTA](#)



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



[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'.