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Bringing an Old Schoolhouse Back to Life

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Osipier Trail schoolhouse, a rural district schoolhouse, approximately 120 years old, built in the early 1900s.

For years, the old schoolhouse in West Gorham has sat empty. This summer, a team of workers has been working to bring it back to life and to return it to its original purpose: a place for children to learn.

The journey has been difficult. What was considered a renovation quickly became a much larger restoration after opening walls and discovering extensive rot, water damage, and years of hidden problems. There have been plenty of moments when this project felt bigger than the team, but somehow this community has continued to show up. Families have volunteered their time, people have stepped in wherever they could, and they have played a huge

part in getting this close to completion.

In September, this old schoolhouse will once again open its doors to children. House of Parker Preschool will operate from the property, including a partnership with the Gorham School District to offer public pre-K. But the vision for this property reaches beyond the school day. House of Parker is creating a community space for after-school makers and creators of all ages, vacation and summer programming, and the work of The HOPP Hope Fund, a new 501(c)(3) created to help make these opportunities accessible to children regardless of a family's financial circumstances.

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Gorham Educators Hop Aboard a Business Bus Tour

Kelli Deveau, Staff Writer, GHS Aspire Director

On the morning of Aug. 17, 44 Gorham educators boarded a bus for an exciting new adventure. It wasn't the first day of a new school year; it was an opportunity for educators to meet with and tour businesses in Gorham, making connections between the skills and knowledge used in various industries and their own classrooms and students.

Created as a collaborative partnership with Aspire Gorham, Maine County and State Teachers of the Year Association (MCSTOYA), and the Town of Gorham's Office of Economic Development, the event, billed as the First Annual Greater Gorham Business Bus Tour, was offered as an opportunity for all Gorham educators. Educators from every grade level and from all five of the Gorham schools were along for the journey.

MCSTOYA seeks opportunities to provide professionally enriching experiences for educators, by educators. Aspire Gorham is a districtwide Pre-K through grade 12 initiative focused on bringing the classrooms into the community and the community into the classrooms, all with the goal of ensuring that every student, in every grade and classroom, has the opportunity to be exposed to, to explore, or to experience myriad career opportunities.

Christine Fox, HR director of Nappi Distributors, and her team helped kick off the adventure, providing both breakfast treats and a spacious meeting room at their Main Street headquarters. There, Kevin Jensen, the Town of Gorham's economic devel-

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At Nappi Distributors, Gorham Educators prepare to embark on a day of learning aboard a Custom Coach bus.

Gorham Baseball 2026 Championship Run and Summer Success

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Rams first-ever Class A state championship team celebrates

The Gorham Rams baseball team carried their historic momentum straight into the summer months following a dramatic,

11-inning victory over Bangor on June 20, 2026, to capture the program's first-ever Class A state championship. Once

again, they dominated the summer wood bat league. Gorham has won three out of the last four Edge Academy Summer League Wood Bat championships.

This year the final game was rained out and would unfortunately not be rescheduled due to prior commitments playing out of town; therefore, Gorham and Falmouth were named co-champions. Gorham ended the summer season with a 14-0 record while Falmouth was 13-2.

Key players from the Gorham championship teams include Hunter Finck, Preston Brown and Cooper Whitehead, who will all be returning to the Rams squad. Brown is a key cornerstone infielder and clutch hitter. Whitehead (the Rams catcher, moving seamlessly from outfield) is the team's notorious sparkplug that helped propel the Rams all season long.



Hunter Finck at the plate - summer league playoff

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