



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **Upcoming at GMS**

[Click here to see the complete GMS website calendar for more events and details!](#)

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

National School Counseling Week

Tiger Dancer Competition Practice  
4:30PM - 5:30PM (GMS)

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

National School Counseling Week

Tigerette Competition Practice  
4PM - 5PM (GMS)

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

National School Counseling Week

Tiger Drill Competition Practice  
4PM - 5:30PM (GMS Commons)

### **Quick Links**

[School Site](#)  
[GMS PTA Site](#)  
[Parent Connection](#)  
[Principal's Blog](#)  
[Healthy Hints](#)

PTA General Member Meeting  
7PM - 8PM <https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/95951133603?pwd=UUNIT2wwZEx2NWT3SldaM0ZyR0dLZz09>

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

National School Counseling Week

7th Grade A Team Basketball  
6PM - 7PM (GMS)

8th Grade A Team Basketball  
6PM - 7PM ( O'Henry MS)

7th Grade B Team Basketball  
7PM - 8PM (GMS)

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

National School Counseling Week

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

GMS Soccer  
9AM - 10AM (@GMS)

GMS Soccer  
10:30PM - 11:30PM (@GMS)

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Tiger Dancer Competition Practice  
4PM - 5:30PM (GMS Commons)

CAC Meeting  
3:45PM - 4:45PM <https://zoom.us/j/99792752408?pwd=YjpaMDF2ZkhkVHk4SEIKSXYycVNHZz09>

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

Tigerette Competition Practice  
4PM - 5:30PM (GMS Commons)

### **STANDARDIZED TESTING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING**

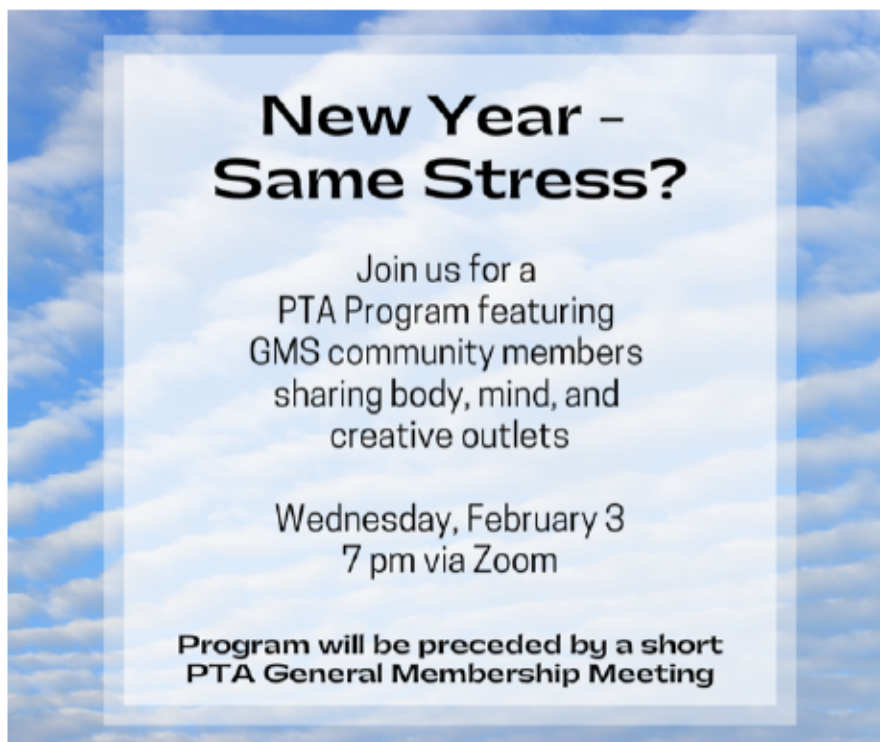
Austin Council of PTAs (ACPTA) is hosting a panel discussion on the STAAR test and the impact of standardized testing and accountability on education February 8th 12PM-1:30PM. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

The Texas legislature is in session and public school funding is one of the many education issues that will

be covered this session. We really need parents to contact legislators and ACPTA makes it easy. Every Monday an email will be sent with information to forward to legislators including who to send it to. There are two ways to access this information: 1. Join [acptaadvocacy@googlegroups.com](mailto:acptaadvocacy@googlegroups.com) to receive the emails 2. Check [ACPTA Advocacy website](#) for the weekly actions. If you want more information on how to support public education at the legislature, attend the Gorzycki PTA meeting February 3.

### **PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PROGRAM FEBRUARY 3RD**

A new year often brings goal setting, healthy habits, and new hobbies to the top our To-Do list. But 2021 finds many of us still at home and dealing with much of the same stress carried over from the year before. Join us [on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm](#) as we explore ways for families to tackle stress and stay healthy amidst the ongoing uncertainties in the world around us. A panel of experts (and GMS parents!) will share some practical tips for staying physically fit, expressing our creativity, and practicing the art of journaling to help manage our tension and start 2021 with healthy new strategies.



### **GMS PARENTS, THE YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Parents - we need your help! I know you have been asked to wear many extra hats this year and we have one more to add - YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER! With social distancing rules and virtual learning in place, our yearbook photographers can't be everywhere and we need your help. But, don't worry.... we have an APP for that!

We are asking for teachers, parents and students to install and use Balfour's Image Share app this year to submit photos for the yearbook. There is even a place to enter in WHO is the photo and WHAT they are

doing so we know where to use the photo in the yearbook. You can upload photos of virtual learning or any other school events including fine arts and athletics. We want our yearbook to capture the year and we can't do it without you.

Once you download and install the Image Share App, you will enter your email address. Then, you will receive an email from Balfour allowing you to create a username and password. Once you log-in, you are ready to submit photos to the yearbook staff. The app will allow you to upload 5 images at a time. Please do NOT upload photos that have been received through a text message or have been downloaded from social media. Those images will not be high enough quality to use in the yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook adviser, Andria Sindt, at [andria.sindt@austinisd.org](mailto:andria.sindt@austinisd.org). **NOTE: This is for Yearbook General Picture Upload (not headshots at this time)**

#### **Step-by-Step to get app setup:**

1. Download Balfour ImageShare App (see picture)
2. Enter name, email and GMS project number (123225)
3. Balfour will email you a confirmation code.
4. Once you receive code, you can setup your username and passcode and begin uploading photos.

#### **GMS PICTURE DAY!**

Picture Day is coming! GMS is officially scheduled for Monday, March 1.

**Here is what you need to know:** -- LifeTouch will take the portraits at GMS (most likely in the gym) -- Opportunities will be provided for BOTH on-campus and virtual students to have their pictures taken -- There will only be ONE picture day. There will NOT be a make-up day. -- All picture packages will be ordered online to minimize contact -- Mask will be required at all times until the photographer says it is okay to remove it for the photo

**More information will be sent out closer to the picture date, including the following:** -- How to make a picture day appointment if your child is a remote learner -- Online ordering information -- What to do if you cannot (or don't want to) get your child's photo taken at school -- Safety protocols As we all know, COVID has thrown wrenches into the best-laid plans this year. Once we are closer to the picture date and know more specifically what options are open to us, more details will be provided. Please understand that until then, we will not be able to answer specific questions about appointment times or what to do if your child cannot (for any reason) get their picture taken on March 1.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate uncharted waters. If you have any questions, please contact the front office. Andria Sindt, M.A., M.Ed

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## **GMS YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW!**

Even though so many things have been canceled this year, the YEARBOOK is HAPPENING! Order your Gorzycki Middle School Yearbook for \$35 through January 31st. The price will go up on February 1st.

Yearbooks can be purchased online using the link: <https://www.balfour.com/texas/austin/gorzycki-middle-school/yearbook-packages>

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**JOIN GMS PTA TODAY!**



You belong in PTA! ...and so do your relatives, neighbors, and friends... Spread the word! The number one reason to join the Gorzycki Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. This year's unique circumstances do not change the healthy relationship between our campus administration and the Gorzycki PTA Board and membership. Although programming and events may look different, we will continue to partner with Gorzycki to bring new resources that benefit all students.

As Gorzycki PTA gears up to support our teachers, staff, and students for 2020-2021, you can join in the effort by becoming a member of the PTA today. The PTA also supports our parents by providing timely information in our newsletter. Sign up to start receiving the PTA Bulletin. Our Gorzycki PTA works to improve the well-being of all students by providing enrichment programs and funding, as well as promoting advocacy and involvement throughout the school. The PTA encourages the collaboration of parents and teachers in order to promote and enhance the learning and education of our students. By becoming a member of the PTA, you'll be a part of an organization that truly does make a difference in the lives of all children at GMS. Please click the link to join today: <https://www.joinpta.org/>

## Current Fundraisers

### **Choose Amazon Smile for GMS**

Please consider shopping and earning cash for GMS! Select "PTA Texas Congress Gorzycki Middle School PTA"

Click [here](#) to link your purchases with Amazon Smile for GMS.

Support GMS through your Amazon App with Amazon Smile by clicking [here](#).

### **Box Tops for Education**

Download the Box Tops for Education app and start scanning your receipts! Every little bit counts and adds up quickly for GMS. How do box tops raise money for your school, click [here](#) to read more.

GMS contact: [fundraising@tigerpta.org](mailto:fundraising@tigerpta.org)

## Gorzycki Partner Program

The PTA works diligently to provide resources for our students, teachers and staff, but we can be more successful with the help of our many partners in the community! The Gorzycki

Partner Program enables your business to have significant exposure and visibility in our community while providing vital funds to support our students. This opportunity is available

to all businesses and families. Contact Becca Lusk & Kelley Davis at

[partners.gms@gmail.com](mailto:partners.gms@gmail.com) with questions.

The PTA would like to thank the businesses that support our school!

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