



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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MONDAY, MAY 9 (C Day)

CAC Meeting via Zoom
4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 10 (Modified B Day)

**6-8th Grade Reading STAAR*

Chess & Game Club
3:50-4:50 PM

NYC Trip Meeting
6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 (Modified A Day)

**6-8th Grade Reading STAAR*

Writing Club
3:55-5:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 12 (C Day)

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**8th Grade Social Studies STAAR*

Principal's Coffee Talk via ZOOM
2-3:00 PM

Dungeons & Dragons Club
3:55-4:30 PM

GSA Club
3:55-4:30 PM

NJHS Induction Ceremony
6-7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 13 (C Day)

Feminist Majority Alliance "FMA" Club
1:55 PM

Dinner Theatre
6-8:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Beginning Orchestra Field Trip
6:30 AM - 7:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 16 (A Day)

Band Spring Concert
6-8:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 17 (B Day)

Crochet Club
3:50-4:50 PM

Orchestra EOY Concert
7-8:15 PM

STAAR TESTING UPDATES

On **May 10th, 11th, and 12th** GMS will be administering the STAAR test. **Our campus will be closed to all visitors.** Testing is scheduled for 4 hours, which typically occurs between 8:30-12:30.

May 10th - 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Reading STAAR

May 11th - 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Math STAAR

May 12th - 8th Grade Social Studies STAAR

May 13th - STAAR makeup day. Any student who missed taking a STAAR test during the week will be administered the makeup test on Friday.

Testing Students, Please Adhere To The Following Guidelines:

- Please arrive at your usual time.
- Name and room numbers will be posted in the commons and in grade-level hallways
- Students will be dismissed at 8:10am to go to their testing rooms.
- Please bring a **FULLY CHARGED District issued AISD Chromebook** and charger
- Cell phones and backpacks will need to be placed in lockers before testing begins. Students will only need to bring their Chromebook, a book (nonelectric), snacks, and a water bottle to the testing room.
- **Please remind your student to bring headphones to each day of testing IF your student receives Oral Accommodations for testing (if your student gets the test read to them). Wireless headphones will not connect to their Chromebooks for testing. They must have headphones that plug into their Chromebook.**
- **We are asking students to pack a lunch for Tuesday, May 10th, and Wednesday, May 11th. We will have sack lunches from the cafeteria available if needed.**
- Students who took the Alg 1 EOC this week will report to the gym on May 11th instead of their testing rooms.

BELL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 9, Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13 - Will be 'C' Days.

Tuesday, May 10 & Wednesday, May 11th will be a modified A/B Day schedule after testing since the entire school will be testing on these days. Tuesday = B, Wednesday = A

The modified schedule looks like this:

Tuesday, May 10 = Modified B Day

Wednesday, May 11= Modified A day

8:15 First Bell

8:20 - 12:40 Students Testing

12:40-1:10 6-8 Lunch

1:15-1:50 - 1/2 Period

1:55-2:30 - 3/4 Period

2:35-3:10 5/6 Period

3:15-3:50 7/8 Period

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

GMS Student Council is raising money for **Make-A-Wish** to help grant wishes for children with critical illnesses. It's truly amazing what wishes can do. A wish renews hope, uplifts spirits and encourages the belief in the impossible. Make-A-Wish grants thousands of unique wishes each year. A wish begins with hope. And hope begins with you. Together, we can grant more wishes. Please donate today. Thank you for your support! Click the link to donate: https://secure2.wish.org/site/TR/WishYourWay/Make-A-WishCentralandSouthTexas?px=7172406&pg=personal&fr_id=4000

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Please register for the 2022-23 school year. **All new students and returning GMS Students must register.** You will need to have or sign up for a Parent Cloud account in order to register online. For instructions on how to set up a Parent Cloud account, please visit <https://www.austinisd.org/.../parent.../student-registration>.

If you are not returning to Gorzycki or AISD, please email Sonya Caballero at sonya.caballero@austinisd.org.

To access Online Registration, click on the Student Registration icon on the Cloud Desktop. If you have students at other AISD schools, you should see them and can register all of your students at once. If you have any problems with online registration, please call your child's campus or the Parent Technology Support Help Line at 512-414-9187. For more information, please visit <http://www.austinisd.org/enroll>

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE TALK VIA ZOOM

Monthly @ 2:00-3:00 PM

****Monthly Zoom invite will be sent to all parents**

Thursday, May 12, 2022

GMS DETENTION

GMS is moving detention to after school. Due to the number of students receiving detention every day a different location and strategy are needed. When your child is assigned detention, the person assigning detention will call families and inform them of the cause and confirm when detention will be served. **GMS detention will run every day after school until 4:45 in the cafeteria. Students late or skipping detention will be assigned another day.**

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

BOWIE CROSS COUNTRY SUMMER PROGRAM

[The Bowie Cross Country Summer Program](#) (\$75, Jun. 6-Aug. 4, 7-8:30 AM) is meant to serve runners within the Bowie Vertical Team! Since Cross Country season starts in August for both Middle School and High School, Our Summer Cross Country Program helps get our athletes in shape over the summer to prepare them for the upcoming season, and get them comfortable running many miles in the Texas heat!

BOWIE SUMMER DRAMA CAMP

Welcome to [STC Summer Camp](#), a unique Summer Camp (June 6-10, 8AM-5PM)) where young campers can explore their independence while enjoying a fun-filled experience. If you're looking for an unforgettable adventure, consider STC Summer Camp.

- Mornings sessions (\$125) = 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Afternoon sessions (\$125) = 12:45 PM - 5:00 PM
- Full day sessions (\$175) = 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

****Note - Students must attend the afternoon or the full day session to participate in the Showcase on Friday, June 10, 2022.**

[Registration](#) [Health Form](#)

VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEERS AT TIGER TEAM NEEDED

Tiger Team provides parent lunch monitors. Volunteers are needed--please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFAE2EA1F49-tiger>

Below is additional information about the GMS Tiger Team.

GMS Tiger Team Parent Lunch Volunteers

Thank you so much for giving your time to help our campus be even more successful! Your partnership with us is so valuable. All of our students benefit when we work together.

There are 3 lunches:

On all Block schedule days, A Days and B Days:
A lunch = 11:00 - 11:30 = 100% 6th grade students
B lunch = 11:50 - 12:20 = Mixed 7th and 8th grade students, but majority 7th
C lunch = 12:35 - 1:05 = Mixed 7th and 8th grade students, but majority 8th

On C days, Fridays - Notice the time differences:
A lunch = 10:50 - 11:20 = 100% 6th grade students
B lunch = 11:40 - 12:10 = Mixed 7th and 8th grade students, but majority 7th
C lunch = 12:30 - 1:00 = Mixed 7th and 8th grade students, but majority 8th

When you arrive, after you check in with the front office, please find an administrator or counselor (in the cafeteria or commons) who will let you know which location needs help. See tasks below based on location:

During your scheduled lunchtime volunteering, we would appreciate your help doing the following tasks in the CAFETERIA:

- As students arrive at tables, **remind them to sign** the Seating Chart clipboards
- When tables are dismissed to the lunch line, **please collect the seating charts** by taking them off the clipboard and placing them on the cafeteria stage. FYI, sheets are color coded: A lunch = white, B lunch = blue, C lunch = green
- For the remainder of the time, please weave in and out among the tables and **remind kids to pick up any food or trash** on the floor, to **stay seated** unless they ask permission, and **keep the shouting to a dull roar**.
- If students raise their hands, please go see what they need. You may give them permission to use the restroom, get paper towels, get water/milk/utensils, and visit the Tiger Mart
- The administrator on duty will give directions on the microphone about when students are to throw away their garbage and when they are allowed to dismiss to class

During your scheduled lunchtime volunteering, we would appreciate your help doing the following tasks in the COMMONS:

- As students arrive at tables, **remind them to sign** the Seating Chart clipboards
- When all the students at a table have completed their Seating charts, **you can dismiss** those who want a school lunch to go get in the lunch line. **Please collect the seating charts** by taking them off the clipboard and placing them on the cafeteria stage. FYI, sheets are color coded: A lunch = white, B lunch = blue, C lunch = green
- For the remainder of the time, please weave in and out among the tables and **remind kids to pick up any food or trash** on the floor, to **stay seated** unless they ask permission, and **keep the shouting to a dull roar**.
- If students raise their hands, please go see what they need. You may give them permission to use the restroom, get paper towels, get water/milk/utensils, visit the Tiger Mart
- **10 min before they are dismissed**, please go table to table to **remind them to throw all trash away**
- **5 min before they are dismissed** remind them to **wait until their table is inspected** before they leave
- **At dismissal time**, you may **let each table go after you have checked to see their table is clean**

DONATE

DONATE & ORDER YEARBOOKS

Please also consider donating a yearbook for students whose families cannot otherwise afford one. We would love to get at least 25 books purchased that we can distribute to deserving students so they can enjoy the memories of this year, too! Just click on the DONATE A BOOK button below to link to the online store. Once there, enter DONATE for the first name, BOOK for the last name, choose a grade (6th, 7th, or 8th), then scroll down on the next screen and click on the Donate a Book button to complete your order. [Donate a Book](#)

TEACHER WISH LIST

Show your GMS teachers some love by purchasing an item from their classroom wish list! Any purchase is

greatly appreciated. <https://www.tigerpta.org/amazon-teacher-wish-list>



AMAZON SMILE

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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FUNDRAISER

GMS Student Council Fundraiser for Central Texas Foodbank: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gmsstuco>



HIGHSCHOOL TRANSITION

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For information about transitioning to high school within Austin ISD (including but not exclusive to Bowie High School): [Heading to High School](#)

BOWIE SOFTBALL

All current 8th grade girls interested in playing softball at Bowie next year, please have your parents complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/1QoTWBMC9pX835tJA>
 More information can be found at <https://bowiesoftball.org>
 Please feel free to reach out to [Dan Dankert](#) directly if you have any questions.

BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL - INCOMING 9th GRADERS
[Incoming 9th Grade BHS Information](#)



2022 MS to HS SCHEDULING DATES

December 13th	Dawg Show Campus Preview Day Feeder middle schools will visit Bowie
January 24th	Incoming 9th Grade Showcase at Bowie Course & Club Fair 5:30PM-7:30PM
January 26th & 27th	Classroom Advising at Bailey MS
January 28th	Classroom Advising at Covington MS
January 31st & February 1st	Classroom Advising at Small MS
February 2nd & 3rd	Classroom Advising at Gorzycki MS
February 4th	Classroom Advising at Kealing MS Classroom Advising at Lively MS
February 7th	Student & Parent Advising Bailey, Covington, Kealing, Lively, and Small MS at Bowie 5:30PM-7:30PM
February 8th	Student & Parent Advising at Gorzycki MS at Bowie 5:30PM-7:30PM
February 9th	All MS Choice Sheets Due
February 14th	Round One of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
March 14th	Round Two of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
May TBD	Round Three of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
May 27th	"Charge of Mind" Deadline
Summer 2022	Advanced Course Summer Assignment Workshops
August TBD	Camp Bowie Express for Incoming 9th Graders

PROCESSES & PROCEDURES

DROPPING OFF ITEMS AT SCHOOL

In order to assist students with self-responsibility and to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, GMS does not make deliveries nor do we contact the student while they are in class to let them know that their item was dropped off. You may tell your student before school that you will be dropping off an item or you can email their teacher. The student will then have to pick it up from the front office. (delivery exceptions are contact lenses or glasses).

PERMIT TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

When students leave school early, written permission from a parent or guardian is required. Please follow these steps:

1. The student must bring the note to the front office in the morning to receive a pink slip.
2. The student will show the pink slip to the teacher when it is time to leave; the teacher will allow the student to go to the front office for parent pick-up. ****Without a pink slip, students are not allowed to leave class****
3. Parent/guardian(s) must sign the student out in the front office before leaving campus. Please bring your photo ID.

AISD ATHLETICS PROTOCOL

There are new updates to how we manage our athletic programs masking requirements are still in place, but capacity limits have been lifted.

Mask requirements: All students, staff, and spectators will be required to wear masks at indoor athletic events unless they're participating in vigorous activity.

- **Student-athletes will be masked** at all times except when they're playing the sport. That means masks are required in the locker room, in meetings, or on the sidelines.
- **The masking requirement** applies to all visiting teams and spectators.

Capacity limits: Capacity limits have been lifted as of February 10, 2022.

Health screenings: Student-athletes will be verbally screened daily to confirm everyone at the practice or game feels 100%.

- **Student-athletes** are expected to self-screen and self-report if they're experiencing any symptoms, including congestion, runny nose, sneezing, or cough.
- **Anyone who has symptoms** should not be attending any type of school activity.

We will continue reviewing our protocols to be sure we're maintaining a safe environment for our student-athletes, staff, and community.

COVID QUARANTINE AND TESTING

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Students and staff that have tested positive for Covid-19 will be required to isolate at home for 5 days. The date of the positive test is Day 0 and individuals may return on Day 6. After returning to campus on Day 6, you will be required to wear a mask for 5 additional days per CDC recommendations and AISD policy.

It is not necessary to submit a negative test to return, but students and staff should be 24 hrs. fever free and have improvement in symptoms.

SYMPTOMATIC / ILL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Staff or students who become ill while on campus may request a rapid covid test on campus. However, please do not come to school ill to get a Covid test or request "peace of mind" testing while on campus. Our health room's priority is meeting the safety and health needs of those currently on campus. There are several testing locations provided by AISD but the closest locations to GMS are:

Kiker Elementary Testing Hub :
M-F 8:00am -2:00pm
Burger Athletic Complex:
M-F 8:00am-6:00pm

JOIN GMS PTA TODAY!



Join today: <https://www.joinpta.org/>

The number one reason to join the Gorzycki Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. 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 also supports our parents by providing timely information in our newsletter. 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.

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 with questions.

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

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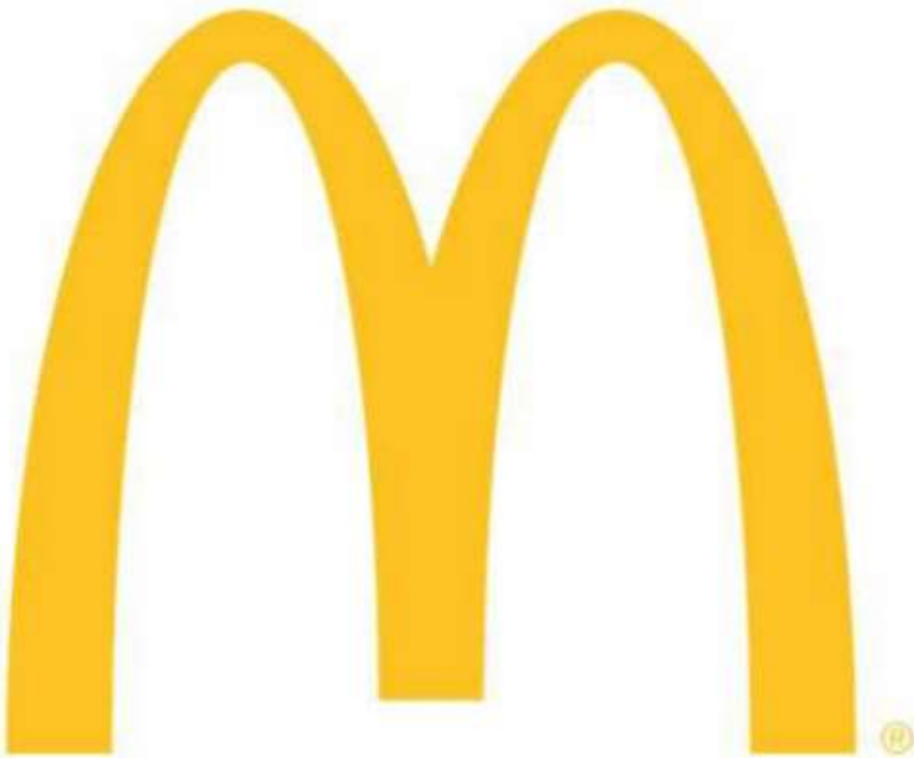
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