



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 30 (A Day)**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 (B Day)**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (A Day)**

First day of National Hispanic Heritage Month

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (B Day)**

7th B Volleyball game- GMS vs Small MS  
6PM - 7PM @ GMS

7th A Volleyball game - GMS vs Small MS  
7PM - 8PM @ GMS

8th B Volleyball game - GMS vs. Small MS  
6PM - 7PM @ Small MS

8th A Volleyball game - GMS vs. Small MS  
7PM - 8PM @ Small MS

### QUICK LINKS

[School Site](#)

[GMS PTA Site](#)

[AISD COVID-19  
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[Healthy Hints](#)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (C Day)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

School Holiday

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (B Day)**

GMS Back to School Night

7th A Football game - GMS vs. Murchison  
6PM - 7:30PM @ House Park

8th A Football game - GMS vs. Murchison  
7:30PM - 9PM @ House Park

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM AISD FOOD SERVICES & THE GMS**

The AISD Food Service's top priority is to ensure all students have access to healthy, tasty meals. The country is dealing with a nationwide food service worker shortage, directly impacting AISD; there are currently over 100 open positions, in addition to managing COVID-19 protocols. Because of this, changes in school meal operations and menus may occur. Please note, any menu changes will not be reflected on [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com) or on printed menus.

Students with food allergies simply need to request to speak to Mr. Bill, the GMS Food Manager, when he/she enters the food line. Mr. Bill will make sure that we have food to accommodate them.

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ATTENDING GMS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

**Gorzycki Back-to-School Night Expectations**  
**September 7, 2021**  
**5:30-8:00**

**Parents have two different ways to participate in BTS Night:**

1. **VIRTUAL** View each teacher's blend page. Teachers will send a Blend announcement on Friday, September 3rd with the same information that will be available in-person on the 7th. Teachers will have created a video of their room and expectations.
2. **IN-PERSON** If you would like to participate in person, GMS recommends the following times and ask that **only one family member attend** in order to reduce the number of families in the building and in each classroom.

5:30 -6:00	Student Last Name A-E
6:00-6:30	Student Last Name F- J
6:30-7:00	Student Last Name K- O
7:00-7:30	Student Last Name P- T
7:30-8:00	Student Last Name U-Z

*To encourage social distancing and practice our safety protocols, please respect that our teachers will maintain a distance and not shake hands during the In-person BTS Night. There will not be a direct presentation. The expectation is that parents spend about 4 minutes per classroom to look around the room and see what your students are doing in that particular class.*

**Format for either the virtual or in-person event.**

As you view BTS Night through Blend or visit each classroom, here are some things that will help you understand what happens in each room.

- What information did the teacher have available that was specific to that class?
  - Grading Procedures
  - Behavior Expectations
  - Typical type of instruction students will experience
  - The content students are learning
- What was the Learning Objective?
  - This is what the student is currently learning.
- What was the Success Criteria?
  - This explains to students what they need to know to be successful for that learning objective.
- How is the room arranged?
  - Tables
  - Desks
- What was something unique/interesting about the classroom?
- If you would like to schedule a conference, please email the teacher.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ATTENDING GMS ATHLETIC EVENTS**

AISD is allowing 100% capacity at all athletic events. GMS looks forward to the upcoming season and hopes that we can continue to provide a safe environment for all students, staff, and spectators. In order for us to do this, we need your assistance and cooperation for the benefit of our student-athletes. Please look over the guidelines below and help us provide the safest setting for our indoor athletic events.

- Complete the AISD App/Green screen prior to the game for each person attending. The Green Screen will not be checked upon entry.
- Masks are required for all spectators.

- Families sit together socially distanced from others. Students may attend with a parent/guardian and sit together as a family.
- The first game spectators exit immediately at the conclusion of the game allowing space for the second game.

Thanks again for your support and assistance as we all collectively work together to ensure a safe and positive athletic season for your students.

#### ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN GMS FLAG DUTY

GMS is asking for organizations that might want to help with raising and lowering the GMS flags every day. Please email [cathryn.mitchell@austinisd](mailto:cathryn.mitchell@austinisd) if your organization is interested.

#### PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE TALK VIA ZOOM

Thursday, September 9, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, October 14, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, November 11, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, January 13, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, February 10, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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

#### REVISED 6TH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM 6TH GRADE TEAM

6th-grade parents,

Without the use of lockers, we understand that students carrying a 2-inch supply binder every day is difficult.

As a grade level, we have decided that students can replace that binder with a pocket folder to use as a HOMEWORK folder and a pencil pouch with pens/pencils/markers/glue/etc.

We would appreciate a pack of notebook paper donated to your child's ELA teacher, for all teachers to use if they need paper in the classroom.

That way, they will carry the pocket folder, pencil pouch, and Chromebook to all classes, and notebooks for classes which require them (only math and social studies).

We hope this helps make your child's day a little easier!

Sincerely,  
the 6th-grade team

### IMPORTANT TIGERMART UPDATE

There will be a delay in the opening of the Tiger Mart store on campus for the time being. We are also pausing on accepting online orders until we are able to open the on-campus store. All previously placed orders can be picked up by students once we are up and running during their lunches. Stay tuned for updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Questions? Email [Tiger.Mart@tigerota.org](mailto:Tiger.Mart@tigerota.org)

### OPENINGS ON THE CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Gorzycki Middle School Campus Advisory Council (CAC) has openings for the current school year. The *Campus Advisory Council* is a committee of parents, business and community representatives, teachers, the principal, and other campus staff. The function of CAC is to provide review and comment on:

- Campus Educational Program
- Campus Performance
- Campus Improvement Plan
- Campus Staff Development Plan
- Campus-Level Waiver Requests to the State
- Campus Budget

The mission of CAC is to promote excellence in education for all students through broad-based representation. The CAC helps to provide valuable input to the principal, who ultimately has the decision-making responsibility for the campus.

The council typically meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 3:45 p.m. If you are interested in applying, fill out the attached application and return to Naomi Sanchez at [naomi.sanchez@austinisd.org](mailto:naomi.sanchez@austinisd.org)

### 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 2021-2022, 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!

The logo for Circle C Café features the words "CIRCLE C" on the top line and "CAFÉ" on the bottom line, both in a simple, sans-serif font. The text is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn style circle that is not fully closed at the top and bottom.

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