



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (A Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

CAC Meeting via Zoom
4-5:00 PM

UIL One-Act Play Dress/Tech Rehearsal
4-6:00 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (B Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Crochet Club
3:55-4:55 PM

GMS Choir Solo & Ensemble

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4-5:30 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (A Day)

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Beginning Band Concert Rehearsal (during excel)

2:10-4:30 PM

Disney Dance Practice

3:50-5:00 PM

Writing Club

3:55 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

Code Central Club

4-4:45 PM

6th Grade Science Club

4:15-5:15 PM

UIL One-Act Play Public Performance

6-8:00 PM @GMS Cafeteria

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (B Day)

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Principal's Coffee Talk via ZOOM

2-3:00 PM

Disney Dance Practice

3:50-5:00 PM

GSA Club

3:55-4:30 PM

Dungeons & Dragons Club

3:55-5:00 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

7th-Grade Girls Basketball Game @ Lively

6-7:00 PM (B Team)

7-8:00 PM (A Team)

8th-Grade Girls Basketball Game @ Gorzycki

6-7:00 PM (B Team)

7-8:00 PM (A Team)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (C Day)

*Staff Popcorn Friday

UIL One-Act Play District Competition
(Times TBD)

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club

7:50-8:15 AM

Feminist Majority Alliance "FMA" Club

1:55 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Regional Band Auditions

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

A-Team Boys Soccer Game @ Lamar

9:00 AM

B-Team Boys Soccer Game @ Lamar

10:30 AM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (A Day)

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (B Day)

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Chess & Board Game Club

3:55-4:55 PM

Chess Club

4-4:50 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

Band Fall Concert

6:30-9:00 PM

VOLUNTEER AT TIGER TEAM

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

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).

BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

All 7th and 8th-grade boys trying out for the '21-'22 basketball season need to sign up through the Google Form below. The form will close on Wednesday, Dec 1st.

The 7th grade will try out before school on Friday, Dec 3rd, and Dec 10th. Doors will open for 7th grade at 6:15 a.m. and tryouts will end at 8:00 a.m. on both days. 8th grade will try out on Thursday, Dec 2nd, and Friday, Dec 3rd immediately after school from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on both days.

Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their athlete. Please be on time.

In order to try out, each athlete must have a '21-'22 physical on the current AISD form (it must also be dated on or after April 15th, 2021), emergency card, and all online forms complete before tryouts. **If an athlete tried out for football or soccer (or you already turned in all forms), all of this has already been taken care of, and he is set for the year.** If not, please begin getting everything in order now to ensure participation in the tryout. If any forms are missing, your child will not be allowed to try out.

Green screens from the AISD App must be shown prior to each day of tryouts.

Questions? Email Coach Neary (eamonn.neary@austinisd.org)

1. Click [HERE](#) to sign up for tryouts.
2. [2021 Physical](#) - You can have your child come by the coach's office for a form as well that has the Emergency card attached.
3. [Emergency Card](#) - download the attachment above
4. [Online Forms](#)

GMS LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Do you love to read and want to meet up with students who love to read? Then join our book club.

We will meet 1-2 Fridays each month during EXCEL class. Our first meeting will be later this month.

If you are interested in joining, please fill out this [Google Form](#), and I will contact you later with more

details.

GMS 7TH- GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear GMS Family,

I'm excited and a little sad to tell you all that Mrs. Black will be moving on to Bowie High School as an Assistant Principal. She has been part of the GMS family for 10 years and has helped make GMS such a great place for learning. I know that you will support her with this new transition and welcome her to Bowie.

GMS will begin the interview process and will work with Bowie so that neither campus is left without an administrator.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cathryn Mitchell, Ph.D

Diane Gorzycki Middle School Principal

AFTER SCHOOL BEHAVIOR

The manager at Torchy's reached out and asked that concerns they are seeing be shared with the GMS community. It appears that many of our GMS students are going to Torchy's afterschool unchaperoned. These students are vandalizing the restaurant. The manager is hoping that by sharing the concerns with our GMS families they won't have to implement any next steps. We are seeing some of the same behavior here at GMS; if students can be identified, parents will be contacted.

When we all work together we can support our students in all locations.

HOW ARE SCHOOLS FUNDED?

Budget 101

How are schools funded?
How do campuses make decisions about staffing & programs?
How can I get involved?

Join us to hear from district leaders about these questions and more.

Wednesday, November 3, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Register for Zoom meeting at <https://bit.ly/3al4jAD>

Captioning and interpretation into Spanish will be provided.
This meeting will be recorded and uploaded at <https://vimeo.com/austinisdvtv>.



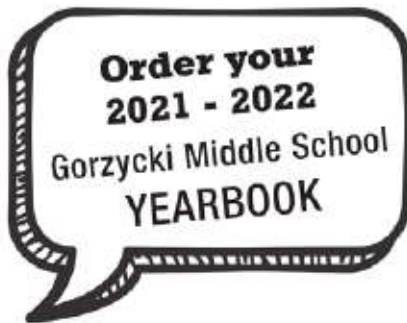
STUDENT ID'S

GMS issued student IDs last week. IDs will be required for all students, and will be used for checking out library books and Chromebook chargers; when lunch is no longer free, they will also be used to scan to pay for food. If lost, replacements can be requested in the office. The first replacement is free. Additional replacements will be \$5 each.

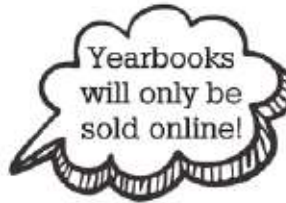
DRESSING OUT FOR PE

All Functional Fitness, P.E., and Strength & Conditioning students began dressing out last week. Students will use the locker room to change and store their belongings. A lock and locker will be provided. In addition to black athletic shorts/pants and appropriate shoes for physical activity, **students are expected to wear the grey Gorzycki P.E. shirt.** They are sold in the [Tiger Mart](#) (\$10 each).

ORDER YEARBOOKS



This year will be one to remember and the yearbook will capture all of it! The yearbooks are on sale for **\$35** through October 31st. Order now to reserve your copy!



Go to **www.balfour.com** and enter Gorzycki Middle School and select your school. Purchase a yearbook online using a credit or debit card.

Personalize your yearbook with an engraved nameplate and two icons. Nameplates and icons are available through March 4th.

QUESTIONS:
Contact Andria Sindt
Yearbook Adviser
andria.sindt@austinisd.org



**Price will increase to \$40 on November 1st.
If any books are available in May, they will be \$45.
Order now for the lowest price!
Yearbooks ALWAYS sell out - get yours TODAY!**

PERMIT TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

When students leave school early, written permission from a parent or guardian is required.

The student must bring the note to the front office in the morning to receive a pink slip.

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****

Parent/guardian(s) must sign the student out in the front office before leaving campus. Please bring your photo ID.

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 work together to ensure a safe and positive athletic season for your students.

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE TALK VIA ZOOM

Monthly @ 2:00-3:00 PM

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

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Thursday, May 12, 2022

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER QUARANTINE AND/OR BEING SYMPTOMATIC

Quarantine: (For individuals that are NOT fully vaccinated)

Day 0 is the last date of exposure.

Day 1 is the first day without exposure.

Day 5-7 Covid testing can occur.

Day 8 the individual can return to campus if a negative test result is provided, and they have had no symptoms.

At this time, for someone who is quarantined and asymptomatic, we can accept a rapid test OR a PCR test from any testing facility that provides a paper document or email copy of the results. At-home tests are not accepted.

Any quarantined individual that develops symptoms, must have a negative PCR test and/or doctor's note to return before 10 days from the start of symptoms. Additionally, they must update the school, incase further contact tracing needs to be done.

Fully vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine after a close contact exposure, but should monitor for symptoms and if symptoms develop, they should notify the school nurse or administrators, go/stay home, and follow the same steps as quarantined individuals that develop symptoms (above).

Symptomatic / Ill students or staff (Regardless of vaccination status):

Symptomatic individuals (sent home from school sick, self-reported sick, or developed symptoms during quarantine) need a negative PCR Covid test and/or a doctor's note to return before 10 days. Please reference this quick guide from Student Health Services to know when to stay home and when/how to return: [COVID 1pager 9-1-2021.pdf](#)

Testing:

Staff or students who are symptomatic may request a rapid test on campus. However, rapid tests are not available for asymptomatic individuals at this time. With 1,272 students and 123 staff members, our one nurse is not able to provide peace-of-mind testing while still meeting the safety needs of those currently on campus daily. Our priority is to have our nurse available for those staff and students with an immediate need in the building.

Please click here for [COVID-19 Testing Site Resources 8-24-21](#)

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.

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

Show Your Stripes - Grant A Teacher's Wish



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>

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!

BENGAL PARTNERS

The logo for Circle C Café features the text "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, thin, dark grey circle that is not fully closed at the top and bottom, creating a frame around the words.

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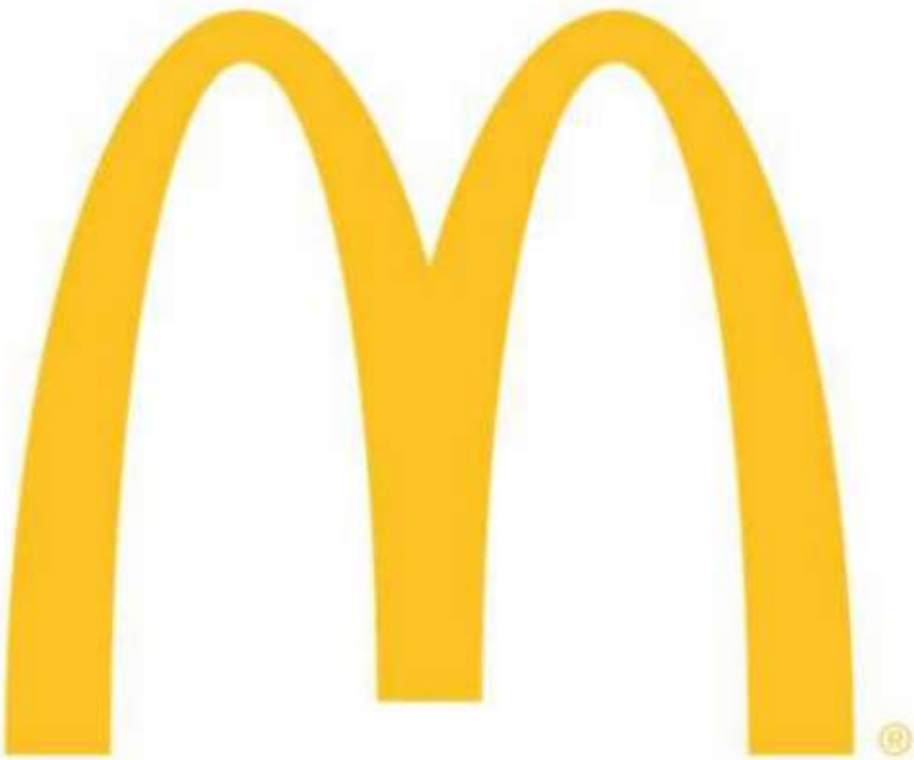


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