



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 11 (A Day)**

Debate Club  
3:30-4:50 PM

CAC Meeting via Zoom  
4-5:00 PM

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 12 (B Day)**

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

Band Solo and Ensemble Festival  
4-7:30 PM

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 (A Day)**

Spring Glee Rehearsal  
3:50-4:30 PM

Writing Club

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3:55-5:00 PM

Band Solo and Ensemble Festival

4-7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14 (B Day)**

\*Teacher & Staff Appreciation Lunch

Team 6-3 6th Grade Houston Field Trip

5:45 AM - 7:00 PM

Principal's Coffee Talk via Zoom

2-3:00 PM

Dungeons & Dragons Club

3:55-4:30 PM

GSA

3:55-4:30 PM

Tiger Track (GMS/Bailey/Small)

6-9:00 PM

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

\*Student Holiday/Staff Development

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18 (A Day)**

Debate Club

3:30-4:50 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19 (B Day)**

Crochet Club

3:50-4:50 PM

**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](mailto: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>

### TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Please consider donating \$15 to support the PTSA Teacher & Staff Appreciation luncheon happening April 14th, 1st and 2nd lunch. Donations can be left in the office until **Wednesday, April 13th**.

### 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.

### TIGER DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to the Gorzycki community for making Tiger Day such a success. We were able to raise over \$31,000 that will go directly into students' classrooms, academic departments, and student organizations. This couldn't have been done without the sponsorships from our Partners in Education, the time and talents of our GMS staff, and parent volunteers. What a great way to come back after a three-year hiatus! Photos from the event and the photo booth can be found here: <https://gmsptasocials.shutterfly.com/>

### GMS PTA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

The Gorzycki PTA proudly awards scholarships to graduating seniors who attended GMS and who plan to attend a certificate program, trade school, two-year college or four-year college program. Through PTA memberships and fundraising, we will award four scholarships for \$250. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. **Graduating Senior Who Attended GMS for at least one academic year**
2. **Cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0**
3. **Complete and submit the Scholarship Authorization and Application Forms**

Download and print the [Scholarship Authorization AND Application Forms](#) and submit them by April 15, 2022. Submit your application electronically via [email](#) or in person to the GMS Front Office in an envelope labeled "PTA Scholarship Application".

GMS administrators, counselors, and PTA executive board members will review the applications and score all applications to determine the winners.

**The deadline for submission of applications is April 15, 2022. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you have questions or would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please contact our PTA Scholarship Committee at [Scholarship@tigerpta.org](mailto:Scholarship@tigerpta.org)

### STAAR TESTING DATES

STAAR testing will be administered on the following dates. Attendance is very important and we ask that you do not schedule any appointments on these days. More information about testing will be sent out closer to the test dates.

**May 4th** Alg 1 EOC

**May 5th** 8th Science STAAR

**May 10th** 6-8th Reading STAAR

**May 11th** 6-8th Math STAAR

**May 12th** 8th Social Studies STAAR

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FUNDRAISER

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gmsstucco>



BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL - INCOMING 9th GRADERS

[Incoming 9th Grade BHS Information](#)



**2022 MS to HS SCHEDULING DATES**

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

**HIGHSCHOOL TRANSITION INFO**

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

**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](#)

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

### PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE TALK VIA ZOOM

**Monthly @ 2:00-3:00 PM**

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

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Thursday, May 12, 2022

### 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**

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### 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.

### 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, increase 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](#)

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

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

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