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GMS PTA Newsletter - 8.20.18

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**GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL****Upcoming at GMS**

[Click here to see website calendar for more details!](#)

Monday, August 20
First Day of School for 2018-19

Thursday, August 23
Picture Day

Tuesday, August 28
Executive PTA Board Meeting
4pm - 5:30pm
GMS Conference Room

Orchestra Booster Meeting
7pm - 8pm
GMS Orchestra Room

Quick Links

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Announcements**BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT LETTER**

Here is a link to the Back To School Letter that was emailed out to parents earlier this week. It has been posted to the gmstigers.com website as well. A few reminders:

The Bowie Vertical team is a District of Innovation team which means that GMS students are out of school the following four additional days: Sept. 24th, Jan. 3rd & 4th, Feb. 15th.

There are new safety protocols: students will now only use one door to walk back and forth to the portables, students will practice multiple types of drills during the first week of school, and some classrooms that are nut free.

Student schedules are NOT complete. GMS students will receive their schedule during 1st period on Monday like in years past.

Access to the entire [Back To School Parent Letter](#)

JOIN THE PTA

BE INFORMED! BE ACTIVE! BE YOUR KIDS BIGGEST FAN! BE PTA!

Joining the PTA is easy! Choose from either of these 2 simple options:

Register online now for an [individual membership](#) only \$10.00 or a [family membership](#) only \$20.00 and Pay by credit card or electronic check.

OR

[Download the Paper Registration Form](#). Return to GMS front office Attn: PTA Membership with a check made out to "Gorzycki Middle School PTA".

If you are part of the GMS faculty or staff, please sign up for a [GMS Teacher/Staff membership](#) only \$5.00.

*A friendly reminder...*PTA memberships are annual. It is required by Texas PTA to join each year. Please use the options above to rejoin.

Why Join the PTA ?

When you join the GMS PTA you become part of the largest child-advocacy organization in the nation. The Texas PTA and National PTA support our local PTA with resources and information on how to keep our children safe, trouble free and involved in school.

We know that children learn more and have better lives when everyone in the school community works together. By becoming a member of the Gorzycki PTA, you can become an important part of helping to ensure that these plans become a reality.

Members of the Gorzycki PTA receive newsletters, access to websites, discounts at local businesses, and legislative news.

Please contact [Darlene Sullivan](#) or [Rebecca Livingston](#) for any membership related questions.

Wondering if you have already joined PTA online ? Check your email to see if you have one from support@schoolpay.com for PTA membership dues.

IMPORTANT HEALTH ROOM INFORMATION

We currently still have over 150 students with delinquent vaccination records. Please continue to send in the records by fax into the GMS office to the attention of the School Nurse. Fax # 512-841-8601. You may also email them to us at jessica.bram@austinisd.org or sarah.meeneghan@austinisd.org. As a reminder, all students entering 7th grade in August 2018, need to update their immunizations to include a Meningitis vaccine and Tdap immunization according to Texas State Law. **An exclusion date of August 27th has been set and students will not be allowed to attend school starting that day without complete immunization records.**

If you have any questions concerning your student's current immunization record, please check the AISD "Parent Cloud".

The school nurses will be available to start accepting medication in the health room with the **completed parent and physician paperwork** starting on Monday 8/13- Friday

8/24 between the hours of 8am-4pm.

You may access the immunization requirements as well as all the medication paperwork at <http://www.austinisd.org/student-health>.

PE SHIRTS & SHORTS

Remember: a PE uniform is mandatory at GMS. Students will have through August 31st to purchase the uniform. Starting on Tuesday, Sept. 4th, your child will be marked down in PE class if they don't wear the uniform.

If you placed an order online through SchoolPay, please have your child pick up their order from Tiger Mart (in the commons) during lunch anytime during the week of August 27th. If the size you ordered doesn't work for your child, they can make the exchange at pick-up.

If you didn't order online, your child can purchase their uniform at Tiger Mart the week of August 27th during lunch. Shirts and shorts are \$10 each. You can also buy Strength & Conditioning shirts (orange shirts) during lunch the week of August 27th.

Questions? Email amberwithy@gmail.com.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you ordered school supplies online last June, they have been delivered to the school and will be distributed through your child's Excel teacher during the first week of school (to correspond with locker assignments). Also, this year, planners and locks are being supplied by the school, so you will not need to purchase one for your student.

Questions? Contact renaegillisdonus@gmail.com.

PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tiger Team: Tiger Team volunteers make it possible for our kids to enjoy time outside during their lunch. With your support, the kids get to play four square, basketball, and get fresh air during lunch. If there are no Tiger Team members during a lunch slot, the kids all have to stay inside.

Interested? [Sign up today](#). Contact [Alicia Barrientos-Lee](#) or [Shannon Basore](#) to get involved.

Tiger Mart: Tiger Mart is our school store located in the commons across from the cafeteria. The time commitment is from 10:45-1:00 every OTHER week, which covers all three lunches. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Amber Withycombe](#).

Teacher Workroom: The teacher workroom is the copy room which aids the GMS staff. The help we provide is essential to GMS teachers and staff. A task as simple as running copies can make a huge difference! We are looking to have a team of volunteers committed to once a week or once every two weeks, to cover the work load, and then a group of floaters available when demand is higher. Training will be offered. Interested? Contact [Alicia Hampton](#)

GMS Office Support: Do you have a couple of hours every other week? We would love to talk with you about volunteering in the Gorzycki front office. Shifts are 2 hours every week or every other week. Please email [Sonya Caballero](#) or call her at 512-841-8644 if you would like more information or wish to sign up to volunteer. No experience necessary, training is provided!

6th Grade Social: Being the youngest on campus can be a bummer, but not on 6th grade social day! This fun dance is for 6th graders only and is a great bonding experience for the

students! If you would like to help with the planning or would like to volunteer for the event please contact [Alicia Barrientos-Lee](#) or [Ana Gonzalez Villagomez](#).

Tiger Day: Tiger Day is the 2 hour school wide event to help raise funds for school programs. Many hours go in to the planning and execution of this huge event which includes carnival games, obstetrical courses, rock walls, human spheres, photo booths, karaoke and much, much more! If you would like to help with the planning or would like to volunteer for the event, please contact [Alicia Barrientos-Lee](#) or [Ana Gonzalez Villagomez](#).

Elective/Club News

PHYSICALS FOR 2018-19

The following students will need a physical:

- any student entering 7th or 8th grade who plan to tryout for any team
- any student entering 7th or 8th grade who might take Strength and Conditioning class
- also any student entering 8th grade who does not have a physical on file for this school year

All physicals must be dated after April 15th. Any dated before the 15th will not be good for next school year.

If your student will need a physical please see Coach Neary to pick up a form or download one [here](#).

Current Fundraisers

Amazon Smile

Shop and earn cash for GMS! Select "PTA Texas Congress Gorzycki Middle School PTA".

Box Tops for Education

Clip and save from participating products, then place in the box in the front office with the Box Tops logo on top. How do box tops raise money for your school, click [here](#) to read more.

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 partners.gms@gmail.com with questions.

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

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