[Gorzycki News] GMS PTA Newsletter - Week of 5/23/21



Upcoming at GMS

Click here to see the complete GMS website calendar for more events and details!

MONDAY, MAY 24

CAC Meeting
3:45PM - 4:45PM (https://zoom.us/j/99792752408?pwd=
YlpaMDF2ZkhkVHk4SEIKSXYycVNHZz09)

TICAAT (Theatre Awards via ZOOM) 6PM - 7PM (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Tiger Dancer Awards Ceremony 6PM - 7:30PM (GMS Commons & Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Tigerette Awards Ceremony 6PM - 7:30PM (GMS Commons & Cafeteria)

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Tiger Drill Awards Ceremony

Quick Links

School Site
GMS PTA Site
Parent Connection
Principal's Blog
Healthy Hints

6PM - 7:30PM (GMS Commons & Cafeteria)

FRIDAY, MAY 28

MONDAY, MAY 31

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

END OF YEAR GRADE DEADLINES

Dear Gorzycki Families!

I write to you in disbelief that the school year is already coming to an end. With that being said, it is crucial that our students finish strong with the remaining few weeks we have left.

The absolute last day for students to submit work to their teachers is on Friday, May 28th at 11:59 P.M. We have to ensure teachers have enough time to grade assignments, update their grade books, and finalize grades for the year.

The last day of school for students is June 3rd. Our teachers have fun activities planned for our kids during the last week of school. If your student is a remote learner, it is never too late for your kids to come back to campus to close out the year and say goodbye to their teachers face to face. You can always contact your student's grade level AP if you are interested in sending your student back.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

Whitney Black – 6th Grade Assistant Principal whitney.black@austinisd.org

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Benjamin Summers – 8th Grade Assistant Principal benjamin.summers@austinisd.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2021-2022

This is a reminder to complete the registration process for the 2021-22 school year. Students will not be enrolled in courses until registration is complete.

Currently, only 54% of students are registered.

If you haven't yet registered your student online for school in the 2021-22 school year, you must do so at this time. (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/technology/parent-portal/student-registration. If you are not returning to Gorzycki or AISD, please email Sonya Caballero at sonya.caballero@austinisd.org.

Parent Self-Serve is the portal that allows parents to view their child's schedule, attendance, and grades. In addition, parents can email teachers and set notification alerts if they want to receive emails when their child has been marked absent or has a missing assignment.

The Parent Cloud also allows you to access Parent Self-Serve to check your student's grades, assignments, and attendance. Please remember to write down your password for future reference.

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

For incoming Gorzycki parents, please join our GMS Newsgroup to receive important school information.

Go to our website, http://www.gmstigers.org, select GMS Newsgroup, and enter your email address.

Please follow us on Facebook too!

Thank you,
Sonya Caballero
Attendance Specialist/Registrar
Gorzycki Middle School
512-841-8607

AISD STUDENT DEVICE INFORMATION, PLEASE READ!

AISD Student Device Information (Chromebooks and Hotspots)

Dear Gorzycki Parents,

As the school year winds down to a close, I wanted to give you some important information and updates about the AIS Release Promotion for Steal the Moon by Venessa Kimball (Responses) - Google Sheets

If your current Chromebook is either a Toshiba or a Dell model without a touchscreen it will need to be swapped out for a new Chromebook immediately.

All Toshiba and Dell non-touchscreen Chromebooks (see images below) have been classified as end-of-life and will not be operational this summer.



In person students should visit Mrs. Mitchell in the library to swap out their devices.

Remote students can reserve a new Chromebook by completing the following Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfibTizqMo9qPm9TCsOk2qN4GcLa9KiDoMmaTiH_ WWaOR3Ubw/viewform

You will be notified by email when your new device is ready for pickup. Please DO NOT wait until your Chromebook stops working this summer to request a replacement device.

2021 - 2022 GMS SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

The GMS 2021- 2022 school supply lists have been finalized. Please click the attachment for school supply lists for 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade. French & Spanish https://aisdblend.instructure.com/courses/111130/files/31294694/download

IT'S TIME TO UPLOAD YOUR YEARBOOK PORTRAIT

If your student <u>DID NOT</u> have their picture taken by Lifetouch on picture day, you will receive an email (sent on 4/12) from <u>no-reply@balfour.com</u> with instructions and a unique link to upload your student's picture (if you have siblings at GMS, you will receive unique links for each child). Please check your spam folder if you do not see the email in your inbox. Questions? Please email the yearbook adviser at andria.sindt@austinisd.org.

GMS PARENTS, THE YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP! YEARBOOK PICTURES ARE NEEDED!

Parents - we need your help! I know you have been asked to wear many extra hats this year and we have one more to add - YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER! With social distancing rules and virtual learning in place, our yearbook photographers can't be everywhere and we need your help. But, don't worry.... we have an APP for that!

We are asking for teachers, parents, and students to install and use Balfour's Image Share app this year to submit photos for the yearbook. There is even a place to enter in WHO is the photo and WHAT they are doing so we know where to use the photo in the yearbook. You can upload photos of virtual learning or any other school events including fine arts and athletics. We want our yearbook to capture the year and we can't do it without you.

Once you download and install the Image Share App, you will enter your email address. Then, you will receive an email from Balfour allowing you to create a username and password. Once you log in, you are ready to submit photos to the yearbook staff. The app will allow you to upload 5 images at a time. Please do NOT upload photos that have been received through a text message or have been downloaded from social media. Those images will not be of high enough quality to use in the yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook adviser, Andria Sindt, at andria.sindt@austinisd.org. NOTE: This is for Yearbook General Picture Upload (not headshots at this time)

Step-by-Step to get app setup:

- Download Balfour ImageShare App (see picture)
- 2. Enter name, email, and GMS project number (123225)
- Balfour will email you a confirmation code.
- 4. Once you receive the code, you can set up your username and passcode and begin uploading photos.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR GMS YEARBOOK YET?



Even though so many things have been canceled this year, the YEARBOOK is HAPPENING! Our GMS Yearbook can be purchased online using the link: https://www.balfour.com/texas/austin/gorzycki-middle-school/yearbook-packages

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 2020-2021, 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

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



















Modern Family Dentistry of Oak Hill

Gentle Preventive & Cosmetic Dentistry

512-301-9002

www.austinmoderndentist.com Doctors Maggie & Benjamin Sharfae, DDS

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