



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Red Ribbon Week - Mon-Wed.

Bring a stuffed animal. Hugs...not drugs!

Soccer Tryouts: 7th & 8th Boys

Contact Coach Sindt, Mackenzie, or Mahoney for details.

Disney Dance Practice Tigerettes

3:45pm - 5:00pm @ GMS Cafeteria

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Wear superhero hear. Be a superhero and be drug free!

Soccer Tryouts: 7th & 8th Boys

Contact Coach Sindt, Mackenzie, or Mahoney for details.

PTA Executive Board Meeting

9:00am - 10:30am in GMS Conference Room

Keyboarding Proficiency Test

Registered 7th & 8th Grade only during Excel

AISD Choral Festival Rehearsal & Concert (7pm - 8pm)

12:00pm - 7:00pm @ AISD Performing Arts Center

Hello World Computer Science/Engineering Program

4:00pm - 6:00pm @ GMS Room 519

Football: 2nd Round of Playoffs @ House Park

Team 7A 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Team 8A 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Quick Links

[School Site](#)

[GMS PTA Site](#)

[Parent Connection](#)

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Wear your Halloween costume. Don't be tricked...Drugs are not a treat!

Keyboarding Proficiency Test

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5th Fall Glee Rehearsal

3:50pm - 5:00pm @ GMS Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Keyboarding Proficiency Test

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Lady Tiger Basketball: GMS vs. O'Henry MS

Team 7B 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ O'Henry

Team 8B 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ GMS

Team 7A 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ O'Henry

Team 8A 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ GMS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Principal's Coffee

9:00am - 10:00am in GMS Conference Room

GMS Fall Book Fair in GMS Library

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

GMS Soccer:

Team A 9:00am - 10:00am @ GMS

Team B 10:30am - 11:30am @ GMS

District Band Auditions @ Paredes MS

7:00pm Students arrive

7:30pm Auditions

Announcements

COFFEE TALK with DR. MITCHELL - GMS PRINCIPAL

Friday, November 2

Please see the dates below for the Principal Coffee talks for parents beginning at 9 am in the GMS conference room.

The purpose of these meetings is to inform parents and community members of current events, curriculum trends and any topic that is vital pertaining to middle school students. The informative event is driven by parents' input and questions. Coffee will be provided.

November 2nd (rescheduled from Oct. 26th)

November 30th

January 25th February

22nd

March 29th

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Gorzycki Library.

Monday, November 5 thru Friday, November 9 the library will host a book fair for all GMS Tigers.

REFLECTIONS at GMS

Deadline November 14

Attention Gorzycki Tigers!

Get creative with this years PTA Reflections! The theme this is year is ***Heroes Around Me***.

- Submit entries in the following categories: : dance choreography, film production, literature , music composition , photography and visual arts.
- Submit entries by November 14th . Entries can be dropped off in the Reflections bin in the library.
- Full rules on each category and entry forms can be found at <http://austincouncilpta.org/reflections-2> (Be sure to check requirements for size of submissions and how to submit digital entries)
- All Tigers are encouraged to participate. 6th-8th grades, including Special Artists (for students with disabilities who receive services under IDEA or Section 504; please refer to the rules online for more information.
- Student's family or family member must join the GMS PTA to participate in Reflections.
- The theme ***Heroes Around Me***: In the judging process, greater weight is put on interpretation of the theme- how closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the entry submitted and the artist statement.

**** There will be random weekly gift card drawings from entries received!***

KEYBOARDING PROFICIENCY TEST 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 30th -- Thursday, November 1st @ GMS during Excel

Registration is available for the second fall session. Dates and information below.

Gorzycki will offer the Keyboarding Proficiency Test to 7th and 8th grade students, in order to meet the keyboarding requirement. Students who have not yet taken TSDE Keyboarding, or a substitute class (see below), or passed the Keyboarding Proficiency Test before the end of 7th grade must take Keyboarding in 8th grade.

Our only testing session this fall is scheduled as follows:

Part 1 - Tuesday, Oct. 30th

Typing Speed and Accuracy: Students must pass Part I by typing a minimum of 25 words per minute with 80% accuracy, in order to come back the next two days day to take Part II.

Part 2 – Wednesday, Oct. 31st and Thursday, Nov. 1st

Microsoft Office and Internet Search Proficiency (2 day course)

For more information and to register, go to <http://keyboarding.gmstigers.org>. Be sure to provide valid parent and student (AISD) email addresses for testing notifications.

To take the test, your student must be registered online before the testing dates at <http://keyboarding.gmstigers.org>. No phone-in, email, or same-day registrations will be accepted. Once your student has been registered for the test, they will receive an email link to a BLEND course that contains a detailed study guide for the Keyboarding Proficiency Assessment.

For information not found on the website, email Ms. Finkler at carolyn.finkler@austinisd.org. Another testing session will be held in March 2019 for 6th and 7th grade students.

*** Substitute classes: Video Game Design, Media Production, Digital Art and Animation, Business Careers, Intro to Journalism.

GMS FOOTBALL GAME CHAIN CREW - Volunteer Opportunities **LAST TWO GAMES THIS WEEK!**

We Need You!!! we need Chain Holder and Down Marker Volunteers for this weeks games. Want to watch the game from the sideline? Here's your chance, we are looking for weekly chain and down marker holders for our home games, please click on link below to see game dates available. Appreciate your help, the GMS Athletic Booster Club. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094cacad283-gmsfootball>

7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS **November 9 & 16**

7th Grade will be before school from 6:15-8:15 AM (Doors open at 6:00).

8th Grade will be immediately after school until 5:30 PM.

** 8th Grade Tryouts on the 16th are subject to change depending on Bowie Football Playoff Schedule**

You must have a current AISD physical on file in order to tryout.

Physicals must be dated April 15th or after and all sections (including online portion) must be complete

If your son is not in athletics class, please tell them to sign up in the boys coach's office. Contact Coach Neary if you have any questions.

UPCOMING CAMPUS TOURS/EVENTS

Only One Gorzycki @ Gorzycki

Monday, November 5 5:30-7:00 PM

Current 5th grade students to tour the campus, meet with teachers, coaches and counselors, preview elective offerings and enjoy student performances.

McCallum Fine ARTS Showcase @ MAC THEATRE

Tuesday, November 6 7-9 PM

[5600 Sunshine Drive](#) Austin,
TX 78756

This event is for 8th grade students and families interested in joining the McCallum Fine Arts Academy.

LASA - Liberal Arts and Science Academy Showcase @ LASA

Wednesday, November 14 6-8 PM

[7309 Lazy Creek Drive](#)

Austin, TX 78724

The annual "LASA Showcase" in November is an additional opportunity for interested students and parents to walk LASA's halls, meet teachers and students and explore this unique high school.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE 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.

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

PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! GMS School Supplies: We need a volunteer to lead the school supplies ordering and delivery process next year. In the spring, you will work with the existing supplies vendor (or select a new one), and also work with Dr. Mitchell and the teacher teams to compile lists by grade. Then you will schedule delivery of supplies to the school before school starts and solicit volunteers to help with distribution during the first week of school. Please email president@tigerpta.org if you are interested in leading this effort.

SIGN UP TODAY for 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](#).

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 [Michelle Roddewig](#) 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!

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](#).

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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