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## GMS PTA Newsletter - 8.26.18

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# GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### Monday, August 27 - 31

PE Shirts & Shorts for sale and Pre-sale pick up  
During Lunch  
Tiger Mart

#### Tuesday, August 28

Executive PTA Board Meeting  
4pm - 5:30pm  
GMS Conference Room

Band - Private Staff Meet & Greet

6pm - 7pm  
GMS BandHall

Orchestra Booster Meeting

7pm - 8pm  
GMS Orchestra Room

#### Thursday, August 30

Volleyball:  
Gorzycki at Murchison  
7th "B" 6pm

### Quick Links

- [School Site](#)
- [GMS PTA Site](#)
- [Parent Connection](#)
- [Principal's Blog](#)

7th "A" 7pm  
Murchison at Gorzycki  
8th "A" 6pm  
8th "B" 7pm

**Monday, September 3**  
Student / Staff Holiday

## Announcements

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER'S from DR. MITCHELL**

- Schedule changes happen this week only. Students need to complete a form which will be available in the counseling office.
- There are still 36 7th graders without current immunizations. These students will not be allowed in class starting Monday.
- Sporting events start next week. Remember that students must be picked-up within 10 minutes of the event ending. For volleyball games, it is best 2 out of 3. This means the games could end within an hour. Our girls are really good.

Access [Dr. Mitchell's blog](#)

### **PE SHIRTS & SHORTS**

**Remind your student to go to the Tiger Mart during lunch this week to pick up pre-ordered or buy PE uniforms.**

If the pre-ordered size you ordered doesn't work for your child, they can make the exchange at pick-up. Shirts and shorts are \$10 each. You can also buy Strength & Conditioning shirts (orange shirts) during lunch this week.

Important: 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.

Questions? Email [amberwithy@gmail.com](mailto:amberwithy@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:support@schoolpay.com) for PTA membership dues.

### **AISD CLEAR BAG POLICY**

Effective Aug. 30, visitors will be required to use clear bags at any Austin ISD central athletic facility. **The central facilities are Burger Center, Delco Center, House Park, Nelson Field and the Noack Sports Complex.**

Approved bags must be clear and not exceed 12 in. (by 6 in. by 12 in.) or be a clear one-gallon resealable plastic freezer storage bag. One per person. Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and have a maximum of one logo imprint not exceeding 4.5 in. tall x 3.4 in. wide.

The only non-clear bags permitted are small clutch bags (with or without a strap) that are the size of a hand. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at designated areas.

[Details on approved and non-approved bags \(PDF\)](#).

Please Note:

- This does not apply to Middle School/High School Campuses
- Students attending games as spectators at the central facilities must follow the policy. They will not be able to bring backpacks or any other bags that do not meet the requirements. It does not apply to athletes participating in a game/event.

### **INTERESTED IN JOINING GMS CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The mission of CACs is to promote excellence in education for all students through broad-based representation. CACs provide valuable input to principals, who ultimately have decision-making responsibility for their campuses.

Membership of Campus Advisory Councils is determined at the campus level. Click [here](#) to download a standard membership application. Completed applications should be submitted to your campus principal. Detailed information on membership criteria is contained in the [CAC Bylaws](#).

## **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](#).

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

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



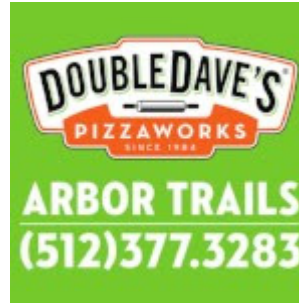
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