



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 (A Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 (B Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Crochet Club
3:55-4:55 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 (A Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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7:50 AM

Fall Glee Rehearsal
3:50-5:00 PM

Disney Dance Practice
3:50-5:00 PM

Writing Club
3:50-5:00 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

Code Central Club
4-5:00 PM

6th Grade Science Club
4:15-5:15 PM

PTA General Membership Meeting & Program via Zoom
6:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 (B Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

GSA Club
3:55-4:30 PM

Dungeons & Dragons Club
3:55-5:00 PM

UIL One Act Play Practice
4-6:00 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

7th-Grade Girls Basketball Game @ O. Henry
6-7:00 PM (B Team)
7-8:00 PM (A Team)

8th-Grade Girls Basketball Game @ Gorzycki
6-7:00 PM (B Team)
7-8:00 PM (A Team)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 (C Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Drama Club
4-5:00 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

A-Team Boys Soccer Game @ Murchison
9:00 AM

B-Team Boys Soccer Game @ Murchison
10:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (A Day)

UIL One Act Play Competition
TBD

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Glee Small Group Rehearsal
3:50-5:30

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

There is Only 1 Gorzycki - Incoming 6th Graders
5:30-7:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (B Day)

UIL One Act Play Competition
TBD

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Crochet Club
3:55-4:55 PM

GMS Choir Solo & Ensemble
4-5:30 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

The new bell schedule started last week. Please visit the [GMS website](#) for the schedule. The revised schedule re-establishes a 30-minute lunch, which had been the case before changing to block scheduling, and adds instructional minutes back to classes, particularly those interrupted for lunch.

STUDENT ID'S

GMS issued student IDs last week. IDs will be required for all students, and will be used for checking out library books and Chromebook chargers; when lunch is no longer free, they will also be used to scan to pay for food. If lost, replacements can be requested in the office. The first replacement is free. Additional replacements will be \$5 each.

BOY MAP RESULTS

The Beginning of the Year (BOY) MAP results were distributed to every student last Wednesday. Learn how to read the results on the [GMS Website](#) or the Gorzycki Community Blend page.

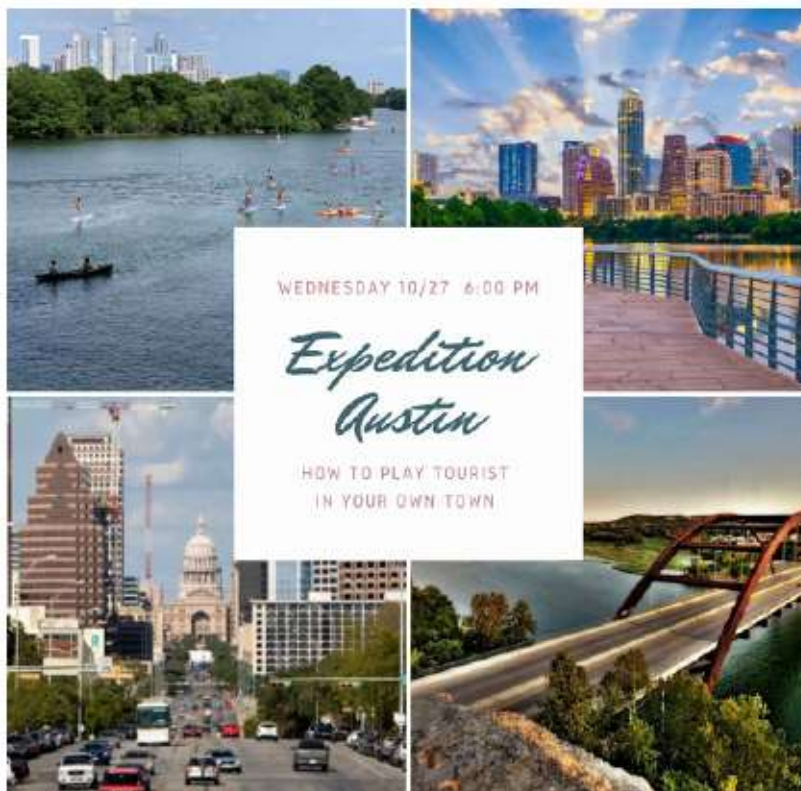
DRESSING OUT FOR PE

All Functional Fitness, P.E., and Strength & Conditioning students began dressing out last week. Students will use the locker room to change and store their belongings. A lock and locker will be provided. In addition to black athletic shorts/pants and appropriate shoes for physical activity, **students are expected to wear the grey Gorzycki P.E. shirt.** They are **sold in the [Tiger Mart](#) (\$10 each).**

ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION FROM STAAR

Due to HB4545, students who did not take or failed the 2021 STAAR tests may qualify for Accelerated Instruction. An email will be coming from your grade level Assistant Principal this week if your child qualifies.

PTA MEETING



Join the GMS PTA on **Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00 PM** for a brief General Membership Meeting followed by our fall program, Expedition Austin: How to Play Tourist in Your Own Town. Get insider tips

from two local parents & travel experts, Kristin Finan and Mauri Elbel, and learn how your family can make the most of this beautiful city and all the adventures it has to offer.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/91666952527?pwd=Qnl5Y2hDM0VIM2s0eEIDY2RwSjdTUT09>

Meeting ID: 916 6695 2527

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TIGER DRIVE is going on NOW



TIGER DRIVE is off to a great start! With your help, we are already over 25% of the way to our \$20,000 goal to support our amazing GMS teachers and staff! Show Your Stripes now through October 29. 100% of the funds raised will go directly to our school.

www.tigerpta.org/tiger-drive

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM



National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts, which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through 12th grade create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme.

This Year's Theme is : "I Will Change the World By....."

All Gorzycki Tigers are encouraged to participate and will participate in the program according to their grade level. 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. You can review entries from previous years by visiting the [gallery](#).

How to Enter:

1. Download the entry form here in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
2. Pick a category for your entry (See rules for each category, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)):
 - Dance / Choreography
 - Film Production
 - Literature
 - Musical Composition
 - Photography
 - Visual Arts
3. Submit entries via [Google Form](#). Deadline to submit entries is **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

The student's family must be a member of the Gorzycki PTA by October 31, 2021. Please join [here](#).

See information on awards [here](#). Entries selected for State recognition will be notified on March 15.

Please contact Reflections Chair, Leslie Dippel, with any questions: ldippel@att.net

ORDER YEARBOOKS

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Please look over the guidelines below and help us provide the safest setting for our indoor athletic events.

- Complete the AISD App/Green screen prior to the game for each person attending. The Green Screen will not be checked upon entry.
- Masks are required for all spectators.
- Families sit together socially distanced from others. Students may attend with a parent/guardian and sit together as a family.
- The first game spectators exit immediately at the conclusion of the game allowing space for the second game.

Thanks again for your support and assistance as we all collectively work together to ensure a safe and positive athletic season for your students.

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE TALK VIA ZOOM

Monthly @ 2:00-3:00 PM

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

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Thursday, May 12, 2022

GMS LIBRARY LUNCH PASSES

Want to come relax in the Library during the 2nd half of your lunch period? Stop by the Library in the morning and grab a library lunch pass from Ms. Fuller. After you finish eating, show an administrator or counselor your pass, and you'll be able to spend the rest of your lunch in the Library!

QUESTIONS ABOUT 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, incase 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](#)

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 2021-2022, 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

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 with questions.

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

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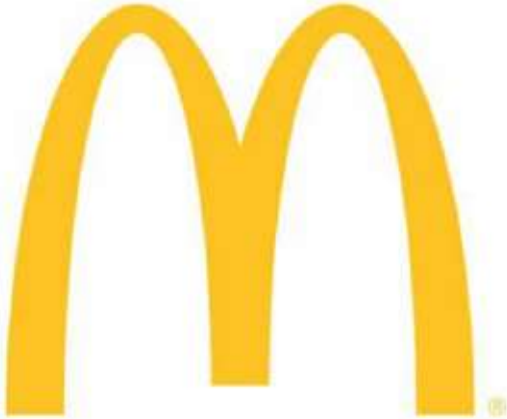


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