

## [Gorzycki News] GMS Newsletter: Week of 12.15.2019



# GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Service Day

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM GMS Library & Commons

Theatre Arts - "Frozen Strike"

3:45 PM - 6:00 PM GMS Cafeteria

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Advanced Band Concert (set-up after basketball)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM GMS Big Gym

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

GMS Cookie Exchange

### Quick Links

[School Site](#)

[GMS PTA Site](#)

[Parent Connection](#)

[Principal's Blog](#)

[Healthy Hints](#)

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

GMS Winter Fine Arts Assembly (set-up @7:45 AM - 8:25 AM)

9:17 AM - 2:00 PM GMS Big Gym

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Staff Development/ Student Holiday  
Winter Break Begins!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

No school

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

No school

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

Girls Soccer Tryouts  
3:40 PM at GMS

Spelling Bee Final  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM GMS Cafeteria

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

Girls Soccer Tryouts  
3:40 PM at GMS

Set-up for Souper Bowl of Caring  
3:40 PM - 4:30 PM at GMS

## **Announcements**

### **JOINING THE GMS PTA HELP US REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL AND QUALIFY FOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Please help us achieve our membership goal of 640 members by the end of the month. Meeting our goal will help GMS qualify for special awards and scholarships from Texas 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.

To renew your annual membership, or join the Gorzycki Tiger PTA for the first time, please visit <https://www.tigerpta.org/join-pta-1>

If you have any questions, email [membership@tigerpta.org](mailto:membership@tigerpta.org)

### **CONSIDER DONATING A GIFT CARD OR RAFFLE PRIZE FOR THE GMS STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY**

On the 19th, the GMS staff has a Holiday Party. In the past, teachers have received donations from local businesses or raffle prizes for the teachers (Double Dave's, Kendra Scott, Alamo Draffthouse, District, Waterloo, and Lifetime Fitness donated last year). This year, the party coordinators are also looking for gift card donations from parents for prizes (\$5-\$10). **All you have to do is drop off the gift cards at the front office and label them "Sunshine Committee" by December 19th.** They will then be raffled off at the Holiday Party on the night of the 19th.

### **CALLING ALL HOLIDAY BAKERS!**

Here's your chance to bake your hearts out. Pull out your favorite recipe for the GMS Staff! The PTA would like to honor the GMS staff by presenting them with an abundance of homemade treats for the holidays with our annual Cookie Exchange event on December 18th. We hope to allow each staff member to grab a select amount of treats to take home to fill their bellies and hearts with joy. We are asking for volunteers to make their favorite treats (3-4 dozen), so we have enough sweetness for each staff member. All treats need to be in the office by 8:00AM on Friday, December 18th as we'll be setting up that morning.

Please click the signup link to sign-up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49abad2da31-gmsstaff>  
Questions? Contact Jennifer Vega at [vega.jennifer21@gmail.com](mailto:vega.jennifer21@gmail.com).

### **BROWN SANTA TOY DRIVE DECEMBER 3 - 17**

Attention Gorzycki Community...Did you know that over 1200 families in Travis County will receive some sort of assistance from Brown Santa this holiday season? The Gorzycki Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is hosting a new toy drive on behalf of the Travis County Sheriff's Brown Santa Program. If each Gorzycki student donates just one toy, our campus alone can make sure 1300 children receive a new toy for the holidays! ***Let's help keep the sleigh bells ringing for all of the children in Travis County by donating new toys! Please consider making a donation today!***

New toys can be placed in the large barrels (and boxes) in the front entrance from

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### **THINKING ABOUT HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR TEACHERS?**

If you'd like to do something special for your teacher this holiday season, please consider purchasing an item off of their Amazon Wishlist. You can access the teacher lists on the Tiger PTA website here:

<https://www.tigerpta.org/amazon-teacher-wish-list> . If your teacher is not listed on this page, please email them and ask them to send their list to us and we'll get it posted ASAP. They can email [president@tigerpta.org](mailto:president@tigerpta.org). Thanks for supporting our GMS teachers!

### **REMEMBER TO SHOP AMAZON SMILE FOR GMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

With the holiday season approaching, and Amazon being a one of many stops, please shop and earn cash for GMS! Select "PTA Texas Congress Gorzycki Middle School PTA".

Click [here](#) to link your purchases with Amazon Smile for GMS.

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS**

The Souper Bowl of Caring takes place during the month leading up to the Super Bowl. It was created to raise money and food for the needy around the local area. With the government shut down your donations are even more important this year. The Excel class that donates the most cans to the food drive will receive a popcorn party during their Excel! Most Requested Items are Peanut butter, canned chicken breast or tuna, canned low sodium vegetables, canned fruit in its own juice (no sugar added), dry pinto beans, brown rice, non-fat dry milk powder, and 100% whole grain cereal. **Since GMS was selected to be a Kickoff site, our goal is 2000 pounds of food by January 10th! The drive will continue to accept donations through Jan 30. Please drop your donations at the GMS front office .**

### **TIGER MART ITEM - CHROMEBOOK SLEEVES NOW AVAILABLE IN ADDITION TO CHROMEBOOK SKINS**

Chromebook sleeves with the Gorzycki Tigers logo are now available as an alternative to the bags with straps issued by AISD. These are helpful to the students if they don't want an extra bag to carry and want to put their computer in their backpack to/from school. These are also acceptable for carrying their computers between classes instead of the AISD bag. All Chromebooks have to be in some sort of protective cover or bag. The Chromebook sleeves are \$12.



You are still able to purchase a "skin" from Tiger Mart. The skins are black with white GMS lettering and

cost \$10. Having a skin on your Chromebook will allow your child to decorate it with stickers, etc without damaging AISD property. If you don't buy a skin at Tiger Mart, it's recommended to purchase one online or wherever you can find them.

### **SIGN UP FOR TIGER TEAM**

It's that time again...time to sign up for Tiger Team! What is Tiger Team? It's parents who volunteer to supervise kids outside during their lunch time. Without volunteers to supervise the kids, they are required to stay inside during their entire lunch time. Healthy Food + Fresh Air = AWESOME KIDS!

Click here to sign up for a time slot! <https://signup.com/go/dmYoJeh>

Contact Sunny Tracey at [sunnymtracey@gmail.com](mailto:sunnymtracey@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **STUDENT EVENT PICKUP REMINDER**

Please remember that students must be picked up from events within 10 minutes after the event. Some events like volleyball, football, and basketball don't have a set end time which can make this 10 minute window tricky. Either have a set time to pick up your student or a way to communicate with the student.

## **Current Fundraisers**

### **Business Can Support the GMS PTA Too**

The Gorzycki Partners in Education (PIE) Program enables your business to have significant exposure and visibility in our community while providing vital funds to support our students. Partnerships are offered at various levels, which determines the level of recognition and exposure. PIE donations help supplement PTA funds for various campus wide and classroom needs determined by teacher fund requests and Dr. Mitchell.

Go to <https://www.tigerpta.org/tiger-day-sponsors> to learn more. If you have questions, please email [partners.gms@gmail.com](mailto:partners.gms@gmail.com). Thanks for your support!

### **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. GMS contact: [fundraising@tigerpta.org](mailto: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 [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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