



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 8

GMS Service Week begins today!

Boys Track Tryouts  
6:30AM - 7:45AM

CAC Meeting  
3:45PM - 4:45PM <https://zoom.us/j/99792752408?pwd=YjpaMDF2ZkhkVHk4SEIKSXYycVNHZz09>

Cheer Tryout Clinic  
4PM (GMS Commons & Big Gym)

Girls Track Tryouts  
4PM - 5:30PM

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 9

GMS Service Week

Cheer Tryout Clinic

### Quick Links

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

6PM (GMS Commons & Big Gym)

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

GMS Service Week

Boys Track Tryouts  
6:30AM - 7:45AM

Cheer Tryouts  
4PM - 9PM (GMS Commons & Big Gym)

Girls Track Tryouts  
4PM - 5:30PM

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

GMS Service Week

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

Modified Tiger Day - 6th/8th periods flip

GMS Service Week

Boys Track Tryouts  
6:30AM - 7:45AM

Girls Track Tryouts  
4PM - 5:30PM

Last day of school before Spring Break (3/15/21 - 3/19/21)

### **MONDAY, MARCH 21**

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

#### **GMS SERVICE WEEK BEGINS MARCH 8TH!**

GMS Service Week begins on March 8! To learn about service and volunteerism, GMS students will be asked to complete their *GMS Service Paw* by performing 4 or more service/volunteer tasks such as helping a neighbor, writing a thank you note, or donating clothes they do not use anymore. They are also asked to donate new/gently used children's/youth books to benefit **Book Spring** or adult books to benefit the **Inside Books Project**.

**Book donations will be accepted at GMS in the front hallway during the March 8th-12th school week or by porch drop-off at [9111 Janabyrd Cove](#).**

Students will be provided details through their EXCEL teachers including the *GMS Service Paw* to

document their efforts and return for a grade-level competition by March 22nd. The same details provided to students will be accessible by families on the GMS Facebook page.

Please contact Katy Andre with questions at [kandre@dwlaw.com](mailto:kandre@dwlaw.com).

### **GMS PTA SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Gorzycki PTA proudly awards scholarships to graduating seniors who attended GMS and who plan to attend a certificate program, trade school, two-year college or four-year college program. Through PTA memberships and fundraising, we will award four scholarships for \$250.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a Graduating Senior Who Attended GMS for at least one year
2. Cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0
3. Must Complete the Scholarship Authorization and Application Forms

Download and print the [Scholarship Authorization AND Application Forms](#) and submit them by April 16, 2021. Submit your application electronically via [email](#) or in-person to the GMS Front Office in an envelope labeled "PTA Scholarship Application".

GMS administrators, counselors, and PTA executive board members will review the applications and score all applications to determine the winners.

**The deadline for submission of applications is April 16, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you have questions or would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please contact our [PTA Scholarship Committee](#).

### **MESSAGE FROM NJHS SPONSOR. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR INDUCTION TO THE 2021-22 GORZYCKI CHAPTER**

Eligible candidates for induction to the **2021-22 Gorzycki Chapter** of the National Junior Honor Society will **have been posted on the [GMSTIGERS.ORG website](#)**.

**All eligible candidates will be notified via school email. If your child is interested in applying, they should visit the NJHS tile located on their BLEND page.**

**All completed applications are due March 26, 2021.**

**ONLY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MAY APPLY.**

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Please note:

- ~ Only eligible candidates may apply.
- ~ Eligible candidates are those on the eligibility list.
- ~ Only current 7th grade students are considered for eligibility.

~ If accepted, 7th-grade students will serve during their 8th-grade year.

~ Membership into the Gorzycki Chapter of the NJHS **DOES NOT** transfer to Bowie HS or any other AISD High School.

Dawn Dammann, M.S.Ed., N.B.C.T.

8th Grade English /NJHS Sponsor

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/ddammann>

### **NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE SURE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE FULLY FUNDED**

Texas Education Agency is waiting to hear from the governor, lieutenant governor, House speaker, and legislators on the Senate Education and House Public Education committees about whether public schools should be funded using pre-pandemic attendance. This helps our schools cover costs related to educating students during a pandemic. Austin Council of PTAs has a form letter you can send, but it would be great if you add a personal story about how Gorzycki has gone above and beyond to keep our kids engaged. To find the letter, go [here](#) to the subject Hold Harmless, House Committee Assignments. Emails for most of the recipients are in the post, but the Senate Education Committee can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Debby Clarke, [debbyc@austin.rr.com](mailto:debbyc@austin.rr.com).

### **GMS PARENTS, THE YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

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](mailto:andria.sindt@austinisd.org). **NOTE: This**

**Is for Yearbook General Picture Upload (not headshots at this time)**

**Step-by-Step to get app setup:**

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

### **GMS YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW!**

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>

### **TIGER MART**



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**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](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 Becca Lusk & Kelley Davis at

[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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