



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1

GMS Yearbook price increases

GMS Picture Day

Dance Team Tryouts
4PM (GMS Big Gym & Commons)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

GMS Picture Day

GMS Spirit Night Chiptole
4PM - 8PM (promo code MT469QZ)

Dance Team Tryouts
6PM (GMS Big Gym & Commons)

PTA Executive Board Meeting
7PM - 8PM

Quick Links

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Virtual Incoming 9th Grade Student & Parent Advising
Gorzycki
4PM - 6PM

7th Grade Boys A Team Basketball vs. Murchison MS
6PM - 7PM (GMS)

7th Grade Boys B Team Basketball vs. Murchison MS
7PM - 8PM (GMS)

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

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

8th Grade Boys A Team Basketball vs. Murchison MS
6PM - 7PM (GMS)

8th Grade Boys B Team Basketball vs. Murchison MS
7PM - 8PM (GMS)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Regular academic day - A day

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

MONDAY, MARCH 8

GMS Service Week

CAC Meeting
3:45PM - 4:45PM <https://zoom.us/j/99792752408?pwd=YlpaMDF2ZkhkVHk4SEIKSXYycVNHZz09>

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

GMS Service Week

Cheer Tryout Clinic
6PM (GMS Commons & Big Gym)

GMS PICTURE DAY INFORMATION

Here are the details for Picture Day. Please read carefully.

1. On-Campus Learners:

- Pictures will be taken during your student's ELA class on Monday (A day students) and Tuesday (B day students)
- For safety reasons, all picture packages must be ordered online (see further down for ordering info). Photographers will not accept orders on site.
- There will be no picture make-up day this year. If your child is absent for picture day, please see #3 below for instructions.

2. Remote Learners:

- Picture appointments will be offered for remote learners both days, but slots will be limited on Tuesday.
- **Please sign up for a time slot [HERE](#). Slots are limited and are first-come, first-serve.**
- Remote students should be dropped off in the back parking lot and should enter the gym doors next to the outdoor basketball courts.
- To enter the gym, students must show their green screen from the AISD COVID screener app. They must wear a mask. A temperature check will be performed.
- There will be no picture make-up day this year. If your child is absent for picture day, please see #3 below for instructions.

3. If you do not want your child to come to campus, your child was absent on picture day, or you did not get a time slot for your remote learner:

- Don't panic! You will still have an option to get your child's photo in the yearbook. Once LifeTouch has dropped all of their photos into our book, we will send an email out to anyone who does not have a picture. The email will contain a [unique link](#) with instructions on how to take your child's photo at home and upload it to the yearbook.
- **Please note that this is NOT the same as Balfour Image Share. It will be an email with a [unique link](#) for each student.**
- This email will be sent in April.
- No photo packages will be available for purchase from Balfour.

4. Safety Information for Everyone

- Masks are required at all times until the photographer asks the student to remove it
- Six feet of distance between students is expected at all times
- For remote learners, a green screen on the AISD COVID app and a temperature check are required for entrance
- There will be designated cameras for on-campus and remote learners. The cameras for remote learners will be closest to the doors they enter/exit.

5. Ordering Photo Packages:

- All photo packages must be ordered online this year
- Go to mylifetouch.com to order
- Our picture day ID is EVTBRJBNH

GMS ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENT SELECTION UPDATE

Due to the COVID pandemic and impacts from the recent winter storm, **the instrument selection day for prospective Gorzycki Orchestra students has been CANCELLED**. Any student/parent who is joining the Orchestra program as a *beginner* next year will need to sign up for a time to meet with Mrs. Dickey via Zoom to discuss instrument options and other important information for the upcoming school year. To sign up for a time, go here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ACA92AABFECF8-instrument> All appointments will occur via Zoom. If your child needs to audition and place out of beginning orchestra, please contact Mrs. Dickey individually via email (shelby.dickey@austinisd.org)

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.

2020-2021 AISD FAMILY SURVEY IS AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT

The 2020-2021 AISD [Family Survey](#) can be submitted by parents and guardians until March 5, 2021. Participation in these surveys is voluntary and all answers are confidential. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Research & Evaluation at survey@austinisd.org.

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 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. **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 setup 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! Order your Gorzycki Middle School Yearbook for \$35. **The price will go up on March 1.** Yearbooks can be purchased online using the link: <https://www.balfour.com/texas/austin/gorzycki-middle-school/yearbook-packages>

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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

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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