



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, MAY 17

TUESDAY, MAY 18

STAAR TEST: Algebra EOC*, 7th Grade Adv. Math, 8th Grade Math

Spirit Night TCBY 4PM - 8PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

STAAR TEST: 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Reading

THURSDAY, MAY 20

STAAR TEST: 6th & 7th grade Math

8th Grade Celebration
6:30PM - 9PM (GMS Football Field/ Practice Fields)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Quick Links

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

MONDAY, MAY 24

CAC Meeting

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

TICAAT (Theatre Awards via ZOOM)

6PM - 7PM (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Tiger Dancer Awards Ceremony

6PM - 7:30PM (GMS Commons & Cafeteria)

UPDATED STAAR INFORMATION FOR GMS

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in your child's education. We continue to recognize how resilient students have been in the face of the many challenges we've all encountered this year.

Students have seized on opportunities to enhance their use of technology, grow academically, and continue learning. One of the many ways we support students in their academic growth is through standardized testing, including the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

The STAAR helps us all understand how much a student knows and has mastered in core subject areas like English, math, science, and social studies at the elementary and middle school levels, and English I, English II, Algebra I, biology, and U.S history at the high school level.

These tests are simply one measure of student knowledge, and the results can provide important information to families, teachers, administrators, and the students themselves. This is especially important as we know that students have been affected in different ways due to the changes we've had to make in providing instruction during the pandemic.

It's also important to remember that Texas requires high school students to pass all necessary End of Course, or EOC, assessments to graduate. While Austin ISD has offered remote learning to families for the entire school year, Texas Education Agency guidelines require us to administer the STAAR on-site. It is our goal for every student who is able to come to campus to do so. All safety measures will be in place for the administration of the test including masks, social distancing where feasible, and easily available handwashing and sanitizing stations.

Our campus has scheduled STAAR tests for your student for the dates and times shown below:

April STAAR

7th grade writing -Tuesday, April 27th

May STAAR

8th Science -Tuesday, May 11th

8th Social Studies -Wednesday, May 12th

Algebra EOC*, 7th Adv Math, 8th Math -Tuesday, May 18

6th, 7th, 8th Reading -Wednesday, May 19th

6th, 7th Math -Thursday, May 20th

***Algebra EOC is a required test for high school graduation.**

More information about scheduled dates and times for your child will be provided as we get closer to the test administration dates. Please complete this survey to let us know if your student will be coming to the school for in-person testing. Dates and times for each student will be provided as we get closer to the test administration dates. <https://forms.gle/BBQSL5yWn6kL45XM8>

Please remember that students who come on to campus must meet the Texas Health and Human Services immunization requirements for school. Please contact our school nurses, Jessica Bram or Sarah Meeneghan at 512-841-8620 if you have any questions regarding immunizations.

For additional questions regarding STAAR administration, please contact Whitney Black at 512-841-8603.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Respectfully, Cathryn Mitchell

Principal

Gorzycki Middle School

IT'S TIME TO UPLOAD YOUR YEARBOOK PORTRAIT

If your student **DID NOT** have their picture taken by Lifetouch on picture day, you will receive an email (sent on 4/12) from no-reply@balfour.com with instructions and a unique link to upload your student's picture (if you have siblings at GMS, you will receive unique links for each child). Please check your spam folder if you do not see the email in your inbox. Questions? Please email the yearbook adviser at andria.sindt@austinisd.org.

GMS PARENTS, THE YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP! YEARBOOK PICTURES ARE NEEDED!

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. **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 the code, you can set up your username and passcode and begin uploading photos.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR GMS YEARBOOK YET?



Have you ordered your yearbook yet?

Only 189
books left!

This year is definitely one for the books. Don't miss out on all memories we made during this unprecedented and historic year!

Books are \$40 and will be on sale until June 4.
Place your order now at Balfour.com!

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>

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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