



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 (A Day)**

Student Holiday/Staff Development

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 (B Day)**

Band Sectionals  
7-8:00 AM

Crochet Club  
3:55-4:55 PM

Band Sectionals  
4-5:00 PM

NJHS Chapter Meeting  
4-4:45 PM

GMS Band Homecoming Football Game @ Toney Burger Stadium

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[Principal's Blog](#)

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5:45-9:00 PM

7A Football game

6-7:30 PM

8A Football game

7:30-9:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 (A Day)**

Band Sectionals

7- 8:00 AM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

7:50-8:15 AM

Pep Rally

3:10-3:50

Fall Glee Rehearsal

3:50-4:30 PM @ GMS Choir Room

Disney Dance Practice

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 (B Day)**

Band Sectionals

7 - 8:00 AM

Principal's Coffee Talk via Zoom

2-3:00 PM

Disney Dance Practice

3:50 - 5:00 PM

Cross Country End-of-Season Party

3:50-4:45 PM

Principal's Coffee Talk via Zoom

2-3:00 PM

GSA Club (rm 615)

3:55-4:45 PM

Band Sectionals

4 - 5:00 PM

7A Volleyball game GMS vs. TBD

6 - 7:00 PM @ TBD

8A Volleyball game GMS vs. TBD

7 - 8:00 PM @ TBD

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 (C Day)**

7th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts

6:20-7:30 AM

Band Sectionals

7 - 8:00 AM

Band Sectionals

4 - 5:00 PM

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 (A Day)**

*\*Food Service Workers Appreciation Week*

7th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts

6:20-7:30 AM

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

GT CoGAT Testing

2:15-3:50 PM

8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts

3:50-5:30 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 (B Day)**

*\*Transportation Employees & Food Service Workers  
Appreciation Week*

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Chess & Board Games Club

3:55-4:55 PM

8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts

3:50-5:30 PM

Band Sectionals  
4-5:00 PM

Orchestra Masquerade Concert @ GMS Gym  
6:30-7:30 PM

### VISION/HEARING SCREENING VOLUNTEERS

The GMS nurses are looking for volunteers to help with vision/hearing on Oct 12th and Oct 13th.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

### STUDENT FLU VACCINE CLINIC

A flu vaccine clinic will be available to Gorzycki students on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. To participate, submit a consent form by Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> or email it to [michelle.roddewig@austinisd.org](mailto:michelle.roddewig@austinisd.org).

***\*\*Forms will not be accepted after October 13\*\****

[English Consent Form](#)

[Spanish Consent 2021 both sides.pdf](#)

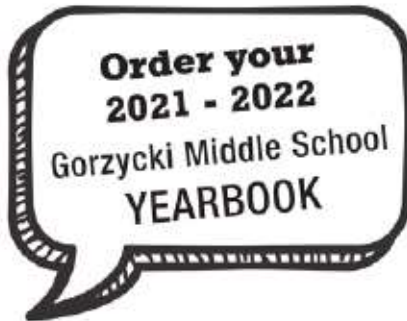
### TIGER DRIVE is going on NOW

TIGER DRIVE is off to a great start! With your help, we can reach our goal of \$20,000 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.

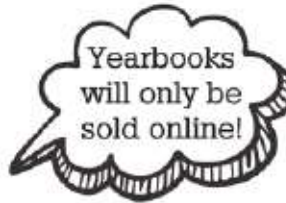
[www.tigerpta.org/tiger-drive](http://www.tigerpta.org/tiger-drive)



### ORDER YEARBOOKS



This year will be one to remember and the yearbook will capture all of it! The yearbooks are on sale for **\$35** through October 31st. Order now to reserve your copy!



Go to **www.balfour.com** and enter Gorzycki Middle School and select your school. Purchase a yearbook online using a credit or debit card.

Personalize your yearbook with an engraved nameplate and two icons. Nameplates and icons are available through March 4th.

QUESTIONS:  
Contact Andria Sindt  
Yearbook Adviser  
[andria.sindt@austinisd.org](mailto:andria.sindt@austinisd.org)



**Price will increase to \$40 on November 1st.  
If any books are available in May, they will be \$45.  
Order now for the lowest price!  
Yearbooks ALWAYS sell out - get yours TODAY!**

## BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys are invited to both soccer tryouts after school on Thursday, October 21 **AND** Friday, October 22 until 5:45 PM. All players must be picked up by 6:00 PM. Please fill out this Google Form [HERE](#) to sign them up!

All athletes **MUST** have a current physical turned in **AND** all online forms completed through (<https://austinisd.rankonesport.com>) **BEFORE** the tryout dates. **If anything is missing your son WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRYOUT!**

Please make sure your player has these items with them on the tryout days:

1. Shin guards
2. Water (we will not be providing water)
3. Proper soccer shoes/clothing

If you have any questions, please email me: [ryan.mackenzie@austinisd.org](mailto:ryan.mackenzie@austinisd.org)

## GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2021 girls basketball season are next month! 7th grade girls will try out before school on Friday the 15th and Monday the 18th. Doors will open at 6:20 a.m., and we will begin at 6:30. 8th grade girls will try out immediately after school on Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th until 5:30 p.m.. Please drop off/pick up at the back of the gym (the doors facing the tennis courts).

In order to participate, first fill out this [Google Form](#). Athletes must also turn in a current [physical](#) (dated after April 15, 2021), emergency card (attached), as well as have all online forms completed through [Rank One](#). (Anyone who tried out for volleyball is already clear for the school year.) Please make sure the official 2021-2022 AISD letterhead is at the top of the physical instead of a generic one a doctor may have on hand at his/her office. Also, it has to be the original physical, not a copy, and we cannot accept it through email. Any girl who does not have a physical already on file with us will need to come down to the coaches' office and hand it in directly.

If you have any questions, please email Coach Moreno for 7th grade ([garrett.moreno@austinisd.org](mailto:garrett.moreno@austinisd.org)) or Coach Kehoe for 8th grade ([kim.kehoe@austinisd.org](mailto:kim.kehoe@austinisd.org)).

## PERMIT TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

When students leave school early, written permission from a parent or guardian is required.

The student must bring the note to the front office in the morning to receive a pink slip.

The student will show the pink slip to the teacher when it is time to leave; the teacher will allow the student to go to the front office for parent pick-up. *\*\*Without a pink slip, students are not allowed to leave class\*\**

Parent/guardian(s) must sign the student out in the front office before leaving campus. Please bring your photo ID.

## AISD LONG-RANG PLANNING DATA DEEP-DIVE

Join us as AISD hosts a data webinar for the Long-range planning process from 6–6:45 p.m. (English) and 7–7:45 p.m. (Spanish) Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Austin ISD is beginning conversations about long-range planning which will determine which improvements and new facilities are included in the next AISD bond. The first step in that process is to analyze data about students, neighborhoods and facilities to better understand where we have the most critical needs.

Learn how data is used to identify voices we need to hear from to ensure equity in our planning process by following our [Equity by Design model](#).

(English) 6–6:45 p.m. Register via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3uzwMvY>

(Spanish) 7–7:45 p.m. Register via zoom: <https://bit.ly/3iq4yPk>

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ATTENDING GMS ATHLETIC EVENTS

AISD is allowing 100% capacity at all athletic events. GMS looks forward to the upcoming season and hopes that we can continue to provide a safe environment for all students, staff, and spectators. In order for us to do this, we need your assistance and cooperation for the benefit of our student-athletes. 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

Thursday, October 14, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, November 11, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, January 13, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, February 10, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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

### 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, in case 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](mailto: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](mailto:partners.gms@gmail.com) with questions.

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

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#### BENGAL PARTNERS

The logo for Circle C Café features the words "CIRCLE C" and "CAFÉ" in a simple, sans-serif font. The text is enclosed within a large, thin, dark grey circle that is not fully closed at the top and bottom, creating a frame around the text.

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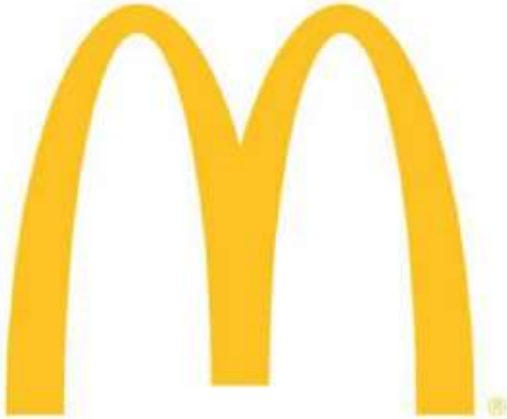


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