



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 (A Day)

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)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Chess & Board Games Club
3:55-4:55 PM

QUICK LINKS

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8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts
3:50-5:30 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

School Spirit Night @ Chipotle
4-8:00 PM

7A Football Playoff @ House Park Stadium
6-7:30 PM

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

8A Football Playoff Game @ House Park Stadium
7:30-9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 (A Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

GT CoGAT Testing
2:15-3:50 PM

Band Sectionals
-5:00 PM

Code Central Club
4-5:00 PM

6th Grade Science Club
4:15-5:15 PM

GMS Fall Choir Concert
7:30-8:15 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 (B Day)

Band Sectionals
7-8:00 AM

Student Picture Retake
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Disney Dance Practice
3:50-5:00 PM

7th and 8th Grade Boys Soccer Tryouts
3:50-5:45 PM

Band Sectionals
4-5:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 (C Day)

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

7th and 8th Grade Boys Soccer Tryouts

3:50-5:45 PM

GMS Choir Social

4:00-5:30 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 (A Day)

**Red Ribbon Week*

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 (B Day)

**Red Ribbon Week*

Band Sectionals

7-8:00 AM

Crochet Club

3:55-4:55 PM

Band Sectionals

4-5:00 PM

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

The new bell schedule starts Monday. Please visit the [GMS website](#) for the schedule.

BOY MAP RESULTS

The Beginning of the Year (BOY) MAP results were distributed to every student on Wednesday. Learn how to read the results on the [GMS Website](#) or the Gorzycki Community Blend page.

DRESSING OUT FOR PE

Beginning Monday, October 18th, all Functional Fitness, P.E., and Strength & Conditioning students will begin dressing out. Students will use the locker room to change and store their belongings. A lock and locker will be provided. In addition to black athletic shorts/pants and appropriate shoes for physical

activity, **students are expected to wear the grey Gorzycki P.E. shirt.** They are **sold in the [Tiger Mart](#) (\$10 each).**

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day will be on **Thursday October 21st** during your child's lunch in the cafeteria on the stage. If you have ordered pictures and you would like re-takes, please **have your student bring the picture package with them to lunch.** The photographer will scan the package and retake the photo. Scanning the envelope allows Lifetouch to know what package was previously ordered and to place that order again. Re-takes are also for students that were absent on picture day. For any questions, please email Andria Sindt at andria.sindt@austinisd.org or michelle.roddewig@austinisd.org.

ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION FROM STAAR

Due to HB4545, students who did not take or failed the 2021 STAAR tests may qualify for Accelerated Instruction. An email will be coming from your grade level Assistant Principal this week if your child qualifies.

STUDENT ID'S

GMS is issuing student IDs this week. IDs will be required for all students.

COGAT TESTING

On **Monday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 20th**, 6th graders who are participating in the Gifted/Talented screening process will be taking the CoGAT test in the library during 7th period EXCEL. Students will return to their EXCEL class about halfway through the period as they complete testing each day. Your child's EXCEL teachers already know your child is taking this assessment, and an announcement will be made reminding them to be released from their EXCEL class to the library.

It is important for your child to **bring a fully charged chrome book to school both days**, as that is what we will be using to complete the CoGAT test. Please remind them to charge their device the night before each day so they are prepared.

TIGER DRIVE is going on NOW

TIGER DRIVE is off to a great start! With your help, we are already over 25% of the way to our \$20,000 goal 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



REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts, which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through 12th grade create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme.

This Year's Theme is : "I Will Change the World By....."

All Gorzycki Tigers are encouraged to participate and will participate in the program according to their grade level. In the judging process, greater weight is put on interpretation of the theme, how closely the piece relates to the theme based on the entry submitted and the artist statement. You can review entries from previous years by visiting the [gallery](#).

How to Enter:

1. Download the entry form here in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
2. Pick a category for your entry (See rules for each category, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)):
 - Dance / Choreography
 - Film Production
 - Literature
 - Musical Composition
 - Photography
 - Visual Arts
3. Submit entries via [Google Form](#). Deadline to submit entries is **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

The student's family must be a member of the Gorzycki PTA by October 31, 2021. Please join [here](#).

See information on awards [here](#). Entries selected for State recognition will be notified on March 15.

Please contact Reflections Chair, Leslie Dippel, with any questions: ldippel@att.net

SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

Tuesday, October 19th (4-8:00 PM) @ Chipotle on Slaughter

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Gorzycki Middle School PTA. Come in to the Chipotle at **5000 W Slaughter Ln Bldg 3** in Austin on **Tuesday, October 19th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Gorzycki Middle School PTA.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code H7T7PPA before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$50 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

ORDER YEARBOOKS

www.balfour.com

**Order your
2021 - 2022
Gorzycki Middle School
YEARBOOK**

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!

Yearbooks will only be sold online!

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



**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 SOCCER TRYOUTS

7th & 8th 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

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. Those trying out are expected to be there for both days. 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) or Coach Kehoe for 8th grade (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.

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

Monthly @ 2:00-3:00 PM

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

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Thursday, May 12, 2022

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, incase 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

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 with questions.

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

BENGAL PARTNERS

The logo for Circle C Café features the words "CIRCLE C" on the top line and "CAFÉ" on the bottom line, both in a simple, sans-serif font. The text is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn style circle that is not fully closed at the top and bottom.

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