



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER INFORMATION**

Did you miss ScreenAgers: The Next Chapter? It was the last PTA sponsored program of the school year. You can view the movie and Q&A session now thru May 18th! Simply click the link below to register and enjoy the movie at your leisure. Questions? contact Mandy Knittel at [mandyknittel@hotmail.com](mailto:mandyknittel@hotmail.com)  
<https://www.bigmarker.com/screen.../SCREENAGERS-NC-LIVE-GMSPTA>

### **GMS PTA BOARD MEMBERS STILL NEEDED**

We still need parent leaders for next year's PTA Board! If you're interested or know someone who is, please contact [president@tigerpta.org](mailto:president@tigerpta.org) ASAP. Many thanks for your interest! To view job descriptions and time commitments, visit our website here: <https://www.tigerpta.org/pta-board-member-descriptions>. Here are the open positions:

- Partners in Education
- Reflections

### **LAST CALL FOR TIGER DAY REFUNDS**

The GMS PTA Board would like to thank all of you who volunteered your time and money to help plan our annual Tiger Day fundraiser for the school. ALL of the money we raise for Tiger Day through wristband sales, parent donations, and business partnerships/donations (less expenses for the event) goes DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. This year, the PTA and Dr. Mitchell had earmarked the money to go towards the new marquee build, as well as to teacher/classroom requests. The electricity for the marquee is already complete and the poles are up as of this week, so **your donations are truly critical to this project being completed**. Now that schools have been closed for the rest of the year, we will not be able to hold the event in May, as intended.

We know these are trying times for everyone, but the bottom line is this: If you can afford to, we ask you to please donate the \$25 wristband sale to help fund the marquee project and teacher needs from now through summer.

If that is not an option for you, we can provide a refund to you (less any online fees you paid), but we need the following info emailed to [president@tigerpta.org](mailto:president@tigerpta.org) AND [treasurer@tigerpta.org](mailto:treasurer@tigerpta.org) in order to process a check. *If you do not provide this info, we cannot send you a check.* Email your **name**, your mailing **address**, your **child's name**, **how many wristbands** you bought, and if you paid **cash, check** or paid **online**.

**All refund requests must be received by May 22nd - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Our fiscal year ends on May 31st and we are prohibited from writing any checks after that. If we do not have your refund request by May 22nd, your fees will be donated. Please allow at least one week to receive the check. (All checks require 2 signatures so they take time to process.)

**IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTE:** If we DO NOT hear back from you (via the emails noted above), the money you paid for wristbands and/or donated to the event, will remain in the Tiger Day PTA account and will be transferred to the school on or before May 31, 2020. Because we sold more than 1,000 wristbands, we don't have the bandwidth to track every single request. Thanks for understanding.

Many thanks for your consideration of donating your payment to the school. Like you, we are very disappointed that we will not be able to hold this amazing event that our kids truly look forward to and love.

We hope that you and your family are staying healthy and safe at home during this unprecedented time. As always, thank you for all that you do for the PTA and for the school.

### **GMS LOCKER ROOM PICKUP**

Next week, students may pick up items from their **gym lockers**.

**However, parents and students are not allowed in the building.**

Please fill out the attached form as soon as possible if you want your child's belongings bagged by a coach. If you do not complete this form before the deadline, please do not expect items to be available for pick up at another time. We will not be able to bag items on the spot. Please understand that we are required to follow strict procedures from the district.

This is optional. If a student does not need/want anything from their gym locker or if this form is not filled

out in time, all remaining items will be thrown away or donated on Friday, May 22nd. While we do have records of our own to check as well, providing a correct locker number will help expedite this process. However, if the student has forgotten, a general area ( ex. 300's) is helpful too. The combo is not necessary.

**7th and 8th Grade Athletics** - Complete this form by Monday, May 18th at 12:00 p.m. Pick up items on Tuesday, May 19th from 8 a.m. -12 p.m.

**Dance and Cheer** - Complete this form by Tuesday, May 19th at 12:00 p.m. Pick up items on Wednesday, May 20th. 6th grade Dance will pick up from 9 - 11 a.m. 7/8 Dance and Cheer will pick up from 11 - 1 p.m.

**6th, 7th, and 8th Grade P.E. and Strength and Conditioning classes** - Complete this form by Wednesday, May 20th at 12:00 p.m. Pick up items on Thursday, May 21st. 6th grade will pick up from 8 - 11 a.m. 7th and 8th grade will pick up from 11 - 1 p.m.

**Pick-up will take place along the bus ramp at the back of the school. Please pull up and stay in your vehicle. Once you provide a last name, we will deliver your bag of items through the car window.**

If you are picking up for siblings, please email Coach Neary ([eamonn.neary@austinisd.org](mailto:eamonn.neary@austinisd.org)) to arrange one pick-up time. <https://forms.gle/acJJ8SxsoypV4JMz5>

## **AISD SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

Dr. Paul Cruz, AISD's current superintendent, will be leaving the district soon to take a position with the University of Texas. The board of trustees has begun the search to find a replacement. Your voice matters! We encourage all PTAs, CACs, families, staff and community members to share information about what they hope to see in the next leader for AISD.

Here's what you can do:

### **TALK WITH YOUR AISD TRUSTEE**

AISD Trustees are elected by our community. One of their responsibilities is hiring the superintendent. The trustees work for voters, and the superintendent works for the trustees.

- Some trustees have reached out to CACs and PTAs. If yours has, respond and find a time to talk. If your trustee has not reached out, you can reach out to them. Every part of town has a local trustee, elected by people in your area. There are also two at-large trustees who are elected district-wide. Individuals can email all trustees at [trustees@austinisd.org](mailto:trustees@austinisd.org). You can find contact for individual members at <https://www.austinisd.org/board/members>.

### **COMPLETE THE SURVEY**

AISD has hired a recruiting firm to run the process of hiring a new Superintendent. They are looking for parent input, so if you have a minute, please consider completing this survey on the types of skills you think are important in our next Superintendent. The survey is an anonymous survey and available in English and Spanish:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WX3PL2W> (English)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYWYN7Q> (Spanish)

For more information on the search process, please visit the superintendent search site:

<https://www.austinisd.org/board/superintendent-search>

#### **WATCH BOARD MEETINGS AND MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Regular voting meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. You can get information about meetings, including opportunities to record a public comment, on the [AISD Trustee meetings webpage](#).

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