



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (A Day)

Gifted/ Talented Nominations Window

Band Sectionals
7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals
4PM - 5PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (B Day)

Gifted/ Talented Nominations Window

Band Sectionals
7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals
4PM - 5PM

AISD Band Jamboree

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6:30PM - 9:30PM

7th B Football game GMS vs. Bailey MS
6PM - 7:30PM @Bailey MS

8th B Football game GMS vs. Bailey MS
6PM - 7:30Pm @GMS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (A Day)

Gifted/ Talented Nominations Window

Band Sectionals
7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals
4PM - 5PM

NJHS Chapter Meeting
4PM - 4:45PM

Fall Glee Rehearsal
3:50PM - 4:30PM @GMS Choir Room

7th A Football game
6PM - 7:30PM

8th A Football game
7:30PM - 9PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (B Day)

Gifted/ Talented Nominations Window

Band Sectionals
7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals
4PM - 5PM

7B Volleyball game GMS vs. Paredes MS
6PM - 7PM @GMS

7A Volleyball game GMS vs. Paredes MS
7PM - 8PM @GMS

8B Volleyball game GMS vs. Paredes MS
6PM - 7PM @Paredes MS

8A Volleyball game GMS vs. Paredes MS
7PM - 8PM @Paredes MS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (C Day)

Gifted/ Talented Nominations Window

Band Sectionals

7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals

4PM - 5PM

6th Grade Movie Quote-Along

3:50PM - 5:30PM @GMS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (A Day)

Band Sectionals

7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals

4PM - 5PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 (B Day)

Band Sectionals

7AM - 8AM

Band Sectionals

4PM - 5PM

7th A Football game

6PM - 7:30PM

8th A Football game

7:30PM - 9PM

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ATTENDING GMS ATHLETIC EVENTS

AIISD 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.

GMS LEVELING CLASSES

Gorzycki Families,

As you have seen through district communication, this is the time of year for Leveling. Gorzycki will be impacted by the Leveling process this year. The enrollment numbers at Gorzycki have significantly decreased for the 2021-2022 school year. Therefore, GMS needs to also reduce teachers. Understanding the importance of maintaining a reasonable class size in core courses, GMS is dissolving two electives courses that have current teacher vacancies, Guitar and Reading Intervention, and reducing the number of sections for Study Skills. GMS has a great music department. Band, Orchestra, and Choir all have space in their programs for those needing a Fine Arts class and these Directors will be speaking with students tomorrow to explain their programs. Counselors will work with families and students to create new schedules over the next week and the new schedule will begin by September 22nd. More information will be coming with options for your child later this week.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Cathryn Mitchell, Ph.D

Diane Gorzycki Middle School Principal

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

2021 6TH GRADE MOVIE QUOTE-ALONG

Friday, September 24th, 3:50 to 5:30 pm.

Wristbands are \$5.00 per student. Purchase wristbands online here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdQF>

- Wristbands include entry into Movie Night, pizza, snacks, drinks, and more. We will be watching the most quotable movie for our Movie Quote-Along "Elf."
- Wristbands purchased online will be distributed & put on wrist during 6th grade A lunch from 9/23-9/24 at the Movie Table in the commons. Kids will be instructed to keep wristband on until AFTER the Social.
- COVID protocol will be enforced.
- NO CELL PHONES OR CAMERAS WILL BE ALLOWED!

Drink and Snack Donations / Volunteering

This event cannot be successful without your help. Please check the signup for drink/snack donations and volunteer opportunities: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa4a92aaafcc61-6thgrade>

Pick-up

The front doors will remain LOCKED during this event. Pick up in front of the school will not be permitted.

Students will only be allowed to exit from the cafeteria doors that lead to the back of the school. Enter the pickup lane from the main front-drive, following the traffic behind the school, and remain in your car. For early dismissals (prior to 5:30): a signed note from a parent or guardian MUST be submitted to the office FRIDAY morning to obtain an early release slip. Same dismissal location as described above. Parents must come to the cafeteria doors to retrieve their student.

Attendance for this event is voluntary. We hope your student has a great time!

~The Gorzycki PTA Socials Committee

Disclaimer: By purchasing a wristband for the 6th Grade Quote-Along Movie, you authorize the GMS PTA to take photographs of your child during the event. Any photographs taken may be displayed on a shared link through the GMS Newsgroup, and you hereby release and hold harmless Gorzycki Middle School, Gorzycki PTA volunteers and any third parties from liability.



6th Grade Movie Night

Let's watch the most quotable movie of all time "Elf" while enjoying pizza and snacks. Bring a beach towel to sit on for movie watching!



**Friday,
September 24th**

3:50 pm to 5:30 pm

Questions? Email
socials@tigerspta.org



**WRISTBAND
SALES**
ONLINE: 9/12 -9/17
"A" LUNCH SALES:
9/23 - 9/24
(INCLUDES ENTRY, SNACKS,
PIZZA, AND MORE)

COMING SOON:

- Online Sales
- Volunteer Opportunities

*Gorzycki COVID protocols will be followed

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!

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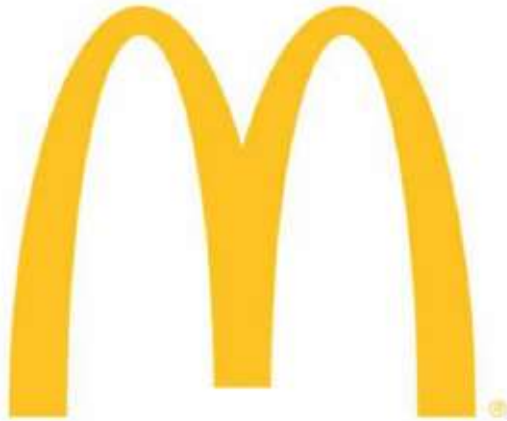


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