



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 24 (A DAY)**

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 25 (B DAY)**

*\*School Bus Driver Appreciation Day*

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

6th-Grade Science Club Field Trip  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Gorzycki Safe Space Club  
3:55-4:30 PM

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 (A Day)**

*\*Administrative Professionals Day*

**\*\*STARR Science Test (8th Grade)**

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

4th Spring Glee Rehearsal  
3:50-4:30 PM

Animation Club  
4-5:00 PM

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

3:55-4:25 PM

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

**MONDAY, MAY 1 (A DAY)**

*\*Teacher, Assistant & Substitute Appreciation Week*

Special Olympics Field Trip

9-11:30 AM

**TUESDAY, MAY 2 (B DAY)**

*\*Teacher, Assistant & Substitute Appreciation Week*

**\*\*EOC Algebra Test**

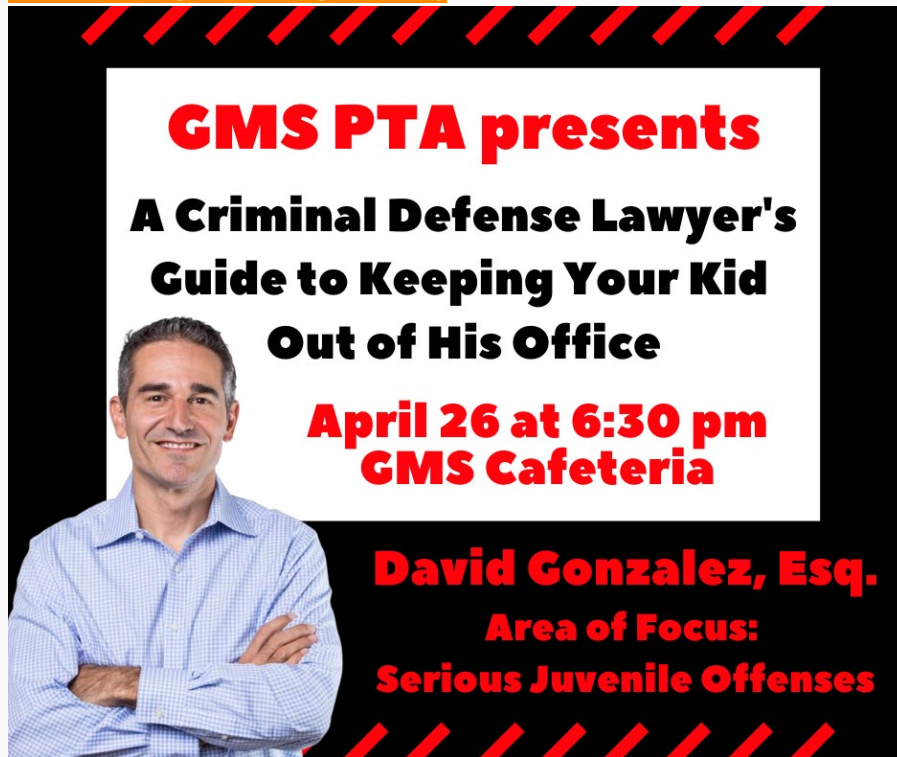
Special Olympics Field Trip

9-11:30 AM

Rm. 523 Austin Zoo Field Trip

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

#### PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 4/26



**GMS PTA presents**

**A Criminal Defense Lawyer's  
Guide to Keeping Your Kid  
Out of His Office**

**April 26 at 6:30 pm**  
**GMS Cafeteria**

**David Gonzalez, Esq.**  
**Area of Focus:**  
**Serious Juvenile Offenses**

Gorzycki PTA invites you to join us on **Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm** in the GMS Cafeteria for a brief General Membership Meeting, followed an opportunity to learn more about how to talk with your kids about drug and alcohol use, as well as cyberbullying and phone use.

Speaker, David Gonzalez, is an Austin criminal defense attorney who represents and works with teens who have gotten into trouble with drugs. He has intimate knowledge of the dangers facing teenagers in the Austin area and will include in his presentation what parents need to know about Fentanyl. David will share not only his "boots on the ground" experience, but his wisdom as a father of four in terms of what we can do to help our teenagers navigate these challenges.

Note: This presentation is geared toward a parent audience and is not for students.

#### SPRING TEACHER & STAFF LUNCHEON

The PTA is excited to host the final Spring luncheon for our wonderful teachers and staff on **Friday, April 28th**. We will be catering food from Torchy's and we would love it if you were able to sign up to donate some other items to make it extra special. We also have opportunities for you to help during the lunch. Please see the sign up genius below and sign up where you can. The gift card and monetary donations will go in for a raffle for the teachers & staff. Thank you in advance for all your support!

- Sign Up Here: [useFullSite=true#/go/20f094da4a622aa8-gorzycki1?https://www.signupgenius.com/](https://www.signupgenius.com/useFullSite=true#/go/20f094da4a622aa8-gorzycki1?https://www.signupgenius.com/)

#### 7TH & 8TH GRADE SILENT DISCO PARTY

The GMS Cheerleaders are pleased to host the End of Year Silent Disco Dance Glow Party on **Friday, April 28 (4:00-5:30pm)**. The dance is open to 7th and 8th Grade Gorzycki students and the dress code is

Casual Neon. Students are encouraged to get together with friends to create their own glow in the dark style. Wristbands are \$15 today through April 28. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The event includes food/drinks, a DJ playing music and your own personal set of head phones to enjoy the silent disco.

Wristband purchase includes a water bottle, two pizza rolls and a cookie. Additional concessions including glow in the dark wear will be available at the event for cash purchase (\$1- \$2 each).

Wristbands will be picked up by students during lunch on Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28. Please enter the name of the student in the "Who are you purchasing this for?" field.

- Get your wrist bands at <https://austinisd.schoolcashionline.com/>
- And volunteer to help out at <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10c0e4caba72aa3fbce9...>

### 7TH & 8TH GRADE END OF YEAR FIELD TRIPS

All 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in an end of year incentive field trip to Urban Air.

- 7th-Grade: **Friday, May 12** (9:00am - 2:00pm) \$30 [7th Grade Field Trip Letter May 2023.pdf](#)
- 8th-Grade: **Friday, May 19.** (9:00am - 2:00pm) \$40

The price of the field trip helps to cover the cost of transportation, renting out Urban Air, unlimited play of all of the activities at Urban Air for four hours, lunch and snacks at Urban Air, and an ice cream party on the last day of school.

**A cashionline email will go out on May 1 with a link for payment.** There are scholarships available for anyone who needs one. If you would like to donate any amount to our scholarship fund so that all students can attend, it would be greatly appreciated. Funds may be donated at the time that you pay for your student on cashionline in May.

Your student received a paper waiver from Urban Air in their EXCEL class.

We will need chaperones at Urban Air to ensure that the students are only entering the bathroom one at a time. You can sign up with a friend, or bring a book, grab a chair, and sit outside of the bathrooms for two hours. We want to make sure that we are always invited back. Thank you for your consideration and time. **You can volunteer on the google form that will be sent out on May 1.**

### PHYSICALS

Physicals for next school year will be passed out during P.E./Athletics classes on Friday (4/21). If a student is not in a P.E./Athletics class (or has a physical scheduled before Friday), please have them come by the gym to get a packet. Physicals are required for the following:

- Anyone trying out for a school sport next year
- Any student taking Strength and Conditioning class
- Dance teams (Tiger Drill, Tiger Dancers, Tigerettes)
- Cheerleaders
- Bowie Summer Performance Course (only current 6th graders and anyone who did not turn in a physical for this school year. Current 7th and 8th graders who turned in a physical this year do not need a new one for summer activities)

Any physical dated before April 15th, 2023, will not be accepted for next school year. The physical must be completed on the 2023-2024 AISD form, not on a physical form provided by the doctor. We cannot

accept any emailed physicals or copies of the physical. It must be the original. I recommend making a copy for your own records. In addition to the physical being handed in, there are also two online forms (available May 1) that must be completed before your student is eligible to participate.

- Updated 2023-24 Physical Form: <https://www.austinisd.org/athletics/forms>
- 2 Required Online Forms: <https://austinisd.rankonesport.com/>

Once your child gets their physical, please have them hand it in directly to their grade level coach for next year. Please do not turn the physical into the front office. Only a coach can collect a physical.

- Current 6th grade girls - Coach Moreno
- Current 7th grade girls - Coach Kehoe
- Current 6th grade boys - Coach Fourmy
- Current 7th grade boys - Coach Neary

AISD will also provide an opportunity for a free physical. We still have not received that information, but if you are interested or have any other questions, please contact Coach Neary - [eamonn.neary@austinisd.org](mailto:eamonnn.neary@austinisd.org)

### **NEW SCHEDULE 2023-24**

[Here](#) is the draft schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. The new schedule will be a straight 8 with extra time given to 6th period for EXCEL. This allows for shorter classes which will address the amount of time students are not engaged in learning and still allow for students to have all 4 electives. Please read the complete letter:

- [23-24 GMS New Schedule.pdf](#)

### **STAAR TESTING SCHEDULE**

STAAR exams are quickly approaching. Please see the information below to know when your student will be testing and the information for testing days. Unlike in the past, students will have all day to test if needed. Students who do not need extra time will return to their classes after 3 hours. We will send out the class schedule for testing weeks soon. Please note that the Friday of each testing week will be the make-up day for the subject tested that week.

- **Thursday April 20:** 6-8th grade Reading STAAR
- **Wednesday April 26th:** 8th grade Science STAAR
- **Thursday April 27th:** 8th grade Social Studies STAAR
- **Tuesday May 2nd:** Algebra I EOC exam
- **Wednesday May 3rd:** 6-8th Math STAAR

### **Testing Students Please Adhere To The Following Guidelines:**

- \*Please arrive at your usual time.
  - \*Name and room numbers will be posted in the commons and in grade level hallways
  - \*Students will be dismissed at 8:10am to go to their testing rooms.
  - \*Please bring a **FULLY CHARGED District issued AISD Chromebook** and charger
  - \*Bring a water bottle
  - \*Cell phones, smart watches, and backpacks will need to be placed in lockers before testing begins. Students will only need to bring their Chromebook, a book (non-electric), and water bottle to the testing room.
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- The campus will be closed to all visitors on STAAR exam days and we highly recommend students **bring lunch** instead of buying it from the cafeteria if possible.

### GMS YEARBOOK SOLD OUT

To join the waitlist please click the link below. <https://forms.gle/11P4hzTXjySeXm1U9>

Thank you for your  
support of the *yearbook!*

WE ARE  
*sold out*

Forgot to order? Click HERE to be added  
to the waitlist\*

\*Books are **NOT** guaranteed. If the publisher sends extra copies, we will sell them for \$55 on a **first-come, first-serve** basis. If you are one the waitlist, you will be notified in May **after distribution** whether or not extra books are available. If they are, a link will be provided to pay for a book. **No extra books will be ordered.**

Our initial press run is final.

Questions? Contact [andria.sindt@austinisd.org](mailto:andria.sindt@austinisd.org)

### TIGER MART

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**NOW ACCEPTING  
ORDERS**

**TIGER MART STUDENT STORE WEBSITE  
IS NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS**

tigerpta.square.site



Stock up on your GMS gear before Tiger Mart closes for summer! We will be open for students during lunch through the end of April and for parents next Wednesday, 4/26, from 6-8:00 p.m. during the last PTA General Membership Meeting. In May, Tiger Mart will only be open on Friday, 5/5, & Friday, 5/12. Online sales are open at <https://tigerpta.square.site/> until May 3rd. If your student is visiting Tiger Mart frequently to purchase a lost or forgotten lanyard, consider purchasing a couple ahead of time to keep in their locker! Happy shopping!"

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**SUMMER CAMPS**

**ACC FREE SUMMER CAMPS**

The AISD CTE department is excited to announce that we are providing our AISD Middle School Students with the opportunity to attend a FREE all day (Monday thru Friday ) summer camp during June 2023, sponsored by Austin Community College. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, so we encourage all to register now while space is still available: [Register HERE](#)

- [English Flyer/QR Code](#)
- [Spanish Flyer/QR Code](#)

Students may choose 1, 2, or all 3 camps:

1. **Health Sciences - June 12 - 16, 2023, at ACC Eastview Campus**, located at 3401 Webberview Road, Austin, TX
  2. **Advanced Manufacturing - June 20 - 23, 2023, at ACC Highland Campus**, located at 6101 Highland Campus Dr, Austin, TX (\*note: 6/19 is a holiday - camp will be closed on this day)
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3. **Information Technology - June 26 - 30, 2023, at ACC Highland Campus**, located at 6101 Highland Campus Dr, Austin, TX

### **BOWIE GIRLS BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP**

#### **Summer Camp Middle School Details**

- Parents can [pay and register using this link](#), but if they'd like to [register and pay at a later date, here is the registration link](#)

#### **Incoming Freshman Summer Details**

- [Fill this form out to be added to the incoming freshman contact list](#)) and through our Instagram @BowieWBB

Questions? Please email [iesha.collins@austinisd.org](mailto:iesha.collins@austinisd.org)

### **BOWIE STRENGTH & CONDITIONING SUMMER CAMP**

Performance Course visited with Bowie feeder Middle School Athletics earlier this week about an upcoming opportunity for athletic development that will be taking place this summer! This program was developed by Performance Course to offer athletes the opportunity to develop both physically and mentally.

PC takes a goal-oriented approach to develop speed, agility, mobility, functional strength and power. Performance nutrition, character development, mental preparation and goal setting techniques are also included in the curriculum to develop the whole athlete!

The session starts June 5th, and will run Monday-Thursday from 8am to 1pm, depending on which session your son or daughter signs up for.

We want to ensure all athletes have the opportunity to participate. To receive more information from Performance Course, please fill out this link:

<https://info.performancecourse.com> and select "Summer" and "Bowie". This will ensure you receive information about the summer but does not enroll your child!

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.performancecourse.com/school-district/austin-isd>

If you have any questions or need help with registration, please contact the Bowie Performance Course Director, Mac Acuna ([macuna@performancecourse.com](mailto:macuna@performancecourse.com)) and he will be glad to assist you.

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## **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION**

### **BOWIE TRANSITION FOR 8TH GRADERS**

Please view the attached links for details about transitioning to Bowie:

- [Bowie Showcase Flyer](#)
  - [Bowie Showcase General Presentation](#)
  - [Bowie Incoming 9th Grade Website](#)
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## CHOICE SHEETS

- **8th Grade:** Choice Sheets were due on Feb. 10. The choice sheet confirmation email was sent to the STUDENT email address. Please ask your child to show you their Choice Sheet confirmation. Current 8th graders can request a change by emailing their high school counselor until **May 19th**.

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## VOLUNTEER

### GMS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Interested in learning more about GMS Athletic Booster Club? Looking to volunteer? The GMS Athletic Booster Club Board is in need of new board members and would love for you to be part of the team. We have various positions available, and there will also be many other opportunities to volunteer if you don't think being on the board works for you. The Athletic Booster club raises money for the additional coaching stipends AISD does not provide. This money is used exclusively for the benefit of our athletes. Please reach out to Christi Leber @ [c\\_cuccia@yahoo.com](mailto:c_cuccia@yahoo.com) to inquire or volunteer.

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## DONATE

### 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)

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## STAY CONNECTED

### SCHOOL CLUBS

Check out all the student clubs meeting during and after school: <https://gorzycki.austinschools.org/students/clubs>

### COFFEE TALKS

Meet with our Principal, Dr. Cathryn Mitchell and her leadership team to learn about important news, events, and information regarding our awesome school. Principal Coffee Talks will be held via Zoom every month on Fridays at 2:15pm. Zoom invites will be emailed to all parents before the scheduled dates below.

- May 12, 2023

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## PROCESSES & PROCEDURES

### QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

The Quick Guide includes processes for: arrival and dismissal, reporting absences, dropping off items, and medications on campus.

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- [Quick Guide for Parents.pdf](#)

### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Arrival: The building is open from 7:50 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The **Tardy Bell rings at 8:20**. Upon arrival, 6th grade students will report to the cafeteria. 7/8th grade students will report to the Commons. Students are to sit on the floor in the Cafeteria/Commons area. Students must be supervised in the building outside of school hours.

Dismissal: Students who stay for an activity/tutoring session should remain in their designated area with the Gorzycki staff member in charge of the after school activity. Parents should pick up their child within 10 minutes of a given activity ending time. Failure to be picked up in a timely manner may result in restrictions from after-school activities.

### ID BADGES

Students will be held accountable for wearing the badges that have been distributed. Extra lanyards can be purchased in Tiger Mart, which is open daily during lunches. Once pictures are taken and official badges are distributed, additional badges will cost \$5.

### LOCKERS

All grade levels were issued lockers and a combination lock. Backpacks are not allowed in classrooms or in the cafeteria; students need to keep their backpacks in their lockers. Students can carry Chromebooks and notebooks to class in a Chromebook case.

### MEDICATIONS ON CAMPUS

As of this year, **ALL MEDICATIONS ON CAMPUS REQUIRE DOCTOR'S ORDERS** in addition to a parent authorization form. This means that **all prescription and over-the-counter medications** require a doctor's order and will not be allowed on campus at all without it. In the past, the prescription label on the bottle served as an MD order but AISD has changed the policy and now requires the MD order. Students are not allowed to self-carry ANY medication without doctor's orders and parent authorization.

Daily medications and/or emergency medications such as inhalers, epipens, seizure or diabetic medications can be dropped off. The medications cannot be accepted without the necessary paperwork completed. You may visit the GMS website at [gorzycki.austinschools.org](http://gorzycki.austinschools.org) to print and complete all necessary paperwork. Please call the health room with any questions or to make other arrangements to drop off medication. Health Room # 512-841-8620, or email to [jessica.bram@austinisd.org](mailto:jessica.bram@austinisd.org).

### DROPPING OFF ITEMS AT SCHOOL

In order to assist students with self-responsibility and to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, GMS does not make deliveries nor do we contact the student while they are in class to let them know that their item was dropped off. You may tell your student before school that you will be dropping off an item or you can email their teacher. The student will then have to pick it up from the front office. (delivery exceptions are contact lenses or glasses).

### PERMIT TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

When students leave school early, written permission from a parent or guardian is required. Please follow these steps:

1. The student must bring the note to the front office in the morning to receive a pink slip.
2. 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\*\***

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

### 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 Jessica Swearingen and Rebecca Alvarez at [partners@tigerpta.org](mailto:partners@tigerpta.org) with questions.

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

### BENGAL PARTNERS







## SIBERIAN PARTNERS



## TIGER PARTNERS



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