



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 3 (A DAY)**

*\*National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week*

Special Olympics Field Trip

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 4 (B DAY)**

*\*National School Librarian Day*

*\*National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week*

Special Olympics Field Trip

UIL Choir Concert Field Trip

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 (A Day)**

*\*National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week*

Special Olympics Field Trip

UIL Choir Concert Field Trip

GMS Pre-UIL Choir Concert

7:30-8:15 PM

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 6 (B DAY)**

*\*National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week*

Orchestra Carnegie Hall Rehearsal

7-8:00 AM

Rm. 523 Field Trip to HEB  
9:30-11:30 AM

Dungeons & Dragons Club  
3:55-5:00 PM

Cheer Practice  
4-5:00 PM

Collaborative Edge Youth  
4-5:00 PM

Tiger Track  
6-8:00 PM

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

*\*\*Student/Staff Holiday*

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 10 (A DAY)**

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 11 (B DAY)**

PTA Executive Board Meeting

Band Solo & Ensemble Festival  
4-7:30 PM

CAC Meeting  
4:00 PM

### **Gorzycki Links**

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[A/B/C Calendar 22-23](#)

[Bell Schedule 22-23](#)

[GMS PTA Site](#)

### **AISD Links**

[AISD COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Parent Portal](#)

[AISD Calendar 22-23](#)

[Bus Stop Finder](#)

[SchoolCafé](#)

### **NJHS APPLICATIONS**

7th grade students who are eligible to apply to National Junior Honor Society received an email from Ms. Ryan. Students who received an email will also see their names listed on the tv screens in the commons and cafeteria. The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship and helps middle-level students develop the knowledge and skills to become well-rounded student leaders in their school, community, and beyond. Students can pick up an application from the Counseling Office or Library. Applications are due by **Monday, April 3rd**.

## **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)

## **TIGER DAY 2023 THANK YOU**

Thank you to our community for a wonderful Tiger Day 2023. Your GMS PTA met our fundraising goals & will be speaking more about this at our April 26 General Membership Meeting. Special thanks to our donors, staff, student leaders, parents, and other volunteers for all the help making this a successful event for our students & PTA. Thanks also to our volunteer photographers who captured some wonderful pics of all the fun.

- [See Photos Here](#)
- [More Photos](#)

Follow Gorzycki Middle School PTA on Facebook for more photos, announcements, and upcoming events: [@GorzyckiPTA](#)

## **AISD FAMILY SURVEY**

Our district values your feedback! We are currently surveying Austin ISD families in order to gain insight into your perception of our school and district effectiveness. To ensure we continue to provide high-quality, rigorous learning experiences that meet the needs of our learners and prepare them for college and career, we need your feedback. We want to know what you think.

To administer these surveys, we have partnered with Panorama Education to conduct our 2022 Family Survey. Panorama safeguards your privacy, keeping your responses confidential. The survey shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete and will be a valuable source of information for us as we work to make our schools and district as good as they can be.

You may complete the survey online between **March 21, 2022 and April 8, 2022** using a computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting the website [surveys.panoramaed.com/austinisd/family](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/austinisd/family)

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact us at 512-841-8600

## **COLLABORATIVE EDGE YOUTH**

The Collaborative Edge, also known as **Tiger eSports**, is now accepting registration for our next 8-week session (**Mar 23-May 18**). We meet every Thursday after school in Mr. Martin's classroom until 5:15 PM. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join! We begin each session with an SEL-based lesson to facilitate a healthy, collaborative, and competitive environment ([see this video!](#)). Recently, we have joined with AISD to help build the model for eSports in the district! We anticipate the first AISD interschool competition in May! We will be playing a range of games, including Splatoon 3, Madden 23, Smash Bros,

Minecraft, Fortnite, and Rocket League. If your student is interested in attending one free session, please reach out to us at [collaborativeedgeyouth@gmail.com](mailto:collaborativeedgeyouth@gmail.com).

- Register for the 4<sup>th</sup> season by completing the form linked here: [Session 4 Collaborative Edge Youth Program Registration](#)

Thanks! Mr. Martin and Mr. Balter Replies to this email will be posted as a reply to the announcement, which will be seen by everyone in the course.

### **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.
- 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.

### **CAP 10K RACE TEAM**

The Capital 10,000 race will be held in downtown Austin on **Sunday, April 16th**. Goryzcki will have a race team and all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join!

- Sign up at: [-cap10k.com](http://-cap10k.com)
- click register and choose "school team member"
- sign in and select "Gorzycki Middle School"

These are the optional training dates for the Gorzycki capital 10k race team:

- Thursday, April 6, 6:45am
- Friday, April 14, 6:45am

Meet on the track and please remember to bring a water bottle! If you have any questions or would still like to sign up, please contact Coach Sindt at [sean.sindt@austinisd.org](mailto:sean.sindt@austinisd.org)

### GMS YEARBOOKS

Hey Tigers! The yearbook is close to selling out! We have less than 200 copies left, and once they're gone, they're gone. Buy yours now before it's too late!

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### TIGER MART



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

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The GMS Tiger Mart student store website is NOW OPEN at <https://tigerpta.square.site>

- Order PE shirts, Strength & Conditioning shirts, Athletics shirts or GMS Spiritwear!
- Orders will be ready for student pick-up at Tiger Mart during lunchtime 3 days after the order is placed. PE teachers allow students plenty of time to get the required shirts.
- Orders not picked-up within 30 days will automatically get restocked.
- Any size (or item) exchanges of UNWORN and unwashed merchandise may be done by students during their lunch.
- We do not offer refunds.

Happy Shopping, Tigers!

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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](#)

### **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
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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.

- April 14, 2023
- May 12, 2023

### INTERIM 8TH-GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

While Mrs. Sage, the 8th-grade Assistant Principal, is out on maternity leave, GMS has a substitute AP that will be helping. Ms. Vasquez. Ms. Vasquez is an experienced administrator and has already begun connecting with our students. There is more than one Ms. Vasquez in the district so please use the following email if you need to communicate with her: [maria.vasquez3@austinisd.org](mailto:maria.vasquez3@austinisd.org).

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## PROCESSES & PROCEDURES

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## QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

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

- [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!

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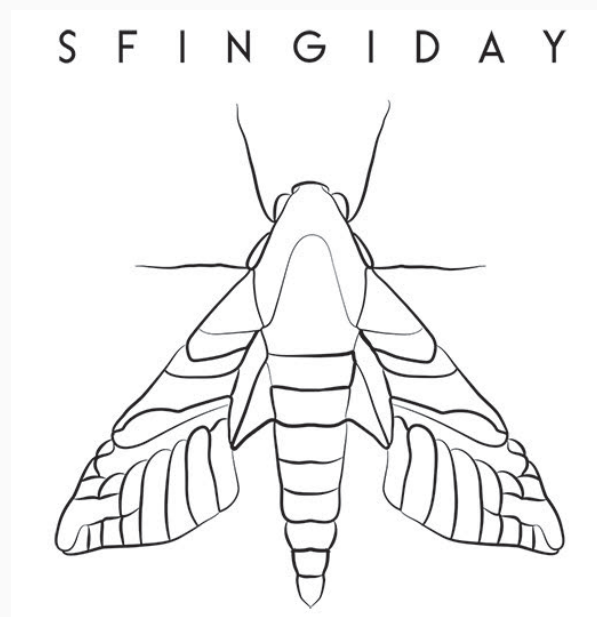




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