



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 (A Day)

Life Skills Bowling Field Trip
9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Semester POM Dance Winter Show Practice
3:50-5:00 PM

Anime & Manga Club
4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 (B Day)

Gorzycki Safe Space (GSS) Club
3:55-4:30 PM

Chess Club
4-5:00 PM

CAC Meeting
4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 (A Day)

*Beginner Band Showcase

8th Grade Holiday Field Trip
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GMS Winter Orchestra Concert
7-8:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 (B Day)

*Beginner Band Showcase

Pep Rally for Girls Basketball & Boys Soccer
1:40-2:15 PM

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

GMS Orchestra Winter Extravaganza
4-5:30 PM

A-Team Girls Basketball @ TBD
6-7:00 PM (7th Grade)
7-8:00 PM (8th Grade)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 (C Day)

Orchestra Carnegie Hall Rehearsal
7-8:00 AM

Pep Rally for Girls Basketball & Boys Soccer
1:50-2:10 PM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
3:55-4:25 PM

GMS Dance Team Winter Showcase
6:30-8:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

GMS Soccer Game vs Lamar (A&B Teams)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

GMS Dance Team Winter Showcase
6:30-8:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 (C Day)

A-Team Girls Basketball @ TBD
6-7:00 PM (7th Grade)
7-8:00 PM (8th Grade)

Soccer Playoffs @TBD

Anime & Manga Club
4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 (C Day)

GMS Winter Fine Arts Assembly

8:20-11:00 AM

Chess Club

4-5:00 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](#)

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Sweets for Staff on **December 21**. Calling all bakers and generous GMS parents: GMS PTA is hosting our annual staff cookie exchange . We need volunteer help to set-up, host, and provide cookies & other treats. If you are interested in helping on the actual day, email hospitality@tigerpta.org. If you'd like to make cookies, get your recipes together & look for a signup later this week.

GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Attention 7th and 8th grade soccer girls! Soccer tryouts will be held **Monday, January 9th, from 3:00-4:30, and Tuesday, January 10th, from 4:00-5:30**. If you are interested in trying out, please fill out the following form. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sindt.

- <https://forms.gle/6zYy1wWDMZ3fQC9g9>

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GMS YEARBOOKS

It's all
written
down

The memories. The friendships. The achievements. This yearbook is like no other because your student is like no other. Order them this irreplaceable piece of their history today.

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Hurry! Price goes up Dec. 31!

Questions? Contact andria.sindt@austinisd.org

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CHOICE SHEETS

Rising 6th Grade Important Transition Dates

It's hard to imagine already planning for middle school, but here we are! There are several important upcoming events to help your student transition to Gorzycki Middle School. Please save these dates so your family will know all the details about Campus Visits and Choice Sheets.

Only One Gorzycki



If your student is planning to attend GMS, please attend this event and find why we think this is a top notch school community!

Only One Gorzycki
Monday Nov 7th 5:30-6:30

If you are not currently attending one of our feeder schools, and/or are seeking a transfer, you are welcome to join us for Only One Gorzycki.
If your student wants to attend Student Campus Tours please contact Michelle Roddewig, counseling secretary to reserve a spot at 512-841-8612 or michelle.roddewig@austinsisd.org
Campus Tours reservations are only needed for students not already in the feeder pattern or at a feeder school.

GMS Info Session with Dr. Mitchell

Wednesday, Nov. 30th 6:00-7:00pm

Join us online while Dr. Mitchell shares important GMS info including choice sheets and math options. Google Meet Link:
<https://meet.google.com/ibu-zkfe-psy?hs=224>

Instrument Selection Day

February 5th drop-in at GMS

Orchestra 8:00-1:00 Band 9:00-3:00

Try out instruments for Orchestra and Band. Our band directors will be on hand to help you make your selection before Choice Sheets are due.



Choice Sheet Night

Mon Feb 6th from 5-7pm

Join us on campus for a chance to meet briefly with teachers and counselors to answer Choice Sheet & Scheduling questions. 504 and Special Education representatives will be available as well.

Student Campus Tours



All current 5th grade students at Baldwin, Bear Creek, Clayton, Kiker and Mills who are zoned for GMS will visit our campus during their school day, for a Fine Arts Showcase, Campus Tour and Choice Sheet Presentation:

Friday, Jan 27th

Digital Choice Sheets will be available online after the campus tours

Choice Sheet Deadline

Friday Feb 10th, 2023

Watch the Website
GMS Transition Camp Dates
TBA around late March

Save the Date:

Geometry Path Readiness Test window
May 8th-14th

Rising 6th grade 2023-2024 Team:

Assistant Principal: Sabrina Sage
sabrina.sage@austinsisd.org
School counselor: Corinne Oh
corinne.oh@austinsisd.org

BOWIE TRANSITION FOR 8TH GRADERS

Get Ready for Bowie!



DECEMBER 15TH

"DAWG SHOW" Campus Preview
8th grade students will tour the campus with student volunteers and experience a glimpse of high school life. 9-1 transportation provided



JANUARY 18TH

Incoming 9th graders Course and Club Showcase at Bowie High School 5:30-7:30pm Come and Go



FEBRUARY 1ST

Student & Parent Advising
OPTIONAL

Meet one-on-one with a Bowie counselor for a short advising session IF you have questions about course selection.
Choice Sheets Due Feb 3rd



EARLY DECEMBER

Bowie releases their "YOU BELONG AT BOWIE" video. Get excited to learn what makes Bowie a unique and exciting high school community



JANUARY 12TH

Bowie High School Showcase video released! Enjoy a virtual campus tour, get an overview of JBHS, and learn about course choices and electives



JANUARY 25-26TH

Classroom Course Advising
Bowie counselors present in math classrooms about high school choice sheets and review graduation requirements



TIGER MART



**NOW ACCEPTING
ORDERS**

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

tigerpta.square.site



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!

VOLUNTEER

CAFETERIA MONITORS

Tiger Team is looking for volunteers to help monitor the cafeteria during lunch. This is a pretty fun volunteer job that you can do over your lunch break and it makes a big impact. All the details can be found in the Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49ABAD2DA31-tiger6>

Please contact Jennifer Pickerill at volunteer.coordinator@tigerpta.org with any questions.

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 to inquire or volunteer.

DONATE

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AMAZON SMILE

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

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.

- January 13, 2023
 - February 10, 2023
 - March 24, 2023
 - April 14, 2023
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- May 12, 2023

PROCESSES & PROCEDURES

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 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.

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.
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JOIN GMS PTA TODAY!

PTA FOR YOUR CHILD

JOIN

There is strength in numbers and increasing PTA membership, even by just one, makes it possible to fund essential school resources and curriculum needs at GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

We invite you to join, because we can do more together than apart. It only takes 5 minutes:
JOINPTA.ORG





The number one reason to join the Gorzycki Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. 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 also supports our parents by providing timely information in our newsletter. 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.

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 with questions.

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

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