



## GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming at GMS

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

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

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

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

PTA Executive Board Meeting

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

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

Band Solo & Ensemble Festival  
4-7:30 PM

CAC Meeting  
4:00 PM

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 (A Day)**

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

2nd Spring Glee Rehearsal  
3:50-4:30 PM

Finance & Investing Club  
4-5:00 PM

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 13 (B DAY)**

AISD Choral Festival Rehearsal

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Dungeons & Dragons Club

3:55-5:00 PM

Band Solo & Ensemble Festival

4-7:30 PM

Cheer Practice

4-5:00 PM

Collaborative Edge Youth

4-5:00 PM

Tiger Track

6-8:00 PM

AISD Choral Festival Performance Field Trip

7-8:00 PM

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 14 (C) DAY**

Orchestra Carnegie Hall Rehearsal

7-8:00 AM

Orchestra Solo & Ensemble

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Life Skills Bowling Field Trip

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Principal Coffee Talk

2:15 PM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

3:55-4:25 PM

Fashion Association Club

4-5:10 PM

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

Junior Visual

7:00 A M - 3:30 PM

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 17 (A DAY)**

*\*Public School Volunteer Week*

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

Tiger Track Division I Meet  
6-8:00 PM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18 (B DAY)**

*\*Public School Volunteer Week*

Special Olympics Field Trip  
9-11:30 AM

Tiger Track Division I Meet  
6-8:00 PM

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**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

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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](#)

#### **GMS PTA BOARD POSITIONS**



Hey GMS families - PTA has a place for you! We're filling roles for the 2023-24 school year. We have both Board and Committee roles that match YOUR experience, time availability, and interests. GMS PTA is a great way to serve and be involved with your child's school. For more information email us at [info@tigerpta.org](mailto:info@tigerpta.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](#)

#### **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](https://cap10k.com)
- click register and choose "school team member"
- sign in and select "Goryzcki Middle School"

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

- 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 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



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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**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:

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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)
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:

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- [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 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

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following email if you need to communicate with her: [maria.vasquez3@austinisd.org](mailto:maria.vasquez3@austinisd.org).

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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.

- [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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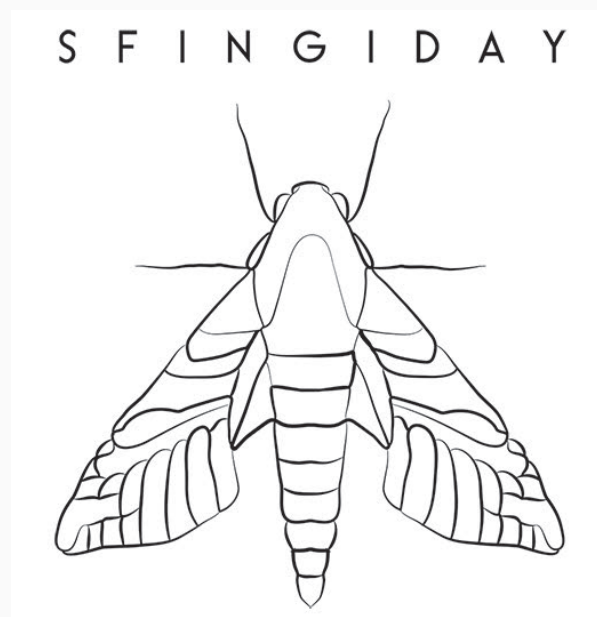




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