



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

**student badges enforced*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Honors Band Parent Meeting
6-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

7th Grade Girls Volleyball Game (Gorzycki)
6:00 B-Team
7:00 A-Team

8th Grade Girls Volleyball Game (Murchison)

6:00 B-Team
7:00 A-Team

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

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STUDENT BADGES

Starting Monday, students must wear their badges. Students without badges on Monday will be sent to lunch detention.

JOIN PTA

GMS PTA requests your membership! Together, we work to improve the well-being of all students by providing enrichment programs and funding, as well as promoting advocacy and involvement throughout the school. Your yearly membership matters! Join today at <https://www.tigerpta.org/join-pta>

TIGER MART IS OPEN



**CALLING ALL INCOMING
6TH GRADE GORZYCKI FAMILIES!**

**TIGER MART, THE PTA-SPONSORED STUDENT STORE, IS OPEN FOR
BUSINESS AND READY TO PREPARE YOUR STUDENT FOR A GREAT YEAR.**

We carry spirit wear and swag for the entire family, PE shirts, strength & conditioning shirts, and miscellaneous school supplies. As a PTA fundraiser, all profits go back into the school and directly benefit GMS.

2 ways to shop: **online** at <https://tigerpta.square.site/s/shop> and
in person with cash or credit card during student lunches

IT IS TIME TO ORDER YOUR GMS PE SHIRTS!

PE shirts are required for all students.
Tiger Mart is offering a 6th-grade bundle to the first 200 orders to help you get stocked up for the school year.

- (2) PE Shirts
- (1) Drawstring Bag (for stinky PE shirts!)

Enter code **FREEBAG** at checkout.

Tiger Mart, Gorzycki's PTA-sponsored student store, is OPEN and ready to prepare your student for a great year.

What's Tiger Mart? Tiger Mart is the PTA-sponsored student store open daily during student lunches. We carry spirit swag for the entire family, strength and conditioning shirts, and miscellaneous school supplies. We are also where you can purchase your student's gray PE shirts. At least 1 PE shirt is required for all students, but we parent volunteers recommend having a couple on hand.

How can we shop? You can [shop online](#) at any time or students can shop in-person with cash or credit card during their lunch hours. Online purchases are available for student pickup 3 school days after the order is placed. Tiger Mart will also be open for in-person parent shopping on Locker Night (Wed 8/16, 4-5 pm) and Back-To-School Night.

Where do Tiger Mart profits go? Right back into GMS! Our student store is a rolling fundraiser and all proceeds benefit Gorzycki students.

PE Shirt Bundle Tiger Mart is offering a [6th Grade Bundle](#) to help your student be stocked and ready for the school year. The Bundle includes (2) PE shirts and (1) drawstring bag (*for stinky shirts!*) The bundle is available for \$20 (a \$5 savings if purchased separately.) When ordering online, add 2 shirts and

1 bag to your cart and use the code **FREEBAG** at checkout.

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SIGN UP

New for the 2023-24 school year, students determined to be eligible for reduced-price meals will receive breakfast at no cost through funding allocated through the Texas legislature. We encourage families who currently have reduced-price status to complete an AISD meal benefits application at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD to ensure their eligibility through the entire school year.

Breakfast:

- Full Price: \$1.75
- Reduced-price: FREE

Lunch:

- Full Price: \$3.50
- Reduced-price: \$0.40

MEDICATION DROP OFF

Daily medications and/or emergency medications such as inhalers, EpiPens, seizure or diabetic medications should be dropped off in the GMS Health Room. The medications cannot be accepted without the necessary paperwork completed. You may visit the AISD Website under [Health Services and Nursing](#) to print and complete these forms. 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.

7TH GRADE SHOT RECORDS

7th GRADE PARENTS Please remember to submit your student's updated shot record as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. Students entering 7th grade are required to have received their Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster (Tdap) and their Meningitis vaccine (MCV). These records can be submitted by email to jessica.bram@austinisd.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

Below are excerpts from the GMS [Back-to-school newsletter](#):

- [Summer Reading Assignments](#) for 6th-8th Grades.
- [School Supply Lists](#)
- [6th-grade Back-to-school Parent Slideshow](#)
- [7th-grade Back-to-school Parent Slideshow](#)
- [8th-grade Back-to-school Parent Slideshow](#)

STAY CONNECTED

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

- **SCHOOL MESSENGER**

We strongly encourage parents to revisit their notification settings in the Parent Cloud under "School Messenger" so that you may receive important CAMPUS or district messages. School Messenger is the district's communication tool. Parents can set their preferred modes of district & campus communication in the parent cloud. Gorzycki is capable of sending mass emails to all or certain grade levels only and

has used this method on several occasions. All school information will be shared via traditional email as well as social media and our website. Please click link below to check your settings.

You must have a Parent Portal acct. <https://www.austinisd.org/technology/parent-portal/schoolmessenger>

- Sign up to receive notifications for the Gorzycki Middle Campus Community Course at: <https://aisdblend.instructure.com/courses/111130>
- Follow the OFFICIAL GMS FB Page: Gorzycki Middle School

VOLUNTEER

TEACHER WORKROOM VOLUNTEERS

We have a few slots open to volunteer in the Teacher Workroom this year. [Please sign up](#) with the day that works best for you. This will be your time slot for the year. You can come in anytime between 8:30am - 3:30pm. We will have Team A and Team B, based on an every other week schedule that will be sent out via email once all slots have been filled. Team B will start first on August 21 and Team A will start the week of August 28.

- [Volunteer Sign up](#)
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TIGER MART VOLUNTEERS



The GMS Tiger Mart is the PTA sponsored student store on campus. It is open daily during student lunches and staffed by a group of amazing volunteers. We are looking for additional volunteers for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

You are committing to a recurring shift every other week (A week or B week). Shifts run from 10:35-1:00. "A week" will start the first week of school (Aug 14), "B week" will be the following week.

It's a great way to volunteer inside the school during the day and interact with students. If you are interested in joining the volunteer team, please fill out your info below and the Tiger Mart coordinators will be in touch. We do have volunteer subs available if you are unable to make your regular shift from time to time.

Please fill out this Google form: [Tiger Mart Volunteers](#)

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

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

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.

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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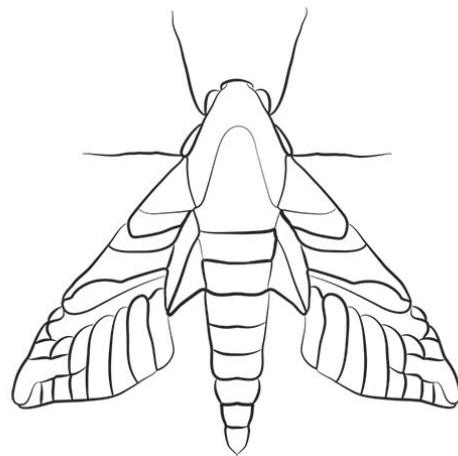
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