



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 (A Day)

**Custodian and Groundskeeping Appreciation Week*

GMS Homecoming Pep Rally (6th Grade)
1:40-2:15 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 (B Day)

PTA Executive Board Meeting via zoom
9:00 AM

GMS Homecoming Pep Rally (7th & 8th Grade)
1:40-2:15 PM

6th-Grade Science Club
4-5:00 PM

Band Sectional - Euphoniums
4-4:40 PM

Pep Band Performance & Homecoming Tailgate
5-9:00 PM

7th-Grade Football Game @ Burger Stadium
6:00 PM (A Team)

8th-Grade Football Game @ Burger Stadium
7:30 PM (A Team)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 (A Day)

Band Sectional - Flutes
7:20-8:00 AM

Coffee with a Cop @ Bowie HS
8-9:00 AM

3rd Fall Glee Rehearsal
3:50-4:30

7th-Grade Football Game @ Gorzycki
6:00 PM (B Team)

8th-Grade Football Game @ Bailey
6:00 PM (B Team)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 (B Day)

Band Sectional - French Horns
4-4:40 PM

A-Team Volleyball Game @ TBD
6-7:00 (7th Grade)
7-8:00 (8th Grade)

PTA General Membership Meeting - Screenagers
6:30-8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 (C Day)

****Early Release @ 2:30PM****

Band Sectional - Saxophones
7:20-8:00 AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 (A Day)

NJHS Chapter Meeting
3:50-5:15 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 (B Day)

7th-Grade Football Game @ House Park
6:00 PM (B Team)
7:30 PM (A Team)

Gorzycki Links

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

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[AISD Calendar 22-23](#)

[Bus Stop Finder](#)

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OCTOBER CAFETERIA MONITORS

The October Cafeteria Monitor Sign-up is live. This is a pretty fun volunteer job that you can do over your lunch break and it makes a big impact. Please sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49ABAD2DA31-tiger4>

SCHOOL CLUBS

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

GMS SPIRIT DAYS

Gorzycki Middle School

October 3rd-October 7th

SPIRIT DAYS!!

- 10/03** **Adam Sandler Day**
Wear plaid, dress up like a boy, wear a hockey jersey or a superman shirt.
- 10/04** **Spirit Day**
Wear anything GMS! Show your school spirit!
- 10/05** **On Wednesdays We Wear Pink! Pink Out!**
Wear as much pink as you can find!
- 10/06** **Soccer Mom Vs. BBQ Dad**
Soccer mom: sun visor, fanny pack, polos shirt.
BBQ dad: grill apron, new balance tennis shoes
- 10/07** **Twin Day/Group Theme**
Get with your bestie (or group of besties) and dress the same!

COFFEE WITH A COP



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation.



Wednesday,
Oct. 5, 2022



Bowie High School
4103 W Slaughter Ln.
(front band lot)



08:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:

Gorzycki MS, Bailey MS
Bowie HS
School Resource Officers



QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Stephanie.Kirkov@austinsdpolice.org

coffeewithacop.com

SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER VIEWING & PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER

UNCOVERING SKILLS FOR STRESS RESILIENCE

Thursday, October 6th, 6:30 pm
GMS Cafeteria

Gorzycki PTA is excited to present *Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience*, a movie about helping young people thrive in our screen and stress-filled world, at our next PTA General Membership Meeting.

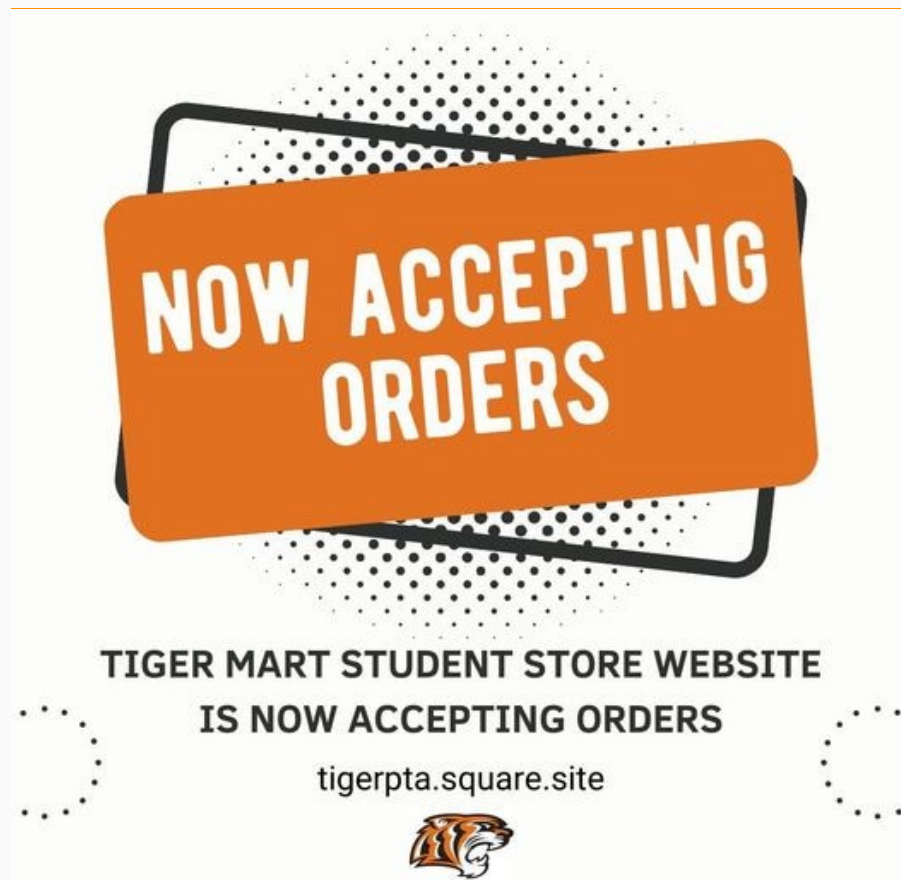
A brief PTA meeting will begin at 6:30, followed by *Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER*, the newest documentary in the *Screenagers* film series.

High stress, anxiety, and depression are experienced by millions of young people. In this film, physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, discovers solutions for improved adolescent well-being in the digital age.

This is a FREE event, sponsored by your PTA. We ask that you RSVP in advance so that we can plan accordingly. No actual ticket is required for entry.

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screenager-next-chapter-presented-by-gorzycki-middle-school-pta-tickets-423693477597>

TIGER MART



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-tiger4>

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

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

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.

- October 21, 2022
 - November 11, 2022
 - December 9, 2022
 - 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. Students without badges, which have been about 100 each day, will be assigned lunch detention. 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.

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!

BENGAL PARTNERS





Modern Family
Dentistry of Oak Hill

Gentle Preventive & Cosmetic
Dentistry

512-301-9002

www.austinmoderndentist.com

Doctors Maggie & Benjamin Sharfae, DDS



SIBERIAN PARTNERS



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