



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (A DAY)

Dance Team Tryout Clinic
4-7:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (B DAY)

Theatre: Shrek Ensemble Rehearsal
3:50-6:00 PM

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

CAC Meeting
4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 (A Day)

**School Resource Officer Day*

Crochet Club
4-5:00 PM

Dance Team Tryout Clinic
4-7:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 (B DAY)

Orchestra Pre-UIL Field Trip @ AISD Performing Arts Center

Life Skills Field Trip
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Collaborative Edge Youth eSports
4-5:00 PM

7th Grade Boys Basketball @ Small
6:00 (B Team)
7:00 (A Team)

8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Gorzycki
6:00 (B Team)
7:00 (A Team)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 (C DAY)

**Early Release Day @ 2:30 PM*

Orchestra Carnegie Hall Rehearsal
7-8:00 AM

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

Tigerette Competition Practice
4-8:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

TQBA Yellow Rose Soiree Quiz Bowl Tournament
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Girls Soccer Game @ Ann Richards
9:00 AM (A-Team)
10:30 AM (B-Team)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Student/Staff Holiday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (B DAY)

Musical Rehearsal
4:00-6:00 PM

Band Instrument Selection Day Make-up
4-7:00 PM

Gorzycki Links

[School Site](#)

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

[Bell Schedule 22-23](#)

[GMS PTA Site](#)

AISD Links

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[AISD Calendar 22-23](#)

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PTA MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Gorzycki PTA held its February General Membership meeting on February 1 via Zoom. Thanks so much to those who attended, and we apologize for any inconvenience this caused those in the GMS community who were without power that day. Unfortunately, our speaker, Attorney David Gonzalez, needed to cancel but has rescheduled with us for **Wednesday, April 26**. Please mark your calendars. Please also email president@tigerpta.org if you'd like to find out how to receive a copy of the minutes from tonight's meeting. Thank you for your support of Gorzycki Middle School PTA.

CAP 10K RACE TEAM

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

- Sign up at: [-cap10k.com](https://www.cap10k.com)
 - click register and choose "school team member"
 - sign in and select "Gorzycki Middle School"
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Coach Sindt will be hosting training runs on **Friday mornings starting in early March**. Dates and times for training runs will be sent out sometime in February. If you have any questions, contact Coach Sindt at sean.sindt@austinisd.org.

REFLECTIONS WINNERS

Congratulations to these following artists for their winning entries in this year's PTA Reflections program: Show Your Voice! These entries have advanced to the District level competition representing Gorzycki Middle School. The District will review before the end of this month and select the area entries that will advance to the State level. Thank you to everyone for participating in this year's program, we have a lot of talented Tigers!

- **Giselle Cramer:** Visual Arts piece titled "We All Matter"
- **Felix Davidson:** Literature poetry piece titled "Show Your Voice"
- **Heath Davidson:** Music Composition piece titled "My Voice"

GMS YEARBOOKS

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yearbook!!!!

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YOUR
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andria.sindt@austinisd.org

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**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!

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**. For more info visit gradeorg/counseling/incoming-9th-https://bowie.austinschools.

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. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49ABAD2DA31-tiger8>

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

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.

- March 24, 2023
 - April 14, 2023
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- 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.

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.

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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