



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (A DAY)

**TELPAS Testing*

Beginning Orchestra Social
4-5:30 PM

Musical Tech Rehearsals
4-7:00 PM

Girls Soccer Playoff @ TBD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 (B DAY)

**TELPAS Testing*

Gorzycki Safe Space
3:55-4:30 PM

Musical Tech Rehearsals
4-7:00 PM

Orchestra Instrument Selection Day
4-5:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 (A Day)

Beginning Band Field Trip
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Crochet Club
4-5:00 PM

Animation Club

4-5:00 PM

Musical Tech Rehearsals

4-7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 (B DAY)

Orchestra UIL Field Trip

Dungeons and Dragons Club

3:55-5:00 PM

Collaborative Edge Youth

4-5:00 PM

Cheer Practice

4-5:00 PM

Boys Basketball Playoffs @ Gorzycki

6-7:00 (7th Grade)

7-8:00 (8th Grade)

Girls Soccer Playoffs

TBD

Musical Performance

7-9:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 (C DAY)

Life Skills Bowling Field Trip

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Orchestra UIL Concert & Sight Reading

1:30-5:00 PM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

3:55-4:25 PM

Musical Performance

7-9:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Monarch Heroes Butterfly Garden Planting

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TQBA Goldeneye Quiz Bowl Tournament

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Musical Performances

2-9:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

MONDAY, MARCH 6 (A DAY)

Orchestra Post-UIL Social

4-5:00 PM

Musical Cast and Crew Party

4-5:30 PM

Boys Basketball Playoffs

TBD

Girls Track Tryouts

4-5:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 (B DAY)

Boys Track Tryouts

6:30-8:00 AM

Tennis Tryouts

3:50-5:30 PM

Girls Track Tryouts

4-5:30 PM

GMS Cheer Camp "Wear Mall:

4:30-6:00 PM

PTA Executive Board Meeting via Zoom

7-8:00 PM

Gorzycki Links

[School Site](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Daily Announcements](#)

[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](#)

2023 TIGER DAY

The poster features a black background with a red and white striped tent top at the top. A large white '2023' is centered below the tent. A yellow banner with a red and white dotted border contains the text 'Gorzycki Middle School' and 'TIGER DAY' in bold black letters. Two tiger head logos are on either side of the banner. Below the banner, a yellow box contains the text '10 March, 2023 1:25-3:00 PM'. To the right, a yellow box contains the text 'WRISTBANDS ON SALE!' and '02/21-03/07 Online & at school 3/8-3/9'. Further right, a yellow box contains the text '\$25 WRISTBAND!' and a list of inclusions: 'Includes: Pizza & Pizza Rolls', '• Popcorn/Pickle Snack', '• Drink Station', and '• Access to unlimited games, booths, and interactive obstacles.' Below these boxes, a black box contains the text '**Wristband scholarships are available through your student's counselor.' and a paragraph about the fundraiser. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'PURCHASE HERE' and the URL 'https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/Mey!'. The poster is decorated with colorful streamers on the left and right sides.

- Students may pick up their wristbands during their lunch period Wednesday March 8th – Thursday, March 9th.
- Wristbands will be placed on students when they pick up AND students are responsible for wearing their wristband until the end of Tiger Day - March 10th, 1:25 -3:00 pm. All purchases are non-refundable.

Volunteering / Item Donations:

During the Tiger Day event, teachers, PTA Socials Committee, and parent volunteers organize and run carnival booths, games, inflatables, and a snack area throughout the afternoon.

Signup to volunteer or donate items for snack areas and activities: [Signup Genius](#)

Monetary Donations / Scholarships:

If wishing to make a monetary donation in lieu of sending drink/snack item, to assist with activity materials,

or to help achieve our goal of 100% participation, please enter the amount you would like to donate. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

- Contact socals@tigerpta.org for questions. We appreciate your support and your donation to ensure we have a successful event!

TENNIS TRYOUTS

Tennis Tryouts will be on **March 7- 9** for all 7/8 boys & girls. Please bring your own tennis racket, tennis balls will be provided. Practice will start after school until 5:30pm. Please try to attend all days; however, it is not mandatory.

Athletes must also have a current [physical](#) (dated after April 15, 2022), emergency card (attached), and online forms completed through [Rank One](#). (Anyone who tried out for volleyball, participates in cross country, or is currently in Strength & Conditioning or Athletics class is already clear for the school year.) Please make sure the official 2022-2023 AISD letterhead is at the top of the physical instead of a generic one that a doctor may have on hand at his/her office. Also, we can only accept the original physical, not a copy or electronic version. Please do not email any paperwork. Anyone who does not have a physical already on file will need to come down to the coaches' office and hand it in directly. **All paperwork must be completed and cleared in Rank One before tryouts.**

Please contact Coach Jason Gaines at jason.gaines@austinsisd.org if you have any questions.

YEARBOOK APPLICATIONS

Gorzycki's award-winning yearbook The Roar is now recruiting for the 2023-2024 staff! Know a student who loves to interview, take photos, tell stories, or excels at art or design? Encourage them to apply! Applications are available now from Ms. Sindt in room 508 or in the counselor's office. Applications are due **Friday, March 3**. Yearbook is open to any 7th or 8th grader.

- <https://gorzycki.austinschools.org/our-programs/yearbook>

GMS PALS APPLICATIONS

Know a student who loves helping others? Is a great leader? Then PALS may be the class for them! PALS is a peer-helping program in which a select group of eighth-grade students engages in mentoring, team-building, leadership development, real-world problem solving, and service activities. Applications are available now from Ms. Sindt in room 508 or in the counselor's office. Applications are due **Friday, Mar 3**.

<https://gorzycki.austinschools.org/our-programs/pals>

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://cap10k.com)
- click register and choose "school team member"
- sign in and select "Gorzycki Middle School"

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

- Friday, March 10, 6:45am
- Friday, March 24, 6:45am
- Thursday, March 30, 6:45am

- Thursday, April 6, 6:45am
- 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

GMS YEARBOOKS

OMG

I bought my yearbook!!!!

So did I!!!!

BUY
YOUR
yearbook
TODAY

On sale now for \$45
Hurry! Price goes
up March 17!

Questions? Contact
andria.sindt@austinisd.org

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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!

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!

BENGAL PARTNERS





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Doctors Maggie & Benjamin Sharfae, DDS



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