



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 (A Day)

**Transportation Employees Appreciation Week*
A-Team Football Playoffs TBD

7th-Grade Girls' Basketball Tryouts
6:20-8:15 AM

8th-Grade Girls' Basketball Tryouts
3:50-5:30 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 (B Day)

A-Team Football Playoffs @ Burger Stadium
6:00 PM (7th Grade)
7:30 PM (8th Grade)

7th-Grade Girls' Basketball Tryouts
6:20-8:15 AM

8th-Grade Girls' Basketball Tryouts
3:50-5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 (A Day)

GMS Fall Choir Concert
7:30-8:15 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 (B Day)

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

Student Picture Retakes

11:30 AM - 1:35 PM

Band Visits Longhorn Band Rehearsal

6:30 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 (C Day)

PALS ROPES Field Trip

8:45 AM - 3:15 PM

LASA Admissions Info Session

1:50-2:30 PM

Principal's Coffee Talk

2:15 PM

GMS Choir Social

4-5:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 (A Day)

**Red Ribbon Week*

A-Team Football Playoffs TBD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 (B Day)

A-Team Football Playoffs TBD

UIL Tech Day

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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>

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2022 girls' basketball season will be held on **Monday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 18th**. 7th grade girls will try out before school. Doors will open at 6:20 a.m., and we will begin at 6:30. 8th grade girls will try out immediately after school until 5:30 p.m. Those participating are expected to attend both days of tryouts. Please drop off/pick up at the back of the gym (the doors facing the tennis courts).

[Emergency Card \(10\).pdf](#)

In order to sign up, please fill out this [Google Form](#). 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 us 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.

If you have any questions, please email Coach Moreno for 8th grade (garrett.moreno@austinisd.org) or Coach Kehoe for 7th grade (kim.kehoe@austinisd.org).

REFLECTIONS



National PTA's Reflections Program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through 12th grade create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme.

This Year's Theme is : "Show Your Voice!"

All Gorzycki Tigers are encouraged to participate and will participate in the program according to their grade level. In the judging process, greater weight is put on interpretation of the theme, how closely the piece relates to the theme based on the entry submitted and the artist statement. You can review entries from previous years by visiting the [gallery](#).

How to Enter:

1. Download the entry form here in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)
2. Pick a category for your entry (See rules for each category [here](#)):
 - Dance/Choreography
 - Film Production
 - Literature
 - Musical Composition
 - Photography
 - Visual Arts
3. Submit entries via [Google Form](#). **Deadline to submit entries is Friday, October 28, 2022.**

The student's family must be a member of the Gorzycki PTA by October 31, 2022. If you are not currently a member, please join [here](#).

See information on awards and recognition [here](#). The entries selected for State recognition will be notified on March 15. We look forward to seeing your Tiger Pride reflected through your creativity!

Please contact Reflections Chair, Leslie Dippel, with any questions: ldippel@att.net

HUNTER 5K



Join us on **October 29, 2022** (9:00 AM) for the fourth annual Hunter 5K Halloween Fun Run!

The Hunter 5K was created to honor and celebrate the fast and free spirit of four-year-old Hunter Henderson, who tragically passed away in December of 2018. Hunter loved Halloween and dressed up in costume throughout the year. Held on Halloween weekend, race participants are strongly encouraged to dress in their most creative Halloween costumes in his memory. The Hunter 5K is the inspiration of Chance Henderson, Hunter's father. An avid runner, he was moved to create a fun and inclusive event that Hunter would be proud of. Funds raised from the event benefit the Dell Children's Medical Center who helped the Henderson family immensely during Hunter's stay.

- Register today at <https://thehunter5k.com/>
- Location: Bear Creek Elementary - 12801 Escarpment Blvd, Austin, TX 78739

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!

SCHOOL IDS

Gorzycki has received IDs from Life Touch photography with student pictures on them and will be distributed during lunches starting on Monday, October 10, 2022. Please help us make sure that your child replaces their temporary paper ID with the new photo ID. If your student loses their picture ID, a new one can be purchased from the front office for \$5.00 (cash only).

SCHOOL CLUBS

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

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.

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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
- 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





SIBERIAN PARTNERS



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