



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, MAY 1 (A DAY)

Special Olympics Field Trip
9-11:30 AM

New Team Dance Practice
4-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 2 (B DAY)

*****EOC Algebra Test***

Special Olympics Field Trip
9-11:30 AM

Rm. 523 Austin Zoo Field Trip
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 (A Day)

*****STARR Math Test (6-8th Grade)***

Special Olympics Field Trip
9-11:30 AM

Life Skills Field Trip
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

5th Spring Glee Rehearsal
3:50-4:30 PM

Crochet Club

4-5:00 PM

NJHS Induction Ceremony

6-8:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 4 (B DAY)

Company Play Festival Tech Rehearsals

4-6:00 PM

Cheer Practice

4-5:00 PM

Collaborative Edge Youth

4-5:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 5 (C) DAY

Orchestra Carnegie Hall Rehearsal

7-8:00 AM

Life Skills Bowling Field Trip

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

3:55-4:25 PM

Dance Team Spring Show

6:30-8:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Texas Invitational Quiz Bowl Tournament

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Dance Team Spring Show

6:30-8:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 7

MONDAY, MAY 8 (A DAY)

**Geometry Path Readiness Test Window*

TUESDAY, MAY 9 (B DAY)

**Geometry Path Readiness Test Window*

Creative Writing Publishing Celebration

8:20 AM - 3:50 PM

CAC Meeting

4:00 PM

Beginning Band Rehearsal
4-6:00 PM

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7TH & 8TH GRADE END OF YEAR FIELD TRIPS

All 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in an end of year incentive field trip to Urban Air.

- 7th-Grade: **Friday, May 12** (9:00am - 2:00pm) \$30 [7th Grade Field Trip Letter May 2023.pdf](#)
- 8th-Grade: **Friday, May 19**. (9:00am - 2:00pm) \$40

The price of the field trip helps to cover the cost of transportation, renting out Urban Air, unlimited play of all of the activities at Urban Air for four hours, lunch and snacks at Urban Air, and an ice cream party on the last day of school.

A cashonline email will go out on May 1 with a link for payment. There are scholarships available for anyone who needs one. If you would like to donate any amount to our scholarship fund so that all students

can attend, it would be greatly appreciated. Funds may be donated at the time that you pay for your student on cashonline in May.

Your student received a paper waiver from Urban Air in their EXCEL class.

We will need chaperones at Urban Air to ensure that the students are only entering the bathroom one at a time. You can sign up with a friend, or bring a book, grab a chair, and sit outside of the bathrooms for two hours. We want to make sure that we are always invited back. Thank you for your consideration and time. **You can volunteer on the google form that will be sent out on May 1.**

7TH GRADE VACCINE REQUIREMENT

7th GRADE VACCINE REQUIREMENT REMINDER

Please continue sending in vaccine records for your rising 7th graders prior to the first day of school next year. As a reminder, all 7th graders are required to have a MCV and Tdap vaccine administered on or after their 11th birthday. Please see the attached document regarding this requirement and contact the school nurse with questions: jessica.bram@austinisd.org or 512-841-8620.

- [Choice Sheet Immunization Request.doc](#)

END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

NEW INFO FROM THE GORZYCKI HEALTH ROOM REGARDING END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child has medication in the health room at school, please complete the attached document regarding how you want the medication returned. If you would like the medication sent home with your child, we need to have your permission in writing. All medications need to be picked up by the parent or sent home by the end of the last day of school with the student or it will be destroyed. No medications are allowed to remain at school over the summer. **NEW this year - All controlled substances must be picked up by a parent and cannot be sent home with the student.** For all other medications, please indicate below how you would like the medication returned by the last day of school and **return the attached form to the health room by 5/22/2023.** You may email the form to jessica.bram@austinisd.org or send it in with your student to the health room or front office.

- [End of Year Medication Disposition Letter.doc](#)

PHYSICALS

Physicals for next school year will be passed out during P.E./Athletics classes on Friday (4/21). If a student is not in a P.E./Athletics class (or has a physical scheduled before Friday), please have them come by the gym to get a packet. Physicals are required for the following:

- Anyone trying out for a school sport next year
- Any student taking Strength and Conditioning class
- Dance teams (Tiger Drill, Tiger Dancers, Tigerettes)
- Cheerleaders
- Bowie Summer Performance Course (only current 6th graders and anyone who did not turn in a physical for this school year. Current 7th and 8th graders who turned in a physical this year do not need a new one for summer activities)

Any physical dated before April 15th, 2023, will not be accepted for next school year. The physical must be completed on the 2023-2024 AISD form, not on a physical form provided by the doctor. We cannot accept any emailed physicals or copies of the physical. It must be the original. I recommend making a

copy for your own records. In addition to the physical being handed in, there are also two online forms (available May 1) that must be completed before your student is eligible to participate.

- Updated 2023-24 Physical Form: <https://www.austinisd.org/athletics/forms>
- 2 Required Online Forms: <https://austinisd.rankonesport.com/>

Once your child gets their physical, please have them hand it in directly to their grade level coach for next year. Please do not turn the physical into the front office. Only a coach can collect a physical.

- Current 6th grade girls - Coach Moreno
- Current 7th grade girls - Coach Kehoe
- Current 6th grade boys - Coach Fourmy
- Current 7th grade boys - Coach Neary

AISD will also provide an opportunity for a free physical. We still have not received that information, but if you are interested or have any other questions, please contact Coach Neary - eamonn.neary@austinisd.org

NEW SCHEDULE 2023-24

[Here](#) is the draft schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. The new schedule will be a straight 8 with extra time given to 6th period for EXCEL. This allows for shorter classes which will address the amount of time students are not engaged in learning and still allow for students to have all 4 electives. Please read the complete letter:

- [23-24 GMS New Schedule.pdf](#)

STAAR TESTING SCHEDULE

STAAR exams are quickly approaching. Please see the information below to know when your student will be testing and the information for testing days. Unlike in the past, students will have all day to test if needed. Students who do not need extra time will return to their classes after 3 hours. We will send out the class schedule for testing weeks soon. Please note that the Friday of each testing week will be the make-up day for the subject tested that week.

- **Thursday April 20:** 6-8th grade Reading STAAR
- **Wednesday April 26th:** 8th grade Science STAAR
- **Thursday April 27th:** 8th grade Social Studies STAAR
- **Tuesday May 2nd:** Algebra I EOC exam
- **Wednesday May 3rd:** 6-8th Math STAAR

Testing Students Please Adhere To The Following Guidelines:

- *Please arrive at your usual time.
- *Name and room numbers will be posted in the commons and in grade level hallways
- *Students will be dismissed at 8:10am to go to their testing rooms.
- *Please bring a **FULLY CHARGED District issued AISD Chromebook** and charger
- *Bring a water bottle
- *Cell phones, smart watches, and backpacks will need to be placed in lockers before testing begins. Students will only need to bring their Chromebook, a book (non-electric), and water bottle to the testing room.

- The campus will be closed to all visitors on STAAR exam days and we highly recommend students **bring lunch** instead of buying it from the cafeteria if possible.

GMS YEARBOOK SOLD OUT

To join the waitlist please click the link below. <https://forms.gle/11P4hzTXjySeXm1U9>

Thank you for your
support of the *yearbook!*

WE ARE
sold out

Forgot to order? Click HERE to be added
to the waitlist*

*Books are **NOT** guaranteed. If the publisher sends extra copies, we will sell them for \$55 on a **first-come, first-serve** basis. If you are one the waitlist, you will be notified in May **after distribution** whether or not extra books are available. If they are, a link will be provided to pay for a book. **No extra books will be ordered.**

Our initial press run is final.

Questions? Contact andria.sindt@austinisd.org

TIGER MART



**NOW ACCEPTING
ORDERS**

**TIGER MART STUDENT STORE WEBSITE
IS NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS**

tigerpta.square.site



Stock up on your GMS gear before Tiger Mart closes for summer! We will be open for students during lunch through the end of April and for parents next Wednesday, 4/26, from 6-8:00 p.m. during the last PTA General Membership Meeting. In May, Tiger Mart will only be open on Friday, 5/5, & Friday, 5/12. Online sales are open at <https://tigerpta.square.site/> until May 3rd. If your student is visiting Tiger Mart frequently to purchase a lost or forgotten lanyard, consider purchasing a couple ahead of time to keep in their locker! Happy shopping!"

SUMMER CAMPS

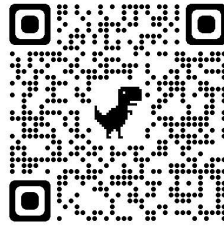
BOWIE RUNNING CAMP

Come have fun
this summer with
the Bowie High
School Cross
Country:

Running Camp

7th-12th Graders

www.bowiexc.com



**Dates: June 5th-29th and July
10th-August 4th**

This is a camp to encourage runners to build up their confidence and endurance. August 1st will be the first official day of the High School Cross Country season.

Where and How Long? We will meet on the first day for check-in by the Bowie Track, you will see our tent. Camp will go from 7am-8:30am each day. After the first week, we will move camp to the Circle C Fields to utilize the trail there as well as surrounding neighborhoods.

What To Bring? Everyday bring: a water bottle, a towel/Yoga Mat, and sunscreen. On the 8th, bring an extra set of clothes to get changed after water games!

What is included? A camp shirt, snacks, gatorade/chocolate milk, friends and fun!

Coach Tilson:
lora.tilson@austinisd.org

ACC FREE SUMMER CAMPS

The AISD CTE department is excited to announce that we are providing our AISD Middle School Students with the opportunity to attend a FREE all day (Monday thru Friday) summer camp during June 2023, sponsored by Austin Community College. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, so we encourage all to register now while space is still available: [Register HERE](#)

- [English Flyer/QR Code](#)
- [Spanish Flyer/QR Code](#)

Students may choose 1, 2, or all 3 camps:

1. **Health Sciences - June 12 - 16, 2023, at ACC Eastview Campus**, located at 3401 Webberview Road, Austin, TX
2. **Advanced Manufacturing - June 20 - 23, 2023, at ACC Highland Campus**, located at 6101 Highland Campus Dr, Austin, TX (*note: 6/19 is a holiday - camp will be closed on this day)

3. **Information Technology - June 26 - 30, 2023, at ACC Highland Campus**, located at 6101 Highland Campus Dr, Austin, TX

BOWIE GIRLS BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp Middle School Details

- Parents can [pay and register using this link](#), but if they'd like to [register and pay at a later date, here is the registration link](#)

Incoming Freshman Summer Details

- [Fill this form out to be added to the incoming freshman contact list](#)) and through our Instagram @BowieWBB

Questions? Please email iesha.collins@austinisd.org

BOWIE STRENGTH & CONDITIONING SUMMER CAMP

Performance Course visited with Bowie feeder Middle School Athletics earlier this week about an upcoming opportunity for athletic development that will be taking place this summer! This program was developed by Performance Course to offer athletes the opportunity to develop both physically and mentally.

PC takes a goal-oriented approach to develop speed, agility, mobility, functional strength and power. Performance nutrition, character development, mental preparation and goal setting techniques are also included in the curriculum to develop the whole athlete!

The session starts June 5th, and will run Monday-Thursday from 8am to 1pm, depending on which session your son or daughter signs up for.

We want to ensure all athletes have the opportunity to participate. To receive more information from Performance Course, please fill out this link:

<https://info.performancecourse.com> and select "Summer" and "Bowie". This will ensure you receive information about the summer but does not enroll your child!

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.performancecourse.com/school-district/austin-isd>

If you have any questions or need help with registration, please contact the Bowie Performance Course Director, Mac Acuna (macuna@performancecourse.com) and he will be glad to assist you.

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](#)
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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 confirmation. Current 8th graders can request a change by emailing their high school counselor until **May 19th**.

VOLUNTEER

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

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.

- 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. 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.

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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