



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 (A Day)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 (B Day)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 (A Day)

**School Picture Day*

Dance Team Parent Meeting
6-7:00 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 (B Day)

**School Picture Day*

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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 (C Day)

Drama Club
4-5:00

Theatre Trip
6-8:00

[SATURDAY, AUGUST 27](#)

[SUNDAY, AUGUST 28](#)

[MONDAY, AUGUST 29 \(A Day\)](#)

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LOCKERS

All grade levels were issued lockers and a combination lock last week. Once issued a locker, students need to keep their backpacks in their lockers. Students can carry Chromebooks and notebooks to class in a Chromebook case.

PICTURE DAY



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Two Day Event: Aug 24 and 25
Gorzycki Middle School



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PE T-SHIRTS

All PE and Athletics students are required to dress out for class. *PE shirts sold out really fast!* We have put in an expedited order of all PE shirt sizes and will make an announcement as soon as they are ready for purchase. In the meantime, all PE coaches are aware of this and are not expecting students to have shirts until they are available. The grey PE t-shirt and the orange Athletics t-shirt can be purchased for \$10 through Tiger Mart. Orders are shipped to the school and can be picked up at tiger mart by your student. Email notifications are sent when t-shirts are ready to pick up.

- [Grey PE T-Shirt](#)
- [Orange Athletics T-Shirt](#)

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!

DR. MITCHELL ON TWITTER

We love our GMS principal! Follow Dr. Cathryn Mitchell on Twitter, and check out photos from 6th-grade Locker Night: twitter.com/GMS_DrMitchell

CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS

Hello Tiger runners! If you are an incoming 7th or 8th grader and are interested in running XC this fall and haven't signed up yet, please fill out the following form. Cross Country is a fall sport that is open to any incoming 7th or 8th grade girl or boy. No athletes are cut! If you sign up and show up the first week, you are guaranteed a spot on the team.

We train on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:45** and most of our meets are on Saturday mornings. The meet racing distance is 2 miles. The first practice will be the first week of school and the season usually ends around the beginning of October. All experience levels are welcome! Whether you are an experienced runner going for fast times, or trying to get in shape for another sport, or maybe you have never run a mile in your life, any ability level is welcome! I look forward

to coaching all of you! If you haven't signed up yet, please fill out the following form and I'll add you to the team mailing list. If you have any questions, you can email me at coach.sindt@gmail.com

- [Cross Country Interest Form](#)

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. We know this will require most of you to contact your child's provider for an order, so we wanted to give you as much notice as possible to be prepared for the first day of school. As a reminder, 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.

7TH GRADE SHOT RECORDS

*****7th GRADE PARENTS***** Please remember to submit your student's updated shot record as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. Students entering 7th grade are required to have received their Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster (Tdap) and their Meningitis vaccine (MCV). These records can be submitted by email as well. jessica.bram@austinisd.org

BOWIE BULLDOGS & HOTDOGS

Bowie PTSA is proud to host its annual BULLDOGS & HOTDOGS FESTIVAL for all ages on **SATURDAY, AUG. 27 from 5-8 PM**. James Bowie High School PTSA welcomes all SW Austin families back to school! Join us for the 2022 Bulldogs & Hot Dogs community event in the Bowie Courtyard. This event is hosted by PTSA and features games and activities for all ages. Admission is free but you are encouraged to bring money to purchase Bowie Bulldog spirit wear and support clubs and teams as they raise funds for their school year.

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Detailed information was sent in this [Special 2022-23 Back-to-School Newsletter](#). Highlights from the newsletter are included here.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies can be brought gradually throughout the first week of school--students do not need to bring everything on the first day.

- [6th and 8th Grade school supply lists](#)
 - [7th Grade school supply list](#)
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SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

All grade levels had a summer reading book and accompanying assignment. Students will be instructed by their new ELA teachers about how to submit their assignments during the first week of school.

- [6th-8th Grade summer reading assignments](#)

BUS STOPS

Families whose students are eligible for transportation received their bus information by email or letter on Aug 2nd. The district's "Bus Stop Finder" will be live on Aug 2nd. Families whose students have special needs will receive their information in person from their bus teams starting the second week in August.

- [Bus Stop Finder](#)

AISD's transportation team offers families the "WheresTheBus" app, which provides timely information about the location of their student's assigned bus only, including when it will arrive at their stop. The free app is available on any device with internet access (smartphone, tablet, personal computer, iPad)—and takes less than five minutes to install.

- [Where's the Bus App](#)

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Free meals for all students expired at the end of the last school year--this year students will pay according to their meal status: free, reduced, or paid. You can read about this in more detail [here](#). Students will need an account in SchoolCafe to buy lunches in the cafeteria.

- [SchoolCafe](#)

Breakfast - Paid (All Levels): \$1.50

Breakfast - Reduced-Price (All Levels): \$0.30

Breakfast - Adult/Guest: \$2.75

Lunch - Middle & High School - Paid: \$3.25

Lunch - Reduced-Price (All Levels): \$0.40

Lunch - Adult/Guest: \$4.50

VOLUNTEER

PICTURE DAY HELP

GMS is looking for volunteers to help with our picture days on **August 24th and August 25th, 2022**. You would be helping the photographers with the students, if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49adaa2ba0fcc16-volunteers>

DONATE

GMS COUNSELORS DONORS CHOOSE PROJECT

We are SO close to having our most recent project on DonorsChoose fully funded! Thank you to those

who have already donated and those who will consider it.

We utilized DonorsChoose last year to create our "Brain Lab" in our office - a place where students can learn about their brain/body and practice some regulating strategies, as well as a mobile Brain Lab that can be borrowed by teachers or brought by counselors into the classroom for counseling lessons. Our next plan is to let teachers build their own mini-Brain Labs in their office. If that sounds interesting, read more about it and consider donating [here](#).

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

PROCESSES & PROCEDURES

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.

COVID QUARANTINE AND TESTING

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Students and staff that have tested positive for Covid-19 will be required to isolate at home for 5 days. The date of the positive test is Day 0 and individuals may return on Day 6. After returning to campus on Day 6, you will be required to wear a mask for 5 additional days per CDC recommendations and AISD policy.

It is not necessary to submit a negative test to return, but students and staff should be 24 hrs. fever free and have improvement in symptoms.

SYMPTOMATIC / ILL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Staff or students who become ill while on campus may request a rapid covid test on campus. However, please do not come to school ill to get a Covid test or request "peace of mind" testing while on campus. Our health room's priority is meeting the safety and health needs of those currently on campus. There are several testing locations provided by AISD but the closest locations to GMS are:

Kiker Elementary Testing Hub :

M-F 8:00am -2:00pm

Burger Athletic Complex:

M-F 8:00am-6:00pm

JOIN GMS PTA TODAY!



Join today: <https://www.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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