



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming at GMS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (C Day)

PSAT Administration
8:30-11:00 AM

Glee Small Group Rehearsal
3:50-5:30 PM

Only 1 Gorzycki Performance
5:30-6:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

*Election Day
Student Holiday/Staff Development

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (A Day)

One Act Play Public Performance
6-9:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (B Day)

GMS Choir Solo & Ensemble
4-5:30 PM

7th-Grade Girls Basketball @ O'Henry
6-7:00 PM (B Team)
7-8:00 PM (A Team)

8th-Grade Girls Basketball @ Gorzycki
6-7:00 PM (B Team)
7-8:00 PM (A Team)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (C Day)

UIL One Act Play Competition @ AISD Performing Arts Center

Life Skills Bowling Field Trip

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Principal Coffee Talk

2:15 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Region Band Auditions at Covington MS

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GMS Soccer Game vs O'Henry (A&B Teams)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (A Day)

Beginning Band After School Rehearsal

4-5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (B Day)

7th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts

4:15-6:15 PM

Fall Band Concert @ Bowie High School

6:15 - 9:00 PM

Gozycki 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](#)

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-tiger5>

Please contact Jennifer Pickerill at volunteer.coordinator@tigerpta.org with any questions.

PSAT INFO

The PSAT 8/9 is coming up on **Monday, Nov 7th**. Note - the deadline to opt out is this Wed, Oct 19th. Students will need:

- two #2 pencils (automatic pencils not allowed as per College Board)
- 4-function calculator (some calculators will be available to share--if you would like your student to have their own, please send one with them on test day)

[PSAT 8 9GMS What to Expect on Testing Day.pdf](#)

2022 AUSTIN ISD BOND

Learn more about the 2022 Bond package at [AISDFuture.com](#)

The 2022 Austin ISD bond would:

- Fund repairs and renovation of aging schools
- Improve safety and security
- Modernize 25 schools
- Upgrade tech to ensure equity and support learning throughout the district

Here's a fact sheet with information about specific improvements/investments the bond will provide at Gorzycki:

- English - <https://bond.austinschools.org/.../Gorzycki%20Middle...>
- Spanish - <https://bond.austinschools.org/.../Escuela%20secundaria...>

Tuesday November 8 is Election Day.

- You can find polling locations at <https://countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/.../current.../...>

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Starting the **week of November 7th**, the GMS nurse will begin performing state mandated health screenings. All 7th graders will be screened for Acanthosis Nigricans as well as Vision and Hearing. Spinal screenings will be performed on 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys only. All of the screenings will be performed during the school day and should be completed before winter break.

[2022 -23 Parent screenings letter.pdf](#)

BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

All 7th and 8th grade boys trying out for the '22-'23 basketball season need to sign up through the Google Form below. All future communication will come from the sign up form.

7th grade will try out after school on Tuesday November 15th from 4:15-6:15 (everyone should be in the locker room by 4:00 so that we can be ready to start right at 4:15) and before school on Friday November 18th. Doors will open on Friday at 6:00 a.m. and tryouts will go until 8:00 a.m.

8th grade will try out after school on Tuesday Nov 29 from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. and Friday Dec 3rd immediately after school from 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. On Tuesday, everyone should be in the locker room by 4:00 so that we can be ready to start right at 4:15.

Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their athlete. Please be on time.

In order to try out, each athlete must have a '22-'23 physical on the current AISD form (it must also be dated on or after April 15th, 2022), emergency card, and all online forms complete before tryouts. **If an athlete tried out for football or soccer (or you already turned in all forms), all of this has already been taken care of, and he is set for the year.** If not, please begin getting everything in order now to ensure participation in the tryout. If any forms are missing, your child will not be allowed to try out. If you are unsure, please have your child stop by the coach's office to check in with me.

Questions? Email Coach Neary (eamonn.neary@austinisd.org)

1. Click [HERE](#) to sign up for tryouts.
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2. [2022 - 2023 Physical](#) - You can have your child come by the coach's office for a form as well.
3. [Online Forms](#)

GMS PTA GRANTS

GMS PTA fundraising dollars support students & staff. GMS PTA members (including staff, parents, and community members) with a project or event in line with our mission may apply for some of these funds. Not a member? Join today at joinpta.org. This Grant Application is open through **November 30, 2022**. Learn more & apply here: tigerpta.org/grant-application

TIGER ESPORTS REGISTRATION

The Collaborative Edge, also known as Tiger Esports, is now accepting registration for our next 8-week session (Nov 3-Jan 18). We meet every Thursday after school in Mr. Martin's classroom until 5:15 PM. 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to join! We begin each session with an SEL-based lesson to facilitate a healthy, collaborative, and competitive environment (See video below). We play games in a station rotation model. This season we will be playing a range of games, including Overcooked, Boomerang Fu, Madden 23, Star Wars, Minecraft, and Rocket League. If your student is interested in attending one free session, please reach out to us at collaborativeedgeyouth@gmail.com.

Register for the 2nd season by completing the form linked here: [Session 2 Collaborative Edge Youth Program Registration](#) **Thanks! Mr. Martin and Mr. Balter.** Click here for a short video of a typical SEL lesson: [Collaborative Edge Youth SEL Lesson \(Social Awareness\)](#)

GMS HOMECOMING DANCE PICTURES

[Homecoming Dance Pics I](#)

[Homecoming Dance Pics II](#)

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!

VOLUNTEER

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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

UVALDE LOVE PROJECT

Gorzycki NJHS is collecting items for the [Uvalde Love Project](#). The Uvalde Love Project is funding and organizing a group of Art Therapists to go to Uvalde from now through May to do Art Therapy groups with both students and teachers impacted by the horrific tragedy in their community (check out their website for lots of great info about all the work that they are doing). We want to help, and one tangible way is to create 'Care Kits' for students participating in the groups.

Please [sign up to donate items](#) to build the kits. Items can be dropped off outside the front office through **November 7**.

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.

- November 11, 2022
 - December 9, 2022
 - January 13, 2023
 - February 10, 2023
 - March 24, 2023
 - April 14, 2023
 - May 12, 2023
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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



National PTA everychild.onevoice.*



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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