

GORZYCKI MS NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Band Camp

Aug 10-11, 13-24

Band Camp for Current GMS Students is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from **3-6pm**

School Tours for Students who receive Special Education Services

Thursday, August 13

1:30-2:00 6th Grade**2:30-3:00** 7th and 8th Grade

All Teacher Case Managers will reach out by the end of the day Tuesday to introduce themselves and answer any questions.

Football Equipment Pick Up

Friday, August 14

8:00-9:30 7th Grade**9:30-11:00** 8th Grade

Please see information below in "Athletics Corner" and contact Coach Fourmy at eric.fourmy@austinsisd.org with any questions.

Parent Virtual Meetings

Friday, August 14

1:00- 6th Grade**1:30-** 7th Grade**2:00-** 8th Grade

Meeting links and access instructions will be sent out prior to Friday's sessions.

A Message from Principal Tanner

Dear Gorzycki Middle School Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2026-2027 school year! Our teachers and staff returned to campus this week, and while this year will bring some challenges, the energy in the building has been incredible. We have an amazing staff who have spent the last several days reconnecting, and collaborating to ensure our Tigers step into an engaging and welcoming environment on Day 1.

We are so excited to partner with you for another phenomenal school year!

Community Highlights

A Huge Thank You to Our PTA!

We want to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for providing a delicious breakfast for our staff on their first day back. Starting the morning together over great food was such a treat. We are constantly reminded of how fortunate we are to have such dedicated parent partners—you truly make our jobs easier and brighter.

Campus Community Service Day Success

Thank you to all the parents, students, and community members who came out for our Campus Community Service Day! Your hard work made a visible difference in prepping our building and beautifying our spaces for learning. Beyond the heavy lifting, it was a joy to spend quality time catching up with so many of our families before the busy school year kicks off.

Credit By Exam (CBE)

Families interested in Credit By Exam (CBE) should review the [AISD 2026-2027 Testing Calendar](#).

- Registration Deadline: August 28th for the upcoming testing window.
- Common Uses at GMS: CBE is typically utilized by students seeking to advance their math pathway or native speakers looking to earn High School foreign language credit for Levels 1 and 2.

Thank you all for your ongoing partnership, support, and dedication to Gorzycki!

Sarah Tanner, Principal

Athletics Corner

 **Important Rank One Requirement:** Athletes MUST be cleared and marked "green" in Rank One to participate in the first day of practice. If you haven't uploaded your athlete's physical, please do so immediately, as clearance can take a few days to process. Click here: [Rank One Parent Portal](#)



Football- 7th & 8th Grade

Sign Ups

- [7th Grade Football Signup](#)
- [8th Grade Football Signup](#)

Equipment Pick Up: Friday, August 14

- 8th Grade: **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**
- 7th Grade: **8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

If you cannot attend, equipment will be issued on the first day of school.

Practice

Start: Wednesday, August 19 before school

Further details will be sent via the football email distribution list following signups.

Contact: Coach Fourmy at eric.fourmy@austinisd.org



Girls Volleyball- 7th & 8th Grade

Sign Ups

- [8th Grade Volleyball Tryout Form](#)
- [7th Grade Volleyball Tryout Form](#)

Tryouts:

- 8th Grade: **August 18th & 19th, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**
- 7th Grade: **August 19th & 20th from 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM**

Contact: Coach Lindberg at lisa.lindberg@austinisd.org.



Cross Country- 7th & 8th Grade

Open to all 7th and 8th graders!

Sign Up

- [Cross Country Registration Form](#)

First Practice:

Wednesday, August 19th, Before School

Contact: Coach Sindt at sean.sindt@austinisd.org

This week in Pictures



Fine Arts Corner

Summer Band Camp!

Band Camp for Current GMS Students is **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3-6pm this week!**

Contact Ms. Glaser at suzanne.glaser@austinisd.org with questions.



Back-to-School Logistics

- First Day of School: Tuesday, August 18
- School Hours & Drop-Off: 8:20–3:50, Doors open at 7:50 AM. Bell Schedule [HERE](#)
- We strongly encourage families to plan drop-off between **7:50 AM and 8:05 AM** so students have enough time to settle in and to account for traffic.
- Traffic & Car Line Safety: Expect heavier traffic during the first week. Please obey all posted traffic signs and drive carefully. **Dropping off students directly on Slaughter Lane is extremely unsafe.** While the campus car line may look long, it moves quickly!
- Bus Transportation: Please review the updated transportation information sent out by AISD Central Office last Friday. All middle school students now have neighborhood stops, which can be looked up using the [AISD BusFinder Tool](#).
 - Note: Buses pick up elementary students first and routes often take a couple of weeks to smooth out, **so expect possible delays for morning and afternoon routes the first couple of weeks.**
 - Encouragement: Out of our 1,300 students, roughly 1,000 have bus service available. If your child has an available bus, we HIGHLY encourage them to ride it! It dramatically reduces overall car line traffic for everyone.

Stay in the Know

Gorzycki Middle School
7412 West Slaughter Ln.
Austin, TX 78749
Front Office: 512-841-8600

- **Check out the Gorzycki Website at: gorzycki.austinschool.org**
The GMS Website has all important events and dates listed as well as important information and daily announcements.
- **Follow us on the OFFICIAL GMS FB Page : [Gorzycki Middle School](#)**
- **ThrillShare**

We strongly encourage parents to download AISD's newest form of communication, Thrillshare. Thrillshare has the ability to send out important campus/district information to all families.

Google play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.apptegy.thrillshare&hl=en_US
OS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/thrillshare/id1024147876>

Be Ready for the 1st Day!



Summer Reading Assignments

Make sure to read the grade level book before the 1st Day!

ELA (English Language Arts)
Teachers will give students instructions on how to turn in.

School Supply List



Don't Forget Your Lock!
Lockers will be Assigned
the First Day

Transportation

Find Your Stop: HERE

Avoid traffic and ride the bus- the best and fastest way to get to school.



Where is my bus?

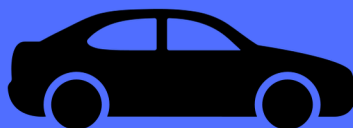
Directions for Tracking
your bus HERE



Walkers and
Bike Riders:



Follow all
traffic rules



Drop off is in the front of the school. Parents should remain in cars while students enter the building.

Car Riders

News from the Nurse

Welcome Back!

The GMS health room will be available to receive student medications prior to the first day of school on **Thursday, August 13th and Monday, August 17th from 9:00AM - 4:00PM**. Daily medications and/or emergency medications such as inhalers, EpiPens, seizure or diabetic medications can be dropped off at this time to allow for a smooth first day of school for students and health room staff. The medications cannot be accepted without the necessary paperwork completed. You may visit the AISD Website under Health Services and Nursing to print and complete these forms. 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.

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. As always, students are not allowed to self-carry ANY medication without doctor's orders and parent authorization.

*****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.

Thank You,

Jessica Bram, BSN, RN, NCSN

Gorzycki Middle School Nurse/AISD Health Services and Nursing

512-841-8620/ jessica.bram@austinisd.org





We encourage families who currently have reduced-price status to complete an AISD meal benefits application.

www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD

Paying for School Meals

Students dining with a reduced-price or paid status may purchase meals using cash or funds on their SchoolCafé account. No funds are needed for students with a free meal status, unless they would like to purchase à la carte items.

- Families may add money online by creating an account at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD.
 - Please note that SchoolCafé charges a convenience fee to process online payments.

Meal Prices for SY 26-27:

Breakfast:

Full Price (All Levels): \$2.15

Reduced-Price (All Levels): FREE

Lunch:

Full Price - Middle & High Schools: \$3.65

Reduced-Price (All Levels): FREE

Families may view daily menus, allergens, nutritional information, apply for free or reduced-price meals, and add funds to their student's meal account at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Gorzycki MS 26-27

6TH GRADE
TIGER CAMP
Completed

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AUGUST STUDENT ORIENTATION

8:20 AM - 9:50 AM
For new students who did not attend Tiger Camp



Completed

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AUGUST OPEN HOUSE DAY

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Come HERE



Completed

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AUGUST GRADE LEVEL VIRTUAL MEETINGS

1:00PM-6TH
1:30PM-7TH
2:00PM-8TH

1st day of School Information
Google Meet Invite will be sent to parents in a separate email prior to August 14.



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AUGUST 6TH GRADE LOCKER NIGHT

4:15-
5:15PM

6th Grade Students and their parents are invited to PTA's Locker Night



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AUGUST BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

5:10-
7:50 PM

7th and 8th Grade 5:10pm-6:25
6th Grade 6:30pm-7:50

Updated Times

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AUGUST PICTURE DAY!



PTA



www.tigerpta.org

UPDATES

JOIN THE GMS PTA

joinpta.org

Memberships are school-specific and for one year only, so please join even if you have joined previously or for another school. Joining is the best way to hear from the GMS PTA directly about upcoming events & volunteer opportunities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sep 1-15: "Go Big for Gorzycki" Fundraiser

Sep 17: Staff Appreciation Fall Luncheon #1

Sep 23: PTA Executive Board Meeting, Google Meet

Oct 14: PTA General Membership Meeting, 6pm, GMS Library

Nov 12: Staff Appreciation Fall Luncheon #2

Dec 16: Cookies for Staff

REFER A BUSINESS

Each year, the GMS PTA seeks support from local businesses to help fund our programs, events, and staff appreciation efforts. If you know a business that might like to become a sponsor and be featured in Gorzycki promotional materials, please email partners@tigerpta.org.

Questions? Email president@tigerpta.org.

