



Tiger Tracks

Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Safe



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CALENDAR

April

15 Non Attendance Day
29 Midterm, Exploratory Quarter 4
25 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm

May

23 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm
27 Gurrie Graduation 7:00 pm
30 Memorial Day– No School
31 8G Graduation Ceremony, 5:30 pm



Eighth Grade Reminders:

Gown and Medallion fee \$26.00
Checks should be made out to:
La Grange School District 105
Great America fee \$36.00
Checks should be made out to:
Gurrie Middle School

Important Year End Dates:

May 20 All 7th & 8th grade students must have cleared: all books returned, all fees and fines paid by 3:15.
May 30 Memorial Day
May 31 Gurrie Graduation, 7p.m
May 31 Last Day of School for 8th grade
June 3 Last Day of School for 7th grade

Social Worker FYI

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Working Together to Raise Drug Free Kids

Many parents say, and truly believe—*"My child would never do drugs."* But actually believing—*"not my child"* - could actually endanger your child. Studies indicate that more students report having been offered drugs than parents believe. Although, many children never abuse substances, some children may begin using alcohol and marijuana in their middle school years.

What Can We Do?

According to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, teenagers who reported feeling close to their families were unlikely to engage in risky behavior such as drinking, smoking or drugs. These findings support the opinion that parents can influence the decisions of their children about whether or not to use drugs.

Drug-Proof Your Children Ways to Communicate and Encourage Family Closeness

1. Set a good example. Practice what you preach. Be honest about your own mistakes.
2. Arm yourself with the facts about the signs, symptoms of substance abuse. Communicate these facts to your children.
3. Get involved in your child's activities. Attend school activities, church activities, and other events.
4. Get to know your children's friends. Make your home a welcoming place for friends to visit.
5. Create clear and consistent rules. Follow through with consequences.
6. Know where your children are. Do not be afraid to verify your child's story occasionally by checking with other parents. This communicates love and awareness.
7. Plan frequent family outings such as camping, shopping, going to the movies or attending sporting events.
8. Get your child involved in helping others. Focusing on helping others will put their own problems into perspective and give them a sense of accomplishment and pride.
9. Tell your children you love them every day. Show them they are valuable by spending time listening to them as well as talking to them. Treat them with respect even when they make mistakes.
10. When drug use is identified, take action immediately. Contact resources to get help.



Girls' Softball

Spring means the coming of the girls' softball season for Gurrie girls. Tryouts were held right after spring break. Members of this year's Gurrie Softball team are: Annelise Ayala, Lizzy Echeverria, Danika Gordon, Isabella Huling Victoria Quade, Maggie Renick, Genevieve Rivera, Jayde Sanchez, Kate Seiple and Yuritzi Valdes.

Coach: Ms. Huebner



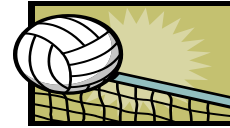
Boys' Volleyball

The boys' volleyball teams have been chosen and the season began with an away game at Pleasantdale.

Eighth grade team members are Fletcher Buzek, Brayden Connor, Jacob Cortez, Jack Curran, Gavin Driscoll, Geno Gianopulos, Adrian Karlovic, Brandon Maranon, Nathan McMullen, Roy Piagnarelli, Roman Sosnovyy, Finley Tyrrell and Jake Yi.

Seventh grade team members are Luka Bojovic, Josh Campos, Conor Carolan, Jack Eskra, Nolan Hamilton, Jack Lee, Brendan McCabe, Collin McNeil, George Panos, Ethan Peto, Jeremiah Rivera and Nathan Woods.

Coaches: Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Helf and Mr. Walsen



Gurrie Soccer Begins New Season!

The Gurrie soccer season kicks off immediately after spring break. There are no cuts and all participants are guaranteed playing time if they attend practice. If field conditions allow, the first game will take place on Thursday, April 14 at Gurrie. Soccer field addresses are listed below. Any student interested in playing needs to have their parent or guardian sign all waivers and get a sports physical before the first practice on.

There will be two soccer teams, Gurrie Gold and Gurrie Blue. Each team will be a combination of boys and girls, 7th and 8th grade students.

Soccer practices will be held at Gurrie and games are held at local soccer fields. This year Gurrie's home games will be held at Gurrie (field behind school) or at Gordon Park located at 90 Locust, in LaGrange.

Other soccer fields are:

Park: Gordon Park

Tilden Ave & Ogden Ave, LaGrange

McClure: Spring Rock Park

4400 Central Ave, Western Springs

Pleasantdale: Walker Park

7425 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge

Highlands: No Home field

Washington Middle School: Costello School

4632 Clyde Avenue, Lyons

Westchester Middle School: Westchester Primary School

2400 Downing Street, Westchester

Willow Springs Middle School: Justice Park District

7747 Oak Grove Avenue, Justice



SPORTS CALENDAR



April

- 7 Girls Softball @ Willow Springs
- 12 Girls Softball @ Pleasantdale
- 13 Boys Volleyball @ Pleasantdale
- 14 Soccer Blue vs Park Blue
- 14 Girls Softball @ Highlands
- 14 Boys Volleyball vs Highlands
- 18 Soccer Blue @ McClure Red
- 18 Soccer Gold @ McClure White
- 18 Girls Softball @ Westchester
- 18 Boys Volleyball Westchester
- 21 Soccer Blue @ Pleasantdale
- 21 Soccer Gold @ Willow Springs
- 21 Girls Softball @ Washington
- 21 Boys Volleyball @ Washington
- 22 Soccer Gold @ Washington Red
- 22 Soccer Blue @ Washington Blue
- 25 Soccer Gold vs Park Red
- 26 Soccer Gold @ Westchester Yellow
- 26 Girls Softball vs McClure
- 26 Boys Volleyball vs McClure
- 28 Girls Softball vs Willow Springs
- 29 Girls Softball vs Park
- 29 Boys Volleyball vs Park
- 29 Soccer Gold @ Westchester Black
- 29 Soccer Blue @ Westchester Yellow

May

- 2 Girls Softball vs Pleasantdale
- 2 Boys Volleyball vs Pleasantdale
- 2 Soccer Blue @ Westchester Black
- 3 Girls Softball @ Highlands
- 3 Soccer Blue vs McClure White
- 3 Soccer Gold vs McClure Red
- 5 Boys Volleyball @ Highlands
- 6 Soccer Blue @ Willow Springs
- 9 Soccer Gold Washington Blue
- 9 Soccer Blue vs Highlands Blue
- 10 Soccer Blue vs Washington Red
- 12 Soccer Gold vs Highlands Blue



From the Principal's Desk.....About Staff Appreciation.

Tell a teacher or staff member you care by completing and returning the following Staff Member Commendation Form!

Each of us can think of a special teacher or staff member who has made a positive impact on our lives. Many of us have never expressed our appreciation to those individuals. Others of us have waited years after graduation to do so.

Perhaps you've been pleased by the special way a staff member worked with your student academically, provided emotional support, or assisted in the achievement of a personal goal. Submittal of the completed form that follows can be your way of telling that staff member they are special and appreciated.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following Staff Member Commendation. We need the completed forms to the school office by Monday, May 2. Ed Hood, Principal, will hand deliver each commendation to the appropriate staff member during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6). More forms are available in the school office or on our website at www.d105.net.

Your staff will appreciate your thoughts for years to come!!

Gurrie Middle School Staff Member Commendation

Mr. Hood:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased I am with a member of your staff.

_____ Gurrie Staff Member

Is, in my opinion, deserving of special commendation for the following reasons:

_____ provides a stimulating and challenging educational environment that encourages quality work.

_____ demonstrates a personal interest in students' progress and overall well-being.

_____ is friendly, patient, and understanding.

_____ shows professionalism and represents Gurrie Middle School in a positive manner.

_____ other _____.

Remarks: _____

_____.

Signature

Date

Please return to Gurrie Middle School, 1001 S. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525 or have your student bring it to the office.