

GURRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BULLETIN
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

HOT LUNCH: Teriyaki Chicken Strips

BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays today

1. March FUN SNACK is here! On Wednesday, March 16, you will have the opportunity to purchase nachos and/or Sparkling Ice during your lunch period. Nachos are \$3 and drinks are \$1 each. Please make sure to bring single dollar bills to make the line move fast!
2. Attention all Speech Team performers! Mr. Ingwersen is holding an all-Speech Team meeting in his room after school on Thursday to discuss details of Saturday's Speech and Drama Festival and to give performers a chance to perform in front of a small audience – if they choose. If you are already meeting with your coach on Thursday after school, just check in with Mr. Ingwersen first. If you can't make it on Thursday, be sure to see Mr. Ingwersen briefly whenever you get a chance.
3. Attention all soccer players!
There will be an informational meeting next Tuesday, March 22nd, right after school in the small gym. This meeting will go until 4:00- the late bus will be available to take you home. If you plan to play soccer, you must attend this meeting to get details regarding the upcoming season. Soccer practice will officially start on Monday, April 4th. Please be at this meeting to get all paperwork you need in order to be ready to practice on April 4th. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Ray.
4. Attention boys trying out for volleyball!
Tryouts will be held next Tuesday, March 22nd right after school in the big gym. Tryouts will run until 5:30 so please make arrangements for transportation. You must get a tryout packet from Mrs. Ray prior to March 22nd so you have all forms filled out by a parent/guardian before tryouts. Please see Mrs. Ray with any questions.
5. To our wrestlers, from your coaches.

This past weekend there were five wrestlers, two coaches, their friends and families that went through a series of emotions.

In the wrestling arena, you feel the highs rushing through your veins of advancing to the next round. You feel the lows in your gut... learning your tournament is over. This is wrestling, this is life, and you have to be ready for it.

There are multiple sayings in the sport:

“Make sure your first step is always forward.”

“Every day is a chance to get better.”

“It's easy to be confident when you put in the work.”

Our favorite - “just go out there and do it.”

At this moment I would like to congratulate all of the Gurrie wrestlers who participated in this year’s successful season - the team has won their first regional championship and qualified 17 wrestlers for the sectional tournament. Five of those wrestlers went to the IESA state tournament. One wrestler EARNED his place on the podium.

Congratulations to Ignacio Rodriguez, Patrick Collins, Harrison Kittridge, Cornell Fennesse, and Roman Sosnovyy for their hard work and performance at the state tournament. I would also like to congratulate Zoe Connelly for her first ILGWA state tournament appearance on Sunday at Oswego High School. The teamwork, comradery, and empathy you all displayed this past weekend has made me beyond proud to coach at Gurrie. Thank you all for the memories, Coach Varela.

Now I would like to recognize your peer, an eighth grader from Countryside, IL. He competed at the 85-pound weight class in the single A division. This wrestler started his tournament with a 6-1 victory in the preliminary round and a nail-biter 2-1 victory in the quarterfinal. It was this path that led him to the semi-final round and automatically earned a spot on the podium along with an IESA All-State title. After losing in the semis and a Sudden Victory 2-0 decision in the consolation semifinals, we have the fourth wrestler in Gurrie wrestling’s program history that has walked away with some hardware!!! Congratulations to:

(Insert XC awards/recognition)
IESA 85-pound Regional Champion
IESA 85-pound Sectional Champion
IESA All State Wrestler
And IESA Single A 85 Pound Weight Class - 4th Place Finisher
Patrick “PC” Collins