

GURRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BULLETIN
Monday, October 21, 2019

HOT LUNCH: Cheese Pizza
 Deli Sub Sandwich

BIRTHDAYS: No Birthdays Today

1. Did you miss the cheer informational meeting and you're still interested in trying out? Stop by Mrs. Halper's room 113 to pick up the packet and waivers necessary to tryout this month. Tryout clinics will be held TODAY and Tuesday October 22. Tryouts times will be assigned on Thursday, October 24th. See Coach Halper if you any questions.
2. If you are interested in trying out for boy's basketball, you must have a valid sports physical or a waiver signed by your parent or guardian. The boys 8th grade basketball tryouts will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd from 3:20PM to 5:15PM. The 7th grade boy's basketball tryouts will be on Thursday, October 24th from 3:15PM to 5:15PM. Please make sure to coordinate for a ride home as there will be no bus transportation home. The second cut for boy's basketball will be on Friday, October 25th from 3:20PM to 5PM. If you have any questions, see Mr. Alvarez or Mr. Pontrelli.
3. On Tuesday October 29th after school in the Gurrie Art Room, Early Act will have a combined meeting with the LTHS InterAct Club. We will be doing a fun activity involving pumpkins. Students will get a chance to meet the high school students in the club, as well as discuss service projects they are working/will work on. We can take this time to discuss further collaboration projects. Do any of their projects interest you? Let's join in on the fun! This event will be until 4 to 4:30pm. Please sign up with Ms. Zalewska or Ms. Rupert before Tuesday October 22nd if you'd like to participate. Signing up is mandatory.
4. Congratulations to the following artists for their masterpieces at the LaGrange League Gallery 'Young at Art' Show representing Gurrie this year. Please give a high five to Genesis Nietes, Genevieve Harmount, Abby Murillo, Aaliyah Montalvo, Alyssa Hubbs, Elise Ferro, Noemi Arredondo, Jude Short, and a very special shout out to the second place winner of the show- Katarina Neskovic!
5. Dare to Dream will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd in room 102A with Ms. Ramirez. Girls please bring your materials to complete our bulletin board.
6. Interested in tryout out for cheerleading this year? Clinics start today! Stay after school today until 5:20 to learn the tryout routine from our leader teachers. Dress in athletic attire or gym uniform and bring cheer shoes if you have them. You may change in the locker room and then we will meet in the small gym. We will stretch together and you

will master the routine before the tryout times on Thursday! Be sure you have your tryout waiver signed and returned to Coach Halper in order to participate today! See Mrs. Halper if you have any questions.

7. This Friday, October 25th, we have our Halloween dance. The dance is for Gurrie students only and tickets will be sold during lunch in the cafeteria starting on Wednesday, October 23rd, and ending on Friday October 25th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. You can get a permission form from your advisor or from the Gurrie website. If you have any questions in regards to costume wear please see Mr. Alvarez or Mr. Hood.
8. The IESA State Finals are complete and the results are in: Roz Piagnarelli and Anna Bylsma became the 1st and 3rd fastest Gurrie girls ever with incredible 31st and 57th place overall finishes. Roz's time of 12:25 for the two-mile course beat the previous Gurrie record by 5 full seconds and Anna's time of 12:52 is good enough for 3rd all-time. It was a phenomenal race for the 8th grade leaders and a fantastic example of working to achieve a goal. It took three years for them to get Downstate and they made it count. Special shout-out to our teammates that made the full-day trip to support the team. Your support made all the difference.
9. In the boys State Finals the Gurrie Middle School cross country team are officially the State Runners-Up! That's right, the Gurrie boys finished 2nd in the state and missed a state championship by only ONE point. It was a magical day of running as 6th grader Patrick Collins led the team with an unprecedented 15th place overall finish in 11:06 earning him "All-State" honors and passing Niklas Polonowski as Gurrie's fastest finish ever. He also finished as the top 6th grader in the state. Of course, it's impossible to bring home a state trophy without a strong pack and 8th graders John Barrette, Maks Washchuk, Johnny Garcia, and Dean O'Bryan dominated the final half-mile to finish 42nd, 48th, 51st, and 63rd overall to combine for 136 points. All four scorers finished the race under 12 minutes...crazy fast. Porter Gourley finished 87th overall as the fifth 6th grader in the state with Emilio Lopez rounding out the racing with a 133rd place finish. Alternates Carson Turner, Yasir Garcia, and Brandon Betancourt round out the fastest team in Gurrie history. It was the biggest middle school race in the country and our runners represented Gurrie incredibly. It's not over yet, though, as we still have to defend our championships at the LT Conference Championships today at LT South. GO TIGERS!
10. Are you interested in exploring the unseen world of Pokemon around us? Do you want to meet trainers at this school to share gifts, trade and battle? The first meeting of the Gurrie PoGo club will be Monday, October 28th in room 102A. If you have any questions please see Mrs Noga.