



Tiger Tracks

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CALENDAR

January

- 21 MLK Birthday, No School
- 25 8th Grade Graduation Pictures/Gown Measurement 8:30 am
- 25 PTO TGIF/Fun Night 3:25 pm
- 28 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm

February

- 6 Parent-Teacher Conference, 3-6 pm
- 7 8th Gr. LT Elective Selection Mtg, 8:30 am
- 12 Internet & Social Media Safety 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
- 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7 pm
- 18 President's Day, No School
- 22 Winter Dance 7:00 pm
- 25 Board of Education Mtg., 7:30 pm
- 27 D105 Family Math Night 6:30 pm

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Graduation Photos

Graduation photos will be taken on Friday, January 25th during the morning. Boys should wear a shirt and tie for the gown pose. Many boys choose to wear a sport coat or a suit jacket for the pose without the gown. Girls should not wear dresses or sweaters with high necks, and they should avoid wearing heavy make up. Experience has shown us that this is not the time to try out a new hair style (for either girls or boys).

Proofs will be available within two weeks after photos are taken, and orders may be placed at that time.

All 8th grade students will be photographed whether or not they will be purchasing a photo package.

Reminder to Parents:

Please check your student's prepaid lunch balance on a regular basis, and replenish funds as needed. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call the Gurrie office and we will check your child's balance for you. Lunch balances also appear on report cards and progress reports.



From the Principal's Desk



Greetings, Gurrie Families,

Believe it or not, we have just passed the half-way point of the school year. Midterm for the second trimester was January 11th. While we hope that your child has shared them with you already, you should have received, in the mail with the midterm report, your students MAP winter assessment results in reading and math. In addition, parent/teacher/student conference information has been communicated to you in the weekly note and also on our website (this includes the online sign-up procedures). It is important for you to take the opportunity to come in and speak to your child's teacher(s) about their growth and progress. Conferences will be Wednesday, February 6th from 3-6pm and Wednesday, February 13th from 4-7 pm. While all staff are located in the gym during conference times, please remember that you can sign up for two staff members you really want to speak with. You can also drop in on other staff who are not engaged in a scheduled conference.

Eighth graders are now fully in the transition process for high school. On January 10th, representatives from Lyons Township High School came to Gurrie and spoke with students about courses and transitioning to high school with a focus on the many freshman activities at LT and the exciting opportunities waiting for them. Dr. Brian Waterman, the Principal of LT, was there and officially welcomed them as the class of 2023. That evening we had over 100 parents attend the parent orientation. Our eighth graders received a course catalog and several other important documents that will help with their elective selections. On Thursday, February 7th, LT will return with counselors and register student's elective choices. If you misplaced those forms, they are posted on our website and the academic course guide is found on the LT website at www.lths.net under the **Academics Tab** – then click on **Academic Program Guide**.

Our 8th grade staff is in the process of making their course placement recommendations for students and you will be receiving those initial placements in the mail (from LT) sometime in late January and/or early February.

Graduation pictures for eighth grade students are scheduled for Friday, January 25th. All eighth graders will have their graduation photos taken. More information regarding graduation pictures are found in this issue of Tiger Tracks, weekly email/envelope, and on our website.

As we progress through the winter we know historically that more students become sick and miss school. In the event of an illness, please be sure to call our office before 8:30am (on the day of the absence) to let us know your son or daughter will not be at school. If a student is reported absent by his/her first period teacher and we do not have a phone call or message that they are absent, we then have to call home and sometimes many other homes or places of business to determine if the student is ill or out for another reason. We are obligated to account for all our students each day. This takes a great deal of time and manpower in our office. Please be sure to call in an absence as soon as you are aware. You can leave a message on our office phone any time, day or night (708) 482-2720. Thanks for your help regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Ed Hood



Music Notes



Upcoming Music Department Dates

- February 27 LTHS Jazz Band Festival
- March 5 D105 Solo and Ensemble Showcase at Gurrie Middle School
- March 9 LTHS Solo and Ensemble Festival, LTHS South Campus
- March 14 Big Band Blast at Riverside Brookfield High School
- April 16 8th Annual Band Aid Concert



Band Aid Concert 2019

The Fourth Annual Benefit Concert will be held on April 16th 2019! This year we will be supporting the Human Society. The Gurrie Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble will be performing. All proceeds will to to charity!



Chaperones Needed

There will be plenty of opportunities for parent volunteers and chaperones in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Schwartz at tschwartz@d105.net, Mrs. Schwenker at wshwenker@d105.net, Mr. Valdez at dvaldez@d105.net, Mrs. Guilfoyle at mguilfoyle@d105.net. Thank you in advance for your support.

LT Solo and Ensemble Festival



All 5th-8th grade band and orchestra students are invited to participate in the LT Solo and Ensemble Festival at Gurrie on Tuesday, March 5th. More information will be distributed soon!

Jazz Ensemble Keeps Swingin’

The GMS Jazz Ensemble will be participating in an all-day Jazz band workshop on February 27th at the LTHS South Campus. Director Mark Dahl and the LTHS Jazz Ensemble will be hosting the competition and providing all-day clinics for our students. In March, the GMS Jazz Ensemble will join the Riverside Brookfield High School Jazz Ensembles for their annual “Big Band Blast” performance, featuring a Chicago-based professional big band (with a few familiar faces in the group...) More details will be distributed shortly!

D105 Welcomes Ms. Murphy as New Choir Director

District 105 is proud to announce Ms. Murphy as our new Choir Director. Should your child decide to join choir, rehearsals will begin January 29th and will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:20-8:05 in the Gurrie gym. Students that our interested in joining choir may contact Ms. Murphy at tamurphy@d105.net.

“Music is life. That’s why our hearts have beats.”



Basketball Band

On Tuesday, January 15th, the D105 Concert Band had a chance to join the LT bands as they performed during the evening basketball game! This offers our students a wonderful chance to have a sneak peek into their future with band at LT. Call time was at 5:15 pm at LT North Campus.



Reminder to Parents

Please phone the school **BEFORE** 8:30 a.m. when your student will be absent for the day. In addition, be sure to visit the teacher's website for information about assignments and upcoming projects.



PBIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The PBIS program, which rewards students for their positive behavior in school with Tiger Stripes, would greatly appreciate your help with donations. Please donate items from the list below throughout the school year. It is very important that we have enough items to reward the students.

Donated items can be dropped off at Gurrie main office anytime during the school day or can be sent in with your student. Please label "PBIS".

If you have any questions, please contact: Jeannette Pedersen at jpedersen@d105.net or Mr. Alvarez at ealvarez@d105.net.

The following list shows some of the items that we can use for our PBIS store. Food items cannot have any peanut products or be produced in a factory that process peanut items. Nonfood items like clothing and toys need to be new or unused.

Food Items

Ring pops
Jolly Ranchers
Laffy Taffy
Now and Laters
Strawberry Twizzlers
Tootsie Pops
Dumb Dumb suckers

Nonfood Items

Water bottles
Hacky sacks
Stuffed Animals
Picture frames
Slinkys
Pens
Mugs
Movies
Music CD
Calendars
Toys
Journals
Backpacks
Table games
Gurrie Gear
T-shirts
-College,
-Chicago teams,
etc.
Sweatshirts:
-College,
-Chicago teams
-Gift cards



Nurse's Notes

Dear Parents:

Flu season is here! Remember to **AVOID** aspirin and all products containing aspirin during and after a viral infection such as influenza, cold or chicken pox. The U.S. Surgeon General, the Food and Drug Administration, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that aspirin and combination products containing aspirin not be given to **children under 19 years** of age during episodes of fever causing illness.

Epidemiological research has shown an association between the development of Reye's syndrome and the use of aspirin (a salicylate) for treating the symptoms of influenza-like illnesses, chicken pox and colds. Another name for aspirin is **ACETYLSALICYLATE**. Some drug labels may use acetylsalicylate, salicylic, or salicylate instead of aspirin.

The cause of Reye's Syndrome is unknown. However, the disease most often develops in children who have recently had chicken pox (varicella) or flu (influenza) and who have also taken medications that contain **ASPIRIN**. Reye's syndrome is **not contagious**.

Remember to wash your hands frequently and try to get plenty of rest during the flu season.

The National Reye's syndrome Foundation website is:

www.reyessyndrome.org

WRESTLING 2018-2019

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with this year's concession stand and those who helped run the tournament; especially Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Connelly for stepping up when we needed them. It was a wonderful contribution that makes our tournament successful. I would also like to thank the families that have donated all of the Gatorade, Pepsi products, and chips to sell at this year's Tiger Invitational.

I am happy to report that the total fees collected at the tournament entrance in addition to the concession stand sales resulted in a \$680.35 profit for the wrestling program. Thank you for all contributions and support.

Coach Gabriel Varela

SPORTS CALENDAR



January

- 15 Boys' Basketball at Park Red
- 17 Boys' Basketball vs. Willow Springs
- 24 Wrestling Team vs. Brookwood
- 29 Wrestling Team at Maple School

February

- 1-2 Wrestling Team at Lukancic
- 5 Girls' Volleyball at Pleasantdale
- 7 Wrestling Team at Westmont
- 9 Wrestling Team at Lukancic
- 12 Girls' Volleyball at Park Red
- 14 Girls' Volleyball vs. Willow Springs
- 19 Wrestling Team vs. Westview
- 21 Girls' Volleyball vs. McClure
- 23 Wrestling Team Regionals at Eisenhower
- 25 Girls' Volleyball vs. Washington
- 26 Girls' Volleyball vs. Highlands
- 28 Girls' Volleyball at Park Blue



LTESAC CONFERENCE SCHOOLS

Highlands	579-6890
1850 Plainfield Road, LaGrange, 60525	
McClure	246-7590
4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, 60558	
Park	482-2500
325 N. Park, La Grange, IL 60526	
Pleasantdale	246-3210
7450 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, 60525	
Washington Middle School	783-4200
8101 Ogden Avenue, Lyons, IL 60534	
Westchester	450-2735
1620 Norfolk, Westchester, 60154	
Willow Springs	839-6828
8345 Archer, Willow Springs, 60480	

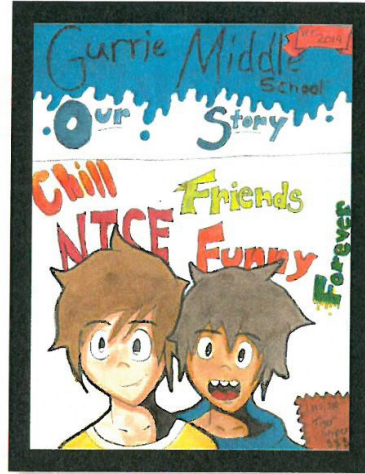


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**The Gurrie Yearbook
Still just \$20!**

*"We are all
characters in the
Gurrie story"*



**Full-color...featuring student portraits, music, sports, clubs,
special events, activities, and more!**

Yes, I want to order a yearbook!

Student's First and Last Name _____

Parent Email Address _____

Advisors _____

I have enclosed \$20 (check one below):

- Cash Check (make payable to Gurrie Middle School)

Please return this form with payment to the Gurrie office
OR go online to www.jostensyearbooks.com and search for Gurrie Middle School
(a credit card is required for online purchase)

Orders are due Thursday, March 21, 2019