



# Tiger Tracks

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## CALENDAR

### January

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| 20 | MLK Birthday, No School                                    |
| 24 | PTO TGIF/Fun Night 3:25 pm                                 |
| 27 | Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm                         |
| 31 | 8th Grade Graduation Pictures/<br>Gown Measurement 8:30 am |



### February

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 5  | Parent-Teacher Conference, 4-7 pm             |
| 6  | 8th Gr. LT Elective Selection Mtg,<br>8:30 am |
| 12 | Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3-6 pm            |
| 17 | President's Day, No School                    |
| 21 | Winter Dance 7:00 pm                          |
| 24 | Board of Education Mtg., 7:30 pm              |



## Graduation Photos

Graduation photos will be taken on Friday, January 31st 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,

Happy New Year!

Believe it or not, we have just passed the half-way point of the school year. Midterm for the second trimester was January 16. 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 via email (as it was in the fall). 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 5 from 4-7 pm and Wednesday, February 12 from 3-6 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 9, 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 2024. That evening we had over 120 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 6, LT will return with counselors and register students' 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](http://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 31. 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 26 LTHS Jazz Band Festival
- March 3 D105 Solo and Ensemble Showcase at Gurrie Middle School
- March 7 LTHS Solo and Ensemble Festival, LTHS South Campus
- April 14 8th Annual Band Aid Concert

## 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 3rd. More information will be distributed soon!



## Band Aid Concert 2020

The Eighth Annual Benefit Concert will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2020! 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 go 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. Tabor at [gtabor@d105.net](mailto:gtabor@d105.net), Mrs. Schwenker at [wshwenker@d105.net](mailto:wshwenker@d105.net), Mr. Valdez at [dvaldez@d105.net](mailto:dvaldez@d105.net), Mrs. Guilfoyle at [mguilfoyle@d105.net](mailto:mguilfoyle@d105.net). Thank you in advance for your support.

## D105 Welcomes Mr. Kirby as New Choir Director

District 105 is proud to announce Mr. Kirby as our new Choir Director. Should your child decide to join choir, rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:20-8:05 in the Gurrie gym. Students that our interested in joining choir may contact Mr. Kirby at [rkirby@d105.net](mailto:rkirby@d105.net).

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





## 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 web-

site 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](mailto:jpedersen@d105.net) or Mr. Alvarez at [ealvarez@d105.net](mailto: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](http://www.reyessyndrome.org)

### WRESTLING 2019-2020

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with this year's concession stand and those who helped run the tournament. It was a wonderful contribution that makes our tournament successful. I would also like to thank the families that have donated all the Gatorade, Pepsi products, and baked good to sell at the 10th Annual Tiger Invitational. Tournament champions were Patrick Collins (75), Kellan Knop (215), and Sam Castello (275). Claudio Rodriguez (119) finished in second followed by Dylan Rickman (145) and Ignacio Rodriguez (65) with third place finishes.

I am happy to report that the total fees collected at the tournament entrance in addition to the concession stand sales resulted in a \$700 profit for the wrestling program. This has helped us purchase extensions for the practice mats and new headgear for our wrestlers. Thank you for all contributions and support.

Coach Gabriel Varela

## SPORTS CALENDAR



### January

- 7 Boys' Basketball vs McClure White
- 9 Boys' Basketball at Highlands
- 13 Boys' Basketball at Pleasantdale
- 14 Boys' Basketball vs Park Red
- 16 Boys' Basketball at Willow Springs
- 16 Wrestling Team vs Glenside/Westview
- 23 Wrestling Team at Glenside Middle School
- 30 Wrestling Team at Maple School (Northbrook, IL)

### February

- 4 Girls' Volleyball at Pleasantdale
- 6 Wrestling Team vs. Westmont
- 11 Girls' Volleyball vs Park Red
- 11 Wrestling Team at Humphrey Junior High
- 13 Girls' Volleyball at Willow Springs
- 18 Girls' Volleyball at McClure
- 20 Wrestling Team vs. Lisle Junior High
- 22 Wrestling Team at Peotone Junior High
- 24 Girls' Volleyball at Washington
- 25 Girls' Volleyball at Park Red
- 29 Regionals at Eisenhower Junior High



## LTESAC CONFERENCE SCHOOLS

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



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Advisors \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Orders are due Friday, March 13, 2020**