



Tiger Tracks

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CALENDAR

January

- 19 Midterm, Trimester 2, Quint 3
- 19 TGIF, 3:25-5:00
- 22 Board of Ed. Mtg., 7:30p.m., LLC
- 22 PTO Mtg, 7:00p.m.
- 26 8th Grade Graduation Photos
Gown Measurement



February

- 12 PTO Mtg., 7:00 pm., LLC
- 12 End Quint 3
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3-6 pm
2:15 student dismissal
- 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5-8 pm
2:15 student dismissal
- 16 PLD, no student attendance
- 16 Next *Tiger Tracks*



Graduation Photos

Graduation photos will be taken on Friday, January 26th 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 are at the half-way point of the school year. Midterm for the second trimester is January 19th and midterm reports will be sent home January 24th. While we hope that your child has shared them with you already, you should have received, in the mail, your students MAP winter assessment results in reading and math. In addition, parent/teacher/student conference forms are coming home for you to sign up with the midterm report. Conference forms will also be available via email in the Weekly Note and on our website. It is important for you to take the opportunity to come in and speak to your child's teachers about their growth and progress. Conferences will be Wednesday, February 14th from 3-6pm and Thursday, February 15th from 5-8 pm.

Eighth graders are now fully in the transition process for high school. On January 11th, 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 2022. 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 8th, LT will return with counselors and register student's elective choices.

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 early February.

Graduation pictures for eighth grade students are scheduled for Friday, January 26th. All eighth graders will have their graduation photos taken. More information regarding graduation pictures are found in this issue of Tiger Tracks, weekly 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 28 LTHS Jazz Band Festival
- March 6 District 105 Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
Aurand Hall
- March 10 LTHS Solo and Ensemble Contest, LTHS
South Campus
- March 17 Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band at
IGSMA Festival
- April 19 7th Annual Band Aid Concert



Band Aid Concert 2018

The Fourth Annual Benefit Concert will be held on April 19th 2018! This year we will be partnering with Chicago funk/soul band Bassel and the Supernaturals to benefit the humanitarian crises in Syria. 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. Schwartz at tschwartz@d105.net, Mrs. Schwenker at wschwenker@d105.net, Mr. Valdez at dvaldez@d105.net, Mrs. Guilfoyle at mguilfoyle@d105.net, Mrs. Lansford at clansford@d105.net, or Mrs. Moroney at jmoroney@d105.net. Thank you in advance for continued support!

LT Solo and Ensemble Festival



We will be having a District 105 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Gurrie on Tuesday, March 6th. All 5th-8th grade band and orchestra students are invited to participate in the LT Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 10th. 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 28th 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. That evening, we will be joining the LTHS Jazz Ensemble for a performance featuring legendary Chicago saxophonist Mark Colby. Dress for the workshop and performance is our performance black and white.

Gurrie Choir LTHS Jr. High Choral Festival

Gurrie Choir students experienced first hand what it's like to sing in choir in High School when they spent a day and evening with the LTHS Choirs on Thursday, January 11th. There were students from many of the Junior High Schools that feed into Lyon's Township High School. This was a wonderful opportunity to find out what choir is like in High School, to meet all three choir directors from LT, to meet new friends from other Junior High Schools, and have fun singing in a very large combined choir. There was a workshop during the school day and a pizza dinner, dress rehearsal and concert in the evening. Friends and family were invited to attend the evening concert at 7p.m. at the South Campus.



Basketball Band

On Tuesday, February 13th, the D105 Concert Band has a chance to join the LT bands as they perform 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 is 6:15 pm at LT North Campus. Information and music will be distributed this week, feel free to reach out to directors with any questions.



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 jpetersen@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

SPORTS CALENDAR



January

- 16 Boys' Basketball at Pleasantdale
- 18 Boys' Basketball at Highlands
- 18 Wrestling at Eisenhower/Lisle Triangular
- 26 Wrestling home vs. Northbrook Maple

February

- 1 Wrestling home vs. Glenside Middle School
- 6 Wrestling at Lukancic/Sandwich Triangular
- 8 Girls' Volleyball at Highlands
- 12 Girls' Volleyball vs. Willow Springs
- 13 Girls' Volleyball at Park Red
- 20 Girls' Volleyball at McClure
- 22 Girls' Volleyball vs. Westchester
- 26 Girls' Volleyball at Washington
- 27 Girls' Volleyball vs. 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	