



# Tiger Tracks

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe



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## **CALENDAR**

### **April**

- 4– Classes Resume
- 8– Graduation Pictures 8:30am—11am
- 12– Ideal 6G Orientation
- 14– Midterm Trimester #3
- 14– 7th Ave 6G Orientation
- 15– Non-Attendance Day
- 19– 7G Candor Health Presentation  
1:45pm-3:15 (Virtual during school)
- 21– Parent 7G Orientation 7pm
- 25– Board of Education meeting,  
7:30pm
- 26– 8G Candor Health Teen Sexual  
Presentation 1:45pm-3:15 (Virtual dur-  
ing school)
- 28– Spring Orchestra Concert 7pm

### **8th Grade Graduation information!**

8G graduation will take place on Tues-  
day, May 31st at 5:30. The ceremony  
will take place outdoors behind the  
school. Each family will be provided  
four tickets. The rain date will be June  
1st same place and time. More infor-  
mation will be provided in early April.



## **District 105 Speech Team**

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the District 105 Speech Team competed in the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual West 40 Speech and Drama Festival that was hosted here at Gurrie Middle School. After months of practice and memorizing by the speech team members and support from their teacher coaches, we're happy to announce that District 105 earned a second place trophy from the competition!

Students who received first place finishes in their events included Kate Seiple and Lizzie Echeverria with their improv duet; Luca Paganis delivering a powerful slam poetry performance; Nolan Fey with his oratorical declamation presentation; Brandon Harris with a humorous monologue; and Kate Seiple with another strong humorous solo performance.

Carrying the team the rest of the way were Mireya Brkic, Paula Calderon, Lizzie Echeverria, Lola Babinski, Eddie Enriquez, Eleanor Harmount, Louise Kallemeyn, Violet Quinn, and Mary Sandman. Way to go Gurrie – we're so proud of you!

Thanks to all the coaches who helped along the way: Mrs. Heaver, Ms. Solano, Ms. Meidinger, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Walsen, Mrs. Dessauer, Mr. Tabor, Mr. Ingwersen, Mrs. Casey, and Mrs. Neadly. Congratulations to all the District 105 Speech Team members for their big win!

# *From the Principal's Desk*



Greetings from Gurrie!

As we conclude another winter, I am looking forward to longer and warmer days ahead. This time of year also signals that we are moving closer to the end of another school year. It is hard to believe that we have completed more than two-thirds of the year.

When we return from Spring Break, time typically moves very quickly through the remainder of the third trimester. We have many sports that run during the spring including soccer, boys volleyball, and girls softball. Between the three sports, we could have more than a third of our students involved in those activities.

In addition, we have continuing service activities, band-choir-orchestra concerts, and many other activities.

8th grade parents will continue to receive information about graduation activities and all of you will receive end of year information. We will continue to utilize the Tiger Tracks, Parent Square, and the website as our main communication tools.

In April, students will take the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) assessment. Students are taking six assessments over the course of six days. There are three tests for reading/language arts and three for math. The math assessment (60 minutes each) will take place on April 11, 12, and 13. The English/Language Arts assessment (90 minutes each) will take place on April 14, 19, and 20.

A reminder to eighth grade families that this year, our graduation ceremony will be held here at Gurrie in the field behind the school. Our ceremony begins at 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 31. We will be providing more details in the coming weeks that detail ceremony information.

Do not forget that our building calendar, Wednesday envelope materials, and other important information can be accessed on our website. Go to [www.d105/gurrie.net](http://www.d105/gurrie.net)

I hope that you and your family have a restful, warm, and sunny spring break.

Respectfully,  
Ed Hood

## *Second Trimester Honor Roll*

### **7th Grade**

Lola Avalos  
Jakob Bertovic  
Brighan Campos-Casas  
Conor Carolan  
John Casas Reyes  
Charlotte Deneen  
Joseph Filkins  
Hannah Fuller  
Ashley-Garcia  
Sanchez  
Evan Gardner  
Molly Hall  
Julian Harris  
Isabella Huling  
Christopher Jimenez  
Lawan Jolly  
Owen Lopez  
Arianna Magana  
Liam Malay  
Alex Maloney  
Vlatko Martinov  
Brendan McCabe  
Jose Morales  
Enrique Nevarez

Ailani Morin  
Enrique Nevarez  
Emily Ortiz  
Yazmin Ries-Salinas  
Ignacio Rodriguez  
Desirae Sanchez  
Madeline Schroeder  
Nicolas Serna  
Jocelyn Silverio  
Tabitha Skvarla  
Niraj Tallarovic  
Elizabeth Zavala

### **8th Grade**

David Anderson  
Oscar Balbuena  
Cesar Belazquez-  
Dominguez  
Amilyn Brasse  
Ximena Calderon  
Adriana Capasso  
Maren Cavanaugh  
Jacob Cortez  
Stephanie Diaz  
Gavin Driscoll

Cornell Fennessee  
Jayna Fleenor  
John Frankhauser  
Marcos Garcia Ville-  
gas  
Geno Gianopulos  
Danika Gordon  
Freddie Hernandez-  
Salgado  
Fernando Hernandez-  
Velazquez  
Antoine Johnson  
James Klun  
Louie Long  
Angelina Lopez  
Benita Lopez  
Steven Luna  
Janiya Mallory  
Brandon Maranon  
Emanuel Martinez  
Nathan McMullen  
Connor McNeer  
Avery Nuzum  
Diego Ojeda  
Elijah Paus  
Yumalae Pelayo  
Jenna Pigatto

Elizabeth Ramirez  
Maggie Renick  
Genevieve Rivera  
Jimena Ruiz  
Yulissa Serrano



## *2nd Trimester Improvement Honor Roll*

### **7th Grade**

Anel Alvarez  
Brighan Campos-Casas  
Evan Gardner  
Isabella Huling  
Lawan Jolly  
Nataly Martinez  
Emmanuel Mejia  
Ailani Morin  
Emily Ortiz  
Jeremiah Rivera  
Desirae Sanchez

### **8th Grade**

Eli Babecka-Fisher  
Jonathan Covarrubias  
Elizabeth Echeverria  
Elizabeth Ramirez  
Angelo Rodriguez



## *Second Trimester All A's Honor Roll*

### 7th Grade

Julian Arredondo  
Lola Babinski  
Hanna Bato  
Carter Blentlinger  
Luka Bojovic  
Mireya Brkic  
Paula Calderon Padilla  
Caroline Cannizzaro  
Reese Cassidy  
Alexis Chavez Gonzalez  
Zoe Connelly  
Juan Contreras  
Jizelle Diaz  
Helena Enriquez  
Samantha Escobedo  
Jack Eskra  
Nolan Fey  
Nora Flood  
Tino Flores  
Violet Fotino  
Santiago Garcia  
Nora Grill  
Vivian Guerrero  
Luke Hammond  
Eleanor Harmount  
Louise Kallemeyn  
Sarah Kapsa

Daniel Koziol  
Brynn Krantz  
Jack Lee  
Fernando Llanes  
Amia Manzo  
Wes McDilda  
Beckett Michel  
Kerryn Monoham  
Eve Muscato  
Iqui-Balam Nogueta-  
Nunez  
Mia Olszowka  
George Panos  
Ethan Peto  
Violet Quinn  
Caroline Riopell  
Jayde Sanchez  
Mary Sandman  
Elizabeth Schmidt  
Katherine Sheehan  
Zoe Stone  
Kim Tran  
Emilee Tydus  
Avery Tyrell  
Alejandro Villavicencio  
Luke Vongluekiat  
Vivi Vu  
Nathan Woods  
8th Grade  
Jazmin Aguilar  
Sophia Anaya  
Rachel Berry

Miles Bryck  
Maya Bylsma  
Paola Campos  
Mariana Castillejo  
Kayla Chrenen  
Patrick Collins  
Clara Deroche  
Molly Eskra  
Vito Falco  
Lucy Ferron  
Anthony Gonzalez  
Isabela Gonzalez  
Jazlene Gonzalez  
Porter Gourley  
Edgar Jauregui  
Dylan Jorgensen  
Adrian Karlovic  
Ella Konkey  
Sophia Kutlich  
Jenna Lally  
Max Maloney  
Blake McCracken  
Isabella McCracken

Jack Michaelson  
Amaya Morales  
Nadija Neskovic  
Kaitlin Obrien  
Katelyn Otoole  
Matthew Papa  
Natalia Pepper  
Katherine Potter  
Veda Rodriguez  
Lucy Schoenecker  
Abigail Schulz  
Kate Seiple  
Enesa Selimi  
Andrew Sherman  
Roman Sosonovvy



## *Second Trimester High Honor Roll*

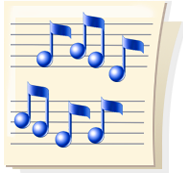
### 7th Grade

Ethan Alberico  
Isiah Aldana  
Adam Barrette  
Brian Cahue  
Jake Calderon  
Da'Nari Cortez Usry  
Isabella Dullick  
Gianna Flores  
Zachary Haizlip  
Nolan Hamilton  
Brandon Harris  
Roan Judkins  
Harrison Kittridge  
Caiden Kovel  
Avery Lee  
Collin McNeil  
Mark Mendoza  
Caroline Mshar  
Audrey Olson  
Jeremiah Rivera  
Josiah Santana  
Ava Schroeder

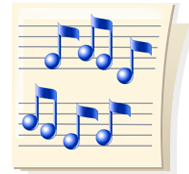
Madeline Schroeder  
Maria Serna  
Ben Shanley  
Grace Twitty  
8th Grade  
Abril Aguilar  
Teodora Babic  
Jonathan Covarrubias  
Alex Cuckovic  
John Curran  
Eduardo DePierre Rodriguez  
Elizabeth Echeverria  
Valeria Flores  
Nora Foley  
Bridget Gilmartin  
Karenna Knop  
Genevieve Koppel  
Daniela Martinez Gallegos  
Evan Meraz  
Caroline Mhley  
Evelyn Murillo  
Khushi Nayi  
Julian Nevarez  
Luca Paganis

Roy Piagnarelli  
Camila Ramirez  
Alejandro Silva Trujillo  
Asina Trent  
Yuritzi Valdes  
Ethan Walsh  
Anthony Washington  
Zoe Weiss  
Jake Yi





# Music Notes



## Upcoming Performing Arts Events

April 27: Orchestra District Tour  
April 28: Orchestra Spring Concert  
May 4: Band and Choir District Tour  
May 5: Band and Choir Spring Concert

## Countryside St. Patrick's Day Parade

A group of volunteer band members marched in the Annual Countryside St. Patrick's Day Parade. They performed an arrangement of "The Irish Rover." They had the crowd singing along and clapping. **GO BAND!**



## Band Aid Concert

Congratulations on all of our Solo and Ensemble performers!

In early March, our 4th—8th grade band and orchestra members performed in solo and/or small ensemble at the annual D105 Solo and Ensemble Showcase. This is a rare chance for students to display their own individual progress, and we were very impressed by their preparation! Some of these students performed at the LTHS Solo and Ensemble contest. Our D105 students performed well and made us proud!



## 2021-2022 Gurrie Wrestling Season Ends

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 semi finals, 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







## Gurrie Soccer Begins New Season

The Gurrie soccer season kicks off immediately after spring break. There are no cuts and all participants are guaranteed playing time if they attend practice. If field conditions allow, the first game will take place on Thursday, April 14th at the Gurrie field. Soccer field addresses are listed below. Any student interested in playing needs to have their parent or guardian sign all waivers and get a sports physical before the first practice on April 4th.

There will be two soccer teams, Gurrie Gold and Gurrie Blue. Each team will be a combination of boys and girls, 7th and 8th grade students.

Soccer practices will be held at Gurrie and games are held at local soccer fields. This year Gurrie’s home games will be held at Gurrie field (field is behind the school).

Other soccer fields are:



**McClure:** Spring Rock Park  
4400 Central Avenue, Western Springs

**Pleasantdale:** Walker Park  
7425 S. Wold Road, BurrRidge

**Washington Middle School:** Costello School  
4632 Clyde Avenue, Lyons

**Westchester:** Westchester Primary School  
2400 Downing Avenue, Westchester

**Highlands:** No Home field

**Willow Springs:** Justice Park District  
7747 Oak Grove Avenue, Justice

**Park Jr. High:**

Gordon Park

Tilden Avenue and Ogden Avenue, LaGrange

### 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’s 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:

Mrs. Burger at [aburger@d105.net](mailto:aburger@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  
imals Now and Laters  
Strawberry Twizzlers  
Tootsie Pops  
Dumb Dumb suckers  
Rice Krispie Treats

#### Nonfood Items

Water bottles  
Hacky sacks  
Stuffed Ani-  
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