



Tiger Tracks

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CALENDAR

April

- 1 Classes Resume
- 2 District Institute Day– Non-Attendance Day for Students
- 3 Gr. 8 Jr. Lions Tour at LT South
- 5 Quint 4 ends
- 8 Spring Avenue visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 9 7th Avenue visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 11 Hodgkins visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 12 Ideal 6th Grade visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 16 Band-Aid Concert 7:00 pm
- 17 6th Grade Parent Orientation 7:00
- 19 Non-Attendance Day for Students
- 25 Choir Concert
- 29 BOE Meeting 7:30 pm
- 30 Spring Band Concert

8th Grade Class Trip Update

On Thursday, May 23rd, 8th grade students who qualify will go to Great America. The class will leave as soon as school starts that day and should return to Gurrie by 7:30 p.m. Regular bus routes will run in the evening, returning students home.

The cost of the trip this year will be \$36.00. In addition, students will need money to purchase a lunch since the park does not allow visitors to bring in sack lunches.

You will receive a letter with a permission slip and a request for payment of \$36.00 to cover the cost of the trip in the Wednesday envelope. Please make payment promptly so tickets can be ordered and our trip date secured.

Parents of students whose families will be purchasing season passes to Great America are asked to notify the Gurrie office immediately so their students will not be included in the count of tickets that need to be purchased.

District 105 Speech Team

On Saturday, February 9th, the District 105 Speech Team traveled to Elmwood Park High School to compete in the West 40 Speech and Drama Festival. 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 third place trophy from the competition!

The district's overall score was helped by an original humorous presentation by Charlie Reagan; a powerful speech about gun control by Thania Silverio; a hilarious original monologue by Shannon Miller; a serious poem about technology's impact on humanity by Sam Costello; and funny "Barbies" scene from the trio of Samantha Cervantes, Jackson Koos, and Shelby Lawrence.

The following performers elevated the district even further with their First Place scores. Marissa Broche flawlessly delivered a collection of poems about the impact teachers and students have on each other's lives. Alyse Follenweider put both humor and power behind her monologue about the myths around violent video games. Grace Sneed and Madeline Gonzalez were paired perfectly as "Best Friends" in their humorous duet.

And finally, these performers earned perfect scores in their events, representing the most perfect scores Gurrie has had in years. Jeanne Mardegan built on her perfect score last year by delivering another standout performance with her serious presentation. Doryan Kubik and Shannon Miller took on the challenging task of performing a duet improve scene for which they earned a perfect result. And Nick Polonowki brought down the house with his original slam poem about the challenges teenagers face every day.

Thanks to all the coaches who helped along the way: Mr. LaBud, Ms. Quinn, Ms. Solis, Mrs. Rioux, Mr. Driscoll, Mrs. Kowynia, Mrs. Gjoni, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ingwersen. Congratulations to all the District 105 Speech Team members from Gurrie for their big win!



From the Principal's Desk



Happy spring!

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 school 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 the spring musical in May, Fortnightly, 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, weekly emails, and the website as our main communication tools.

In April, students will take the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) / PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment. Students are taking five assessments over the course of four days. There are two tests for reading/language arts and three for math. Testing will take place on April 10 and 11 for math on April 17 and 18 for reading/language arts.

A reminder to eighth grade families that our graduation ceremony is held at Lyons Township High School (South Campus) in the Field House. Our ceremony begins at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 28. Because of the size of the facility, we do not need to provide tickets. We will be providing more details in the coming weeks that detail ceremony information, including requests for handicap seating.

Do not forget that our building calendar, Wednesday envelope materials, and other important information can be accessed on our website. Go to www.d105.net and click on Gurrie.

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

Respectfully,

Ed Hood

Second Trimester Honor Roll

7th Grade

Mario Aleksandrovski
Angel Alvarez
Henry Alvarez
Anson Babb II
Angelique Balderrama
Ryan Blumberg
Thomas Butters
Yahir Contreras
David Diaz
Aidan Dill
Aldair Garcia
Yasir Garcia
Jovany Garcia-Morales
Shawn Jenkins
David Jovcevski
Brian Kloes
Kellan Knop
Adam Kreczko
Doryan Kubik
Emilio Lopez
Oliver Maksimovic
Grant Maloney
Alexander Mata
Abisai Medina
Arelly Orozco
David Paulus

Kendahl Payton
Montserrat Pelayo-Valadez
Ilija Randjelovic
Juan Ries-Salinas
Allison Rodriguez
Claudio Rodriguez
Meraly Rubio
Samantha Santana
Yanelly Solis
Eliezer Soto-Gracia
Matija Stojmenovic
Laine Tegan
Ilija Tomich
Daniel Torres
Kevin Zapata

8th Grade

Julia Alvarado
Santos Anda
Scott Beery
Daniel Callaghan
Liam Carolan
Aidan Collins
Roland Connelly
Patrick Engels
Jonathan Flores
Julio Fulgencio
Angel Garcia

Jackson Garelli
Eric Gonzalez
Jackson Kirk
Emma Kwak
Daniel Lee
Rosa Lopez
Christian Marcial
Fatima Gallegos-Martinez
David McKay
Matthew Meehan
Aidan Nill
Krupali Patel
Jacklyn Pedroza
Jahari Pittman
Carlos Rangel Gonzalez
Yazmin Rangel
Isabella Ries-Salinas
Anthony Rivera
Michael Rocha
Osvaldo Rojo
Ethan Rosenkranz
Raiel Ruiz
Johan Santos-Sacramento
Thania Silverio
Connor Spellman
Kyle Timmerman
Thomas Tobolaski
Alexis Toledo-Miguel

Michelle Torres
Jake Warkentien



2nd Trimester Improvement Honor

7th Grade

Erick Cerda
Kevin Martinez
Isaiah Ramos
Raven Anderson
Junior Rubalcaba
Laine Tegan

8th Grade

Daniel Graney
Jessica Navarro
Marissa Broche
Osvaldo Rojo
Isabella Ries-Salinas
Emma Kallal
Daniel Callaghan
Roberto Llanes-Aguilera
Isabella Adkins
Arturo Flores
Natalia Herrera
Kaleb Garcia
Jackson Kirk
Angela Townsend

7th Grade

Melanie Almeida
Angel Alvarez
Henry Alvarez
John Barrette
Brandon Betancourt
James Brejcha
Samantha Cervantes
Joshua Connolly
Thomas Culver
Lillian Davis
Aidan Dill
McKayla Duran
Michael Frankhauser
Jonathan Garcia
Thomas Goryl
Poppy Graber
Ashlyn Grelewicz
Andrew Guerrero
Shawn Jenkins
Kellan Knop
Madison Kosenesky
Benjamin Lockley
Alexis Machay
Maxwell Marquardt

7th Grade

William May
Landon Nill
Milana Pacholski
Annie Price
Katherine Prystalski
Claudio Rodriguez
Oscar Rojo
Meraly Rubio
Samantha Urbina-Medina
Isabel Wirtz
Austen Wisniewski
Camille Woods

8th Grade

Scott Beery
Brady Brantner
Sophia Dike
Malia Fink
Walter Galvez
Cynthia Garcia
Kaleb Garcia
Mirza Kermo
Evan Konkey
Roberto Llanes Aguilera
Gabriella Luburic

2nd Trimester Perfect Attendance

Shannon Miller
Sophia Morrissey
Jessica Navarro
Fernando Peralta-Alvarado
Jahari Pittman
Carlos Rangel Gonzalez
Osvaldo Rojo
Raiel Ruiz
Johan Santos-Sacramento
Smantha Shanahan
Benicio Silva
Thomas Tobolaski
Kevyn Vital
Allyssa Wong

Second Trimester All A's Honor Roll

7th Grade

Rayna Aaronson
Michael Badrov
John Barrette
Brandon Betancourt
James Brejcha
Samuel Burcal
Lydia Busker
Anna Bylsma
Sean Cherry
Claire Collins
Caitlin Crowe
Sarah Crowe
Thomas Culver
Lillian Davis
Aidan Diaz
Alita Folkening
Caroline Fuller
Gunnar Garelli
Ashlyn Grelewicz
Andrew Guerrero
Olivia Hill
Ryan Huynh
Sophia Imielski
Avery Jasinski
Katarina Jecmenic

Hannah Kallal
Jacqueline Kogen
Madison Kosensky
Sarah Kutlich
Shelby Lawrence
Alex Lonsway
Alexis Machay
Maxwell Marquardt
John McLane
Reese Metz
Abigail Michaelson
Katarina Neskovic
Landon Nill
Dean O'Bryan
Lizet Ojeda-Acuna
Andrew Peto
Aleksia Petrovich
Rozlyn Piagnarelli
Caroline Pooler
Annie Price
Katherine Prystalski
Oscar Rojo
Madeline Rowen
Junior Rubalcaba
Gabrielle Sanchez
Charlotte Schulz

Thomas Shishman
Jude Short
Emily Spelson
Caden Strack
Sophia Szymanski
Carson Turner
Jurnee Warkentien
Nikolette Weiss
Isabel Wirtz
Austen Wisniewski
Camille Woods

8th Grade

Emilija Bozovic
Connor Deneen
Sophia Dike
Malia Fink
Andrew Follenweider
Sara Gjorgjevska
Tristan Hall
Karman Kapsa
Paige Klun
Samuel Kogen
Evan Konkey
Charlotte Lange
Caroline LaVoie

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Gabriella Luburic
Jeanne Mardegan
Piper Oldenburg
Gianna Pigatto
Margot Pooler
Lillian Prendergast
Lindsey Rickman
Olivia Sawickis
Mia Sekulovski
Samantha Shanahan
Grace Sneed
Nikolas Soofi
Daniel Walsh
Patrick Wenstrup
Allyssa Wong



Second Trimester High Honor Roll

7th Grade

Nicholas Aguilar
Melanie Almeida
William Brown
Danyela Cahue
Colin Cartwright
Samantha Cervantes
Joshua Connolly
Nataly Contreras
Samuel Costello
Ryan Dowling
McKayla Duran
Sebastian Escobedo
Kaitlyn Filkins
Brianna Flores
Yanira Flores
Michael Frankhauser
Angelina Garcia
Jonathan Garcia
Minna Johnson
Ryan Huynh
Jakob Kawczynski
Jackson Koos

Ethan Mason
William May
Dwayne Morrow
Nathanael Mukite
Milana Pacholski
Celestine Perusich
Dylan Rickman
Raymond Rosenbach
Campbell Schumacher
Laine Tegan
Maksymilian Washchuk
Ava Wisniewski

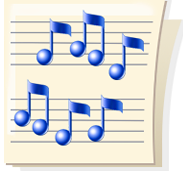
8th Grade

Nikki Avizius
Luis Belasquez-Dominguez
Devell Britton Jr.
Lucas Cuchran
Peri Deroche
Hannah Eskra
Alyse Follenweider
Cynthia Garcia
Kaleb Garcia

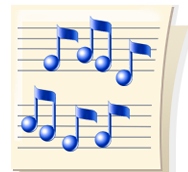
Grace Gonzales
Madeline Gonzalez
Olivia Guerra
Lindsay Hammond
Alexa Hoffenberg
Emma Kallal
Adam Koppel
Grant Kostrzewa
Adam Kwak
Caroline LaVoie
Roberto Llanes
Aguilera
Karen Martinez
Sophia Morrissey
Jessica Navarro
Monica Nunez
Margaret Pacholski
Matthew Pierpaoli
Niklas Polonowski
Lillian Renick
Lauren Robinson
Peter Sanchez
Connor Schmitt

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Christiauna Thorpe
Kevyn Vital
Emily Walsh
Sophie Zielinski





Music Notes



Upcoming Performing Arts Events

April 16:	Band-Aid Concert
April 25:	Choir Awards Concert
April 30:	Band Awards Concert
May 1:	Choir & Orchestra District Tour
May 2:	Orchestra Awards Concert
May 3:	Band District Tour
May 4:	High-Note Festival

Festival and Competitions

Congratulations on all of our Solo and Ensemble performers! On March 6th, our 4th—8th grade band and orchestra members performed in solo and/or small ensemble at the first 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!



Band Aid Concert

On Tuesday April 16th, the District 105 Fine Arts Community will be holding its annual Band Aid Benefit Concert. This year, the District 105 Music Program is benefitting the Humane Society of the United States. All proceeds for the benefit concert will go to this charity. There is no set admission, but donations will be taken at the door. We will also be selling raffle tickets with wonderful prizes from local businesses! The Symphony Orchestra, Gurrie Choir, Concert Band, and GMS Jazz Ensemble will be performing along with a full orchestra and a special performance combining all groups.



2018-2019 Gurrie Wrestling Season Ends

After a long season of practices and competition, the wrestling team was able to improve from the previous year and advance three wrestlers to the state tournament at Northern Illinois University. Congratulations to Claudio Rodriguez (7th), Calum Rodgers (8th), and Victor Herrejon (8th) for earning the title as IESA 2019 State Qualifiers! Congratulations to the wrestlers who qualified for this year's sectional tournament: Daniel Lee (8th), Roland Connelly (8th), Jackson Garelli (8th), and Liam Helder (6th). Without the hard work from the students, these accomplishments would not be possible and we would like to congratulate all the wrestlers who participated in this outstanding season!

Coach Varela
Coach Brewer

SPORTS CALENDAR

April

8	Boys' Volleyball vs. McClure
9	Boys' Volleyball vs. Willow Springs
9	Girls' Softball at Willow Springs
11	Boys' Volleyball at Pleasantdale
11	Girls' Softball at Pleasantdale
11	Gurrie Blue Soccer vs. Westchester
12	Boys' Volleyball vs. Pleasantdale
15	Boys' Volleyball vs. Highlands
15	Girls' Softball vs. Highlands
15	Gurrie Blue Soccer vs. Park Blue
15	Soccer Gold vs. Park Red
18	Boys' Volleyball at Westchester
18	Girls' Softball at Westchester
23	Gurrie Blue Soccer at Pleasantdale
23	Boys' Volleyball vs. Park
23	Gurrie Gold Soccer at Willow Springs
25	Girls' Softball vs. Park
25	Gurrie Gold Soccer vs. Washington Blue
29	Gurrie Blue Soccer at Highlands Blue
29	Boys' Volleyball at Washington
29	Girls' Softball at Washington
29	Gurrie Gold Soccer at Highlands White
30	Girls' Softball vs. McClure
30	Gurrie Gold Soccer at Park Blue
30	Gurrie Blue Soccer at Park Red





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 Monday, April 15th at Sedgwick Park. 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.

Practices will be held at Gurrie, and games are held at local soccer fields. This year Gurrie's home games will be held at Gordon Park located at 90 Locust, in LaGrange and Sedgwick Park located at 47th and East Ave. also in LaGrange.

Other soccer fields are:



Park: Sedgwick Park

47th and East Avenue, La Grange

McClure: Spring Rock Park

47th Street West of Wolf Road

Pleasantdale: Walker Park

Wolf Road South of Joliet Road

Washington Middle School: Costello School

45th Place between Clyde and Winchester

Westchester: Westchester Primary School

2400 Downing Avenue, Westchester

Highlands: No Home field

Willow Springs: Justice Park District

7747 Oak Grove Avenue, Justice

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:
Therese Jumic 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
Animals 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