



# Tiger Tracks

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**CALENDAR**

**April**

- 3- Classes Resume
- 4- REMOTE learning day
- 7- Non-Attendance Day
- 10- Spring Ave 7G Orientation
- 11- 7th Ave 7G Orientation
- 13-Ideal 7G Orientation
- 14- Hodgkins 7G Orientation
- 24- Board of Education meeting, 7:30pm
- 25- Spring Orchestra Concert 7pm

**8th Grade Graduation information!**

8G graduation will take place on Thursday, June 1st at 5:00pm. The ceremony will take place outdoors behind the school. Each family will be provided **four** tickets. The rain date will be June 2nd same place and time. More information will be provided in early April.



**District 105 Speech Team**

On Saturday, February 25th, the District 105 Speech Team competed in the West 40 Speech and Drama Festival. After months of practice, the team put on a series of incredible performances, with all participants earning individual 1st or 2nd place scoring finishes. The team brought back a 3rd place overall trophy against some truly tough competition, and they had the best total score D105 has seen in close to a decade.

Paula Calderon had the overall best individual performance score for Gurrie with her serious monologue, followed closely behind by Brandon Harris' humorous monologue, Mary Sandman's serious presentation, and the humorous trio of Elena Bailey, Maddie Shishman, and Abbie Scouffas. The other first-place finishers included the group dramatic presentation from Lola Babinski, Mireya Brkic, Payton Meller, and Beckett Michel; the humorous duet of Eleanor Harmount and Louise Kallemeyn; and the serious duet of Taylor Hoffenberg and Mila Panos. The scoring for D105 was rounded out by tremendous performances from Caroline Mshar and her original slam poem; Kevin Seiple in the humorous poetry category; Zoe Stone and Nolan Fey in the extemporaneous duet category; and Gianna Flores in the oratorical declamation category.

Thanks to all the incredible teacher coaches for helping our performers hoist the 3rd place trophy for D105: Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Dessauer, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Driscoll, Ms. Jaramillo, Mrs. Heaver, Mr. LaBud, Mrs. Gjoni, Mr. Walsen, Mrs. Neadly, Mrs. Smetana and Mr. Ingwersen. Way to go Speech Team!

# *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 five assessments over the course of four days. There are two tests for reading/language arts and three for math. The math assessment (60 minutes each) will take place on April 11 and 12. The English/Language Arts assessment (90 minutes each) will take place on April 13 and 14.

A reminder to eighth grade families that this year, our graduation ceremony will again be held here at Gurrie in the field behind the school. Our ceremony begins at 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 1. The rain date will be Friday, June 2 also at 5:00 pm. Each family is provided four tickets. 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**

Nathan Aaronson  
Annalise Becerra  
Dominic Borrego  
Brooklyn Boyce  
Nolan Callahan  
Lukas Coclanes  
Kevin Cuellar  
Sofia Dittmer  
Tamarie Dunlap  
Henry Flood  
Braulio Flores  
Madison Flores  
Domnick Fonzino  
Evan Itkowitz  
Damian Jiminez  
Summer Keorkunian  
Mia Kosenesky  
Nick Lee  
Naomy Magana  
Tyler Malone  
Lucy Miller  
Josh Oberlie  
Nicolas Pawula  
Max Piatek  
Max Polonowski  
Tramario Roberts  
Leandro Roman  
Michael Rucinski

Vuk Soldat  
Bella Vidales  
Jhania Wickert-Harris

### **8th Grade**

Ethan Alberico  
Isiah Aldana  
Jakob Bertovic  
Brian Cahue  
Conor Carolan  
Jack Eskra  
Jack Fagan  
Nolan Fey  
Joey Filkins  
Gianna Flores  
Tino Flores  
Dylan Galvez  
Ashley Garcia Sanchez  
Carter Garcia  
Brandon Harris  
Melissa Hernandez  
Isabella Huling  
Christopher Jimenez  
Anthony Johnson  
Roan Judkins  
Caiden Kovel  
Owen Lopez  
Liam Malay  
America Maldonado

Edwin Martinez  
Vlatko Martinov  
Brendan McCabe  
Jose Morales  
Ailani Morin  
Jacob Neale  
Karla Neira  
Enrique Nevarez  
Ben Nietes  
Luis Pasillas  
Preet Patel  
Harmonie Picman  
Lilah Radi  
Yazmin Ries-Salinas  
Ignacio Rodriguez  
Nevaeh Roman  
Johnny Santana  
Maria Serna  
Nicolas Serna  
Ben Shanley  
Jocelyn Silverio  
Gibson Sotir  
Isabella Soto  
Cris Tovar  
DaNari Usry  
Elizabeth Zavala



## *2nd Trimester Improvement Honor Roll*



### **7th Grade**

Annika Bryck  
Declan Gilmartin  
Logan McMullen  
Evan Nevarezz  
Michal Staszkiwicz

### **8th Grade**

Jacob Bertovic  
Brian Cahue  
Anthony De la Rosa  
Jack Fagan  
Gianna Flores  
Carter Garcia  
Melissa Hernandez  
Louise Kallemeyn  
Caiden Kovel  
Jack Lee  
Emmanuel Mejia  
Jacob Neale  
Enriquez Nevarez  
Ben Nietes  
Luis Pasillas  
Gibson Sotir  
Atziri Tinajero

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

### **7th Grade**

Matthew Badrov  
Elena Bailey  
Lyric Benguche  
Max Boeckmann  
Isabella Bravo  
Celeste Britton  
Jackson Brock  
Jax Brown  
Olivia Cabrera  
Yisel Chairez  
Sophie Colville  
Maeve Comes  
Bryan Corona  
Declan Driscoll  
Janette Erickson  
Daniel Eterno  
Luc Gamache  
Zoey Green  
Patricia Hanna  
Taylor Hoffenberg  
Avery Jorgensen  
Kaerington Kopp  
Peter Kutlich  
Adam Lally  
Claudia Leutsch  
Ellenor Lockley  
Amy Lopez  
Jason Martinez

Alex Meller  
Payton Meller  
Sean Mhley  
Sawyer Michel  
Ryan Miller  
Brennan Monohan  
Madeline Mosher  
Sophia Murphy  
Isabella Papa  
William Potter  
Mason Price  
Orla Rahilly  
Augustine Rodriguez  
Abrahan Rubio  
Katherine Rus  
Cecilia Sanchez  
Ryan Sand  
Hunter Schumacher  
Zachary Schwarz  
Abigail Scouffas  
Kevin Seiple  
Madelyn Shishman  
Mia Skelton  
Marija Tesic  
Christian Torres  
Cruz Villareal

### **8th Grade**

Alexander Andrade-  
Albright  
Julian Arredondo  
Lola Babinski  
Hanna Bato  
Carter Blentlinger  
Paula Calderon Padilla  
Caroline Cannizzaro  
Reese Cassidy  
Alexis Chavez Gonzalez  
Zoe Connelly  
Juan Contreras  
Charolte Deneen  
Eddie Enriquez  
Samantha Escobedo  
Nora Flood  
Violet Fotino  
Hannah Fuller  
Santiago Garcia  
Molly Hall  
Luke Hammond  
Eleanor Harmount  
Sarah Kapsa  
Harrison Kittridge  
Brynn Krantz  
Avery Lee  
Jack Lee

Fernando Llanes  
Amia Manzo  
Wes McDilda  
Beckett Michel  
Kerryn Monohan  
Eve Muscato  
Mia Olszowka  
George Panos  
Ethan Peto  
Caroline Riopell  
Mary Sandman  
Elizabeth Schmidt  
Katherine Sheehan  
Zoe Stone  
Anastasija Tesic  
Kim Tran  
Emilee Tydus  
Avery Tyrell  
Luke Vongluekiat  
Vivi Vu  
Nathan Woods



## *Second Trimester High Honor Roll*

### **7th Grade**

John Adelpia III  
Salvador Alvarado  
Colin Baise  
Annika Bryck  
Ryan Carolan  
Yadihra Carrillo  
Brianna Cervantes  
Alina Chavez  
Ian Collins  
Vivian Comes  
Marlene Covarrubias  
Julio DaSilva  
DeAngelo Diaz  
Luke Enriquez  
Jenah Flores  
Declan Gilmartin  
Payton Gourley  
Kamila Javier  
Jayden Laurenzana  
Bruce Leach  
Natalie Lopez  
James Lysaught  
Eleanor Meuer  
Teodor Milanov  
Evan Nevarez  
Jesse Nunez-Garcia

Mila Panos  
Krystiana Pietrusiewicz  
Lucas Rowen  
Ben Sherman  
Kiriaki Usadel  
Aidan Williamson

### **8th Grade**

Loretta Avalos  
Adam Barrette  
Luka Bojovic  
Mireya Brkic  
Jake Calderon  
Jizelle Diaz  
Isabella Dullick  
Alonso Garcia-Mancha  
Evan Gardner  
Nora Grill  
Vivian Guerrero  
Zachary Haizlip  
Nolan Hamilton  
Louise Kallemeyn  
Daniel Koziol  
Collin McNeil  
Mark Mendoza  
Caroline Mshar  
Iqui Nogueta-Nunez  
Audrey Olson  
Jeremiah Rivera  
Jayde Sanchez  
Niraj Tallarovic  
Grace Twitty  
Alejandro Villavicencio



# Trimester 2

## Perfect Attendance

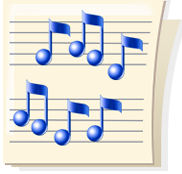


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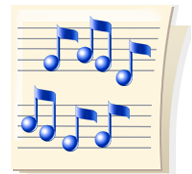
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Teodor Milanov  
Declan Driscoll  
Nicolas Pawula

### 8th Grade

Nolan Fey  
Molly Hall  
Alejandro Villavicencio  
Vivi Vu  
Juan Contreras  
Fernando Llanes  
Mark Mendoza  
Santiago Garcia  
Brandon Harris  
Caroline Mshar  
Beckett Michel  
Iqui Nogueta Nunez  
Hanna Bato  
Nataly Martinez  
Jose Morales



# 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!**



## **2022-2023 Gurrie Wrestling Season Ends**

**We would like to congratulate the Gurrie Wrestling team for their second consecutive team regional championship! As each individual wrestler won in the tournament, they scored for their team with an official first place finish of 184 points. Eisenhower Junior High came in second with 143 and Lisle with 120.**

**Gurrie finished with five regional champions including Declan Driscoll, Salvador Alavrado, Ignacio Rodriguez, Nolan Callaghan, and Daniel Koziel.**

**Second place finishers include Deangelo Diaz, Israel Carreon, and Adrian Geronimo.**

**Third place finishers include Harrison Kittridge, Dylan Galvez, and Eddie Enriquez**

**A final congratulations to all of the wrestlers who competed this weekend and the individuals who helped run the tournament.**

**The sectional tournament will be held this weekend in Coal City to be soon followed by the State tournament in Dekalb.**





## 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 Tuesday, April 11th. 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  
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