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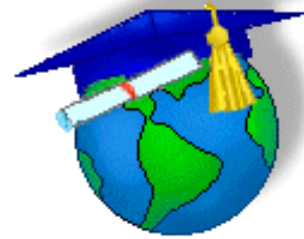


May

- 21 Board of Ed Mtg. 7:30p.m., Gurrie LLC
- 23 District Writing Festival, 6-7p.m.,
Gurrie gym
- 24 8th Grade Great America Trip
- 25 8th Grade Graduation Dance
- 28 No School, Memorial Day observed
- 29 Gurrie Graduation LT South, 7:00 p.m.

June

- 1 Last Day of School for 7th graders



**The World Is
Yours To Conquer**

**Gown and Medallion
Purchase Fee Past Due**

The rental fee for the graduation gown and medallion is \$25.00 and was due by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 15th. If you have not already done so, please submit this fee now. Also, unless this fee is paid your student will not receive his/her gown on the early distribution day mentioned later in this issue. In that event, the student will receive his/her gown when they arrive for the ceremony on Tuesday, May 29th.

School Supply Lists

Seventh and eighth grade supply lists for the next school year are included in this issue of the *Tiger Tracks* for those parents who choose not to take advantage of the school supply kits that Gurrie will again be offering this year. Information regarding the school supply kits and order forms went home to seventh grade students in the April Wednesday envelopes. The supply kit order form is also included in this *Tiger Tracks*.

From the Principal's Desk



Another year at Gurrie is winding down. Thank you to all of our families for all you've done to support your students and their continued growth and achievement.

Please remember that our graduation ceremony will be held at Lyons Township High School, South Campus in the Field House on Tuesday, May 29th at 7pm. Graduates need to arrive at LT South no later than 6:30. Please park in the north parking lot area and graduates will enter the doors by the swimming pool. There they will prepare and line up for the ceremony. We ask that families and their guests please walk around the northwest end of the building and enter through the west doors, which will lead you right to the field house. LT South Campus is located at 4900 Willow Springs Road, Western Springs, IL.

After graduation eighth graders have completed their school year and do not return to school. Seventh graders final day will be Friday, June 1st at noon.

Please continue to check the weekly email, weekly envelope, and website for important end of the year information. Eighth grade parents should have received, via email, a full packet of end of year information with specific information about graduation. This is also posted on our website. www.d105.net

Over the summer, whether you are the parent of a graduate or a soon to be eighth grader, continue to encourage your child to read everyday. With the nice weather, vacations, and many other distractions, it is easy to forget how important it is to continue reading regularly. Reading a book as a family, bringing some magazines on a long car trip, or just reading the paper are all ways to continue building positive reading habits. Remember that all of our students are expected to complete their summer reading requirement prior to returning in August. Students have received their summer reading information this week and there is information for parents in the weekly envelope and on the website. Eighth grade students should have seen their summer reading expectations from LT and we have also posted that on our website. Talk with your son or daughter about the summer book and even share it as a family read. Summer is notorious for loss of student reading skills simply because they are not used regularly. Encourage reading and make it a routine part of your week, just like it is during the school year. Summer is a great time for your child to read that book they have been interested in, but not had time for.

Thank you also to all of our PTO volunteers. Without all of you, our students would not have had so many wonderful experiences and opportunities. If you were not a member of the PTO this year, please consider joining. It is a wonderful opportunity for all parents to contribute to our school, get to know other parents, and see your children in some wonderful activities.

As I end this final Tiger Track letter for the year, just one final thought. Please encourage your children, as we are, to finish the year on a positive note. We have had a very good year with many successes. Even though this is the final Tiger Tracks, there are still several weeks of school left and we want everyone to finish strong and go into the summer looking forward to the opportunities next year will bring.

Thanks for another great year!

Ed Hood

Gowns to Students on June 1st



Parents, for your convenience, gowns will be given out to students to take home on Wednesday, May 23rd, so that parents and students can take pictures at home prior to the graduation program. Pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma will also be taken by Wykoff Photographers at the ceremony.

This year students will be renting gowns and purchasing medallions. Students will not be wearing caps again this year.

Medallions will be given out to students when they arrive at LT on the evening of graduation. Gowns will be returned before students leave the building after the ceremony.

Eighth Grade Class Trip

Eligible 8th grade students will take a class trip to Great America on Thursday, May 24th. Groups of 12 to 14 students will be led by teacher chaperones. This year the fee for the trip was set at \$35, the Great America group rate for groups of 100 or more.

Your eighth grader will need to bring pocket money to purchase lunch that day since no food may be brought into the park. If you wish your child to purchase other things or to play the arcade machines he or she will also need additional pocket money.

The trip will run from 8:15 a.m. to approximately 7:00 p.m. Students who normally ride the bus home will be able to make bus connections on their return.

Not all students will be allowed to make this trip. Any student who fails to qualify for the trip will be expected to attend school that day. Students are aware of this.

STEM Club

On Saturday, April 28th, the Gurrie Middle School Underwater Robotics STEM club team headed to Northeastern University to compete in the Midwest regional competition. I am so honored and proud to say not only did our Gurrie team earn the prestigious Ambassadors award for most spirit and great attitude, they also earned an impressive **THIRD PLACE** on Saturdays' event! Out of the 12 middle school and high school teams Gurrie earned a total of 244 points. Even more impressive and exciting is that the second place team scored 246 points. Gurrie Middle School was only two points from the top two teams! Thank you all for your support throughout this season. I know it is a long season to dedicate time to STEM club but your hard work, teamwork and collaboration clearly paid off. Gurrie beat the ranking and score from last year where they ended with 4th place and earned a bronze medal this year, if STEM club gave out Olympic medals that is.

Congrats to the Underwater Robotics STEM club team. 8th graders were Katie Morris, Ana Babnigg, Lauren Elliott, Dryden Hall, Cole Kostrzewa, Grant Dixon, Erika Betancourt, Kiera Hernandez and Beau Brown. 7th graders were Ethan Rosencranz, Evan Konkey, Margaret Pacholski, Malia Fink and Olivia Sawickis.





Music Notes



Spring Awards Concert A Huge Success!

Our annual Spring Honors Concerts were outstanding this year. Along with the great performances, we honored all of our graduating 8th graders from Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Gurrie Choir. Thank you to all of the students for their years of hard work and for the parents for their years of support!

District Music Groups Earn Superior Rating at the Great America High Note Music Festival

Congratulations to the District 105 Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, and Tiger Choir on the Superior Rating at this year's High Note Festival. The group worked extremely hard to prepare for this event and celebrated by enjoying a fun-filled day at the Great America Theme Park! Keep up the great work and let's do it again next year!



District Groups Performing at Graduation

Members of the Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Gurrie Choir will be performing for the Gurrie Middle School Graduation on Tuesday, May 29th, 2018. This event is being held at the Field House of Lyons Township High School. Please contact your director with any questions or concerns.

Summer Band Camp

All students have received information about the summer camp that will be hosted by Mr. Schwartz and Mrs. Schwenker from July 23rd-27th. Though students are not required to come, ALL band students are urged and expected to make an effort to attend. This is a very important step in their progression musically and introduces them to the idea that music is a year-round discipline.

School Owned Shirts

All white shirts that were borrowed from the district are to be turned in during lessons the week of May 21st—25th. The only exceptions are students performing at Graduation. Please be sure your child brings his or her shirt to school on the appropriate day so they can be collected and cleaned. Thank you!

The cost of the camp is \$65 and transportation is the responsibility of the student. Topics covered will be music theory, composition, jazz improvisation, fundamental techniques, tone production, rhythmic identification, and aural skills. All forms should be mailed with a check to:

Summer Instrumental Music
1001 South Spring Avenue
LaGrange, Illinois 60525
Attn: Mr. Thom Schwartz

Forms are due back no later than June 15th 2018.



Thanks for the Memories!

Congratulations and good luck to all of our graduating band, orchestra and choir members. Thank you for your dedication to the District music programs over the years, and for the many fine performances you have presented to your families, friends, teachers and classmates. Good Luck at LT!





Reminder to students and parents...

This is just a reminder to our students and parents that with the warmer weather come thoughts of summer and summer attire. However, the Gurrie dress code, which is found in the Student/Parent Handbook, is still in force throughout the school year. Please keep this in mind when dressing during the warmer months. This includes summer school.

Thank You PTO

Thank you to everyone who has helped at all of our PTO activities this year, from the school directory to the graduation dance and every activity in between. The PTO planned and organized many events for our students this year and we could not have done it without the help of each and every one of the many volunteers. The Gurrie PTO Board THANKS YOU ALL!!

7th & 8th Grade Girls Softball Season Ends

The 7th and 8th grade girls softball teams ended their season with huge milestones, and most importantly, a lot of fun. We started out the season as with a wide range of softball experience at both levels, and by the end of the season we saw improvement in skill level from every player. Goals that were accomplished throughout the season include every player getting a hit, getting on base, strikeouts, and even a double play! Every player showed passion, determination, and heart throughout the entire season. Coach Yena and I could not be more proud of the season the 7th and 8th grade softball teams had. We are looking forward to growing and improving even more next year. Congratulations to all our graduating softball players.



LT Fitness Days

The following students qualified for the Lyons Township High School Fitness Days. Boys competed on May 7th and girls competed on May 9th with student athletes from throughout the LT feeder schools. Events included push-ups, standing long jump, shuttle run, sit and reach, 50 yard dash, and 1 mile run.



Gurrie boys who qualified were Owen Cherry, Shane Curtin, Beauden Brown, Martin Rodriguez, Lee O'Bryan, Cole Lagowski, Luka Tomich, Christian Koos, Drydan Hall, Elias Salaises, Diego Lopez-Serna, Adrian Reyes, and RJ Mikulecky. Shane Curtin took 1st place in the 50 yard dash and Owen Cherry took 1st place in the shuttle run.

Gurrie girls who qualified were Maggie Brejcha, Megan Gardner, Meah LaRocco, Anna Brown, Erin Herndon, Ava Paganis, Sophie Peto, Audrey Hultman, Anna Westrick, Maggie Kernagis.

Congratulations to all of these excellent athletes for representing Gurrie Middle School so well.

Boys' Volleyball Season Recap



8th Grade

This year's 8th grade boys volleyball team had a dominant season, finished with a record of 9-1. Captains Christian Koos and Jack Nutting controlled the court as setters and leaders with great sportsmanship and drive. Through the season, they were able to set up our outside hitters Billy Back, Aidan Collins, and Thomas Kawczynski as well as our middle blockers Jack Bradbury, Connor Crowe, and Joel Nunez. This group tallied up an incredible 30 blocks and over 70 kills throughout the season. Our defensive specialist Matthew Dahl, Nano Esquivel, Kyle Hannigan, Luke Whelton, and Salvador Lopez controlled the back court with superior passing all season.

The team competed in the Hodgkins Park District tournament on May 12th. They advanced from the quarterfinals over Westchester with ease but fell in the semifinals to a composed and determined Highlands group in 3 sets. Overall, it was an exciting and successful season for the talented group, made easier with the assistance of manager Jason Cowsky.

7th Grade

Our 7th grade boys volleyball team went to the court this spring with many first-time volleyball players while entering into a very competitive league. These 7th graders were poised to make it a successful year, despite their level of experience. The boys opened up their first game of the year with a loss, but rebounded quickly. The Tigers on 8 of their next 9 games to finish the regular season 8-2! As a result, the Tigers won their division of the conference for the regular season. Heading into the tournament, the boys were ready to rock 'n' roll as the Number 2 seed. The young Tigers won their first two games of the tourney against Westchester and

7th grade volleyball cont.

Washington while advancing to the championship game to play against an undefeated Park Patriots team. The 7th grade boys cruised to victory in the championship in only 2 sets and were crowned the Hodgkins Park District Volleyball Tournament Champions! It was an amazing season that concluded with taking home the champion trophy.

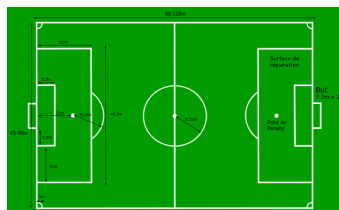
Congratulations on a great season to the following members of the team: Santos Anda, Liam Carolan, Dylan Colbert, Emmett Driscoll, Patrick Engels, Andrew Follenweider, Sammy Kogen, Grant Kostrzewa, Nick Polonowski, Matthew Pierpaoli, Peter Sanchez, Connor Spellman, Jake Warkentien and Patrick Wenstrup.





Gurrie Gold Soccer Season Spins to an End!

The members of the Gurrie Gold Soccer Team had great energy throughout the season. They had a great enthusiasm and had great teamwork. Each member of the team put their best foot forward when they came on to the field. The Gold Team had a great line up of goalies, that became a crucial role for each game. Our goalies were Hussein Bato, Grant Dixon, and Moses Kimble, that also took their turns as key defensive players. The gold defensive positions were shared by players Christian Bustos, Jacoby Campbell, Arturo Flores, Julio Fulgencio, Alejandro De-laRosa, Bella Adkins, Gaby Panteleon, Jade Babb, and Maritza Garcia. The defensive players of the year were Gaby Quintana and Kayla Tlaseca. The middle of the field was controlled by Armando Cazares, Eric Gonzalez, Marko Dubak, David McKay, Emilija Bozovic, Emily Walsh, and Jessica Navarro. The offensive attack was led by Offensive Player of the year and one of the top scorers of the season, Michael Springer, the top scorer of 8 goals season. Other strong forward players were Samantha Basquez, Natalia Gonzalez, Marco Toledo, Jackson Kirk, and Mirza Kermo, who was injured before our first game, but came ready to play for our last game of the season. The team ended with a 3-6 record. Thanks to all our parents for being such a great support to our players, and for being so flexible with your schedules. For our debut as soccer coaches, Coach Gjoni and Coach Ortiz want to thank our awesome players who made it such an awesome season!



Gurrie Blue Soccer Ends 2017-2018 Season



The members of the Gurrie Blue Soccer Team were excited about their chances early in the season. They had a talented squad and players willing to play at any position to help the team. The weather started a bit cold and rainy for the season but it quickly became a beautiful season and a fun time was had by all. The Blue Team had most improved player, it is goalie Alex Toledo that played every game of the season. The Blue defensive positions were shared by players Maggie Cavanaugh, Beau Brown, Jimmy Ramirez, Karla Hernandez, Luis Lopez, Rogelio Vargas, Juan Diego-Lopez. The middle of the field was controlled by standout players like Martin Rodriguez, Lily Henning, Erik Ramirez, Peter Carolan, Roberto Llanes, Thania Silverio, Mia Sekulovski, and Evan Konkey. The offensive attack was led by Offensive Player of the year and one of the top scorers of the season, Antonio Ruiz, the top scorer of 9 goals this season. Other strong forward players Michael Rocha, Jonathan Flores, Leslie Mendoza, and Sadi Sanchez. The all-around player of the year Michael Rocha was injured mid-season but with only playing 4 games he scored 5 goals while playing. The team ended with a 7-2 record and beat the Gold Team 5-3 in the 4th Annual Grudge Match! Thanks to all our parents who provided water, rides, and excellent fan support. Coach Motto and Coach Gradilla want to thank our awesome players who made it a fun season to coach soccer!



Seventh Grade supply list by subject 2018-2019

LA:

1 package post-it notes
2 BLUE folders
1 BLUE single subject notebook
1 package 3 to 4 highlighters

Social Studies:

2 RED folders
Glue Stick
1 package colored pencils
1 package markers

Science:

1 package colored pencils
1 package markers
1 GREEN folder
1 package of 3x5 notecards
Glue stick

Math:

1.5" YELLOW pocket binder (with pockets)
5 tab binder dividers
1 YELLOW folder
loose leaf paper
Calculator, TI 30XIIS recommended

***binders, folders, notebooks and possible book cover should match for the given subject**

PLEASE TRY NOT TO PURCHASE ANY FOLDERS OR NOTEBOOKS FOR OTHER CLASSES IN RED, YELLOW, GREEN, OR BLUE

Exploratory Classes:

2 folders
Loose Leaf paper

7th Grade Foreign Language:

3 packages of 3x5 notecards
Folder

General Supplies: These will be used in most classes throughout the year.

(4) 12 packs of pens
(3) 12 packs of pencils
(2) 4 packs of highlighters
(3) 50 count packages of Post It notes
4 boxes of Kleenex
Pencil Bag
Earbuds
Mouse (optional)

Band/Orchestra

1" 3-ring black binder
1 package sheet protectors

Gurrie Middle School Eighth Grade supply list for 2018-2019

8th Grade General Supply List

- (2) 12-packs of black pens
- (2) 12-pack red pens
- (2) 12-packs of pencils
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of markers (washable)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 8 Highlighters, any color
- Pencil case
- (2) Take home folder or 1/2" binder
- Computer Mouse-USB (optional)
- 1 multi pack of post-its

Earbuds

American History

- 1 1/2" red binder with clear outside pocket
- 5 dividers

1 package of 150 sheets of loose-leaf paper

Math

- 1 1/2" yellow binder with clear outside pocket
- 5 tab dividers
- (2) packages of 150 sheets of college rule loose leaf paper

1 package graph paper with 6 coordinate grids on each side (available to order through Geyer) or can be printed from website <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/gp/fc-i-4.pdf>

- TI 83 or 84 or 84 Silver calculator (for LT Algebra students) **OR** Scientific calculator, TI30X IIS (for all other students)

Science

- 1" green binder with pockets
- 5 dividers
- Spiral notebook – 3 subject

1 box of 24 crayons

Foreign Language

- 1" binder, any color other than red, yellow, green, or blue
- Folder

3 packs 3x5 notecards

Language Arts

- 1 composition book, wide ruled (no for Read 180; optional for Advanced English)

1 blue folder

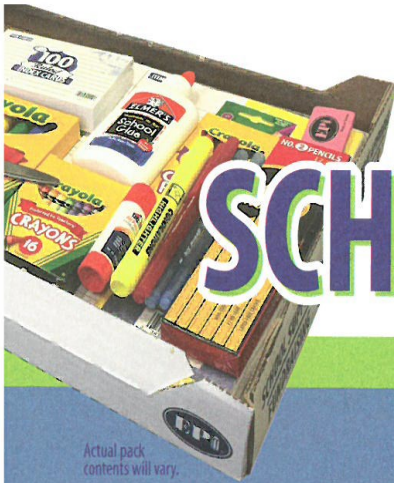
Exploratory

- (2) 2-pocket plastic folder (different from the general core folders above)

1 package of loose leaf notebook paper

Band/Orchestra

- 1" 3-ring black binder
- 1 package sheet protectors



Actual pack contents will vary.

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