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CALENDAR

May

27 Memorial Day, No School
28 Gurrie Graduation LT South, 7:00 pm

June

4 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 Friday, May 17th. 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 28th.

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 28th 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 Tuesday, June 4.

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 May 22



Parents, for your convenience, gowns will be given out to students to take home on Thursday, May 22nd, 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 Portraits Plus 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.

STEM Club

On Saturday, April 27th, the Gurrie Middle School Underwater Robotics STEM club team headed to Northeastern university to compete in the Midwest regional competition. The Gurrie team, "D. Good Robots" was made up of 8th grade Even Konkey, Ethan Rosenkranz, Malia Fink, Margaret Pacholski, Olivia Sawickis and 7th grader Poppy Graber, Alita Folkening, Brandon Betancourt, Caden Strack and Ethan Mason. Congrats to these individuals who kept their focus and dedication throughout this season. This year's competition, "Rivers, Lakes and Dams" was more challenging and gave heavy focus on the design process and sales presentation of their ROV product. The team earned 195 points in the final competition and finished in 8th place in their division.

Thank you all for your support throughout this season. STEM club begins in October and ends in April and it is a long time to dedicate to a team. All of the students hard work, teamwork and collaboration has paid off and I am proud to have worked with these students this year. —Mrs. Halper

Eighth Grade Class Trip

Eligible 8th grade students will take a class trip to Great America on Thursday, May 23rd. Groups of 12 to 14 students will be led by teacher chaperones. This year the fee for the trip was set at \$36, 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.





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 Groups Performing at Graduation

Members of the Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra will be performing for the Gurrie Middle School Graduation on Tuesday, May 28th. This event is being held at the Field House of Lyons Township High School. Please contact your director with any questions or concerns.

School Owned Shirts

All white shirts that were borrowed from the district are to be turned in during lessons the week of May 20—24. 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!



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!

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

Congratulations to the District 105 Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Gurrie Choir on their 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!

Summer Band Camp

All students have received information about the summer band camp that will be hosted by Mrs. Schwenker from July 22nd-26th. 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.

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

Forms are due back no later than June 14th.

Information has been sent home about the D105 orchestra summer camp as well. It runs from 9:00-12:00, July 29 to August 2. Cost is \$65. The orchestra camp is a great opportunity to get back into playing together after a couple months off. This week will feature a large ensemble made up of all participants, small ensembles playing chamber music, technique building workouts to get ready for the school year, and alternative styles! Contact Mr. Valdez for more information or registration forms.





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!!

LT Fitness Days

The following students qualified for the Lyons Township High School Fitness Days. Boys competed on May 6th and girls competed on May 7th 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 Jake Warrentien, Calum Rogers, Devell Brittmon, Nik Polonowski, Sam Kogen, Liam Carolan, Connor Schmitt, Peter Sanchez and Michael Rocha. We had 3-1st place finishers: Nik Polonowski won the shuttle run with a time of 8.08 seconds. Liam Carolan won the standing long jump with a jump of 8 feet 7 inches. Michael Rocha won the 50 yd dash with a time of 6.01 seconds.

Gurrie girls who qualified were Allyssa Wong, Charlotte Lange, Hannah Eskra, Kyla Kirby, and Margaret Pacholski. Although we did not have any first place finishes, these girls gave their absolute best effort and represented Gurrie in a positive way. Thanks for your hard work— we are proud of you!

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

7th & 8th Grade Girls Softball Season Ends

The members of the 8th Grade Gurrie Girls Softball Team started the season with great energy and improvement. They had developed their fielding and hitting from last year, and showed off their new skills. The team had many new faces and each player was willing to play any position. Despite the rain-outs, the team ended the season with a win! The members of the 8th grade team were: Nikki Avizius, Lindsay Hammond, Emma Kallal, Kyla Kirby, Fatima Martinez-Gallegos, Monica Nunez, Margot Pooler, Lillian Prendergast, Hailie Prysny, Lily Renick, Lindsey Rickman, Grace Sneed, Chrissy Thorpe, Angie Townsend. The team was managed by Sophie Dike.

The members of the 7th Grade Gurrie Girls Softball Team started the season with such great teamwork! The team was getting to know each other and ended up creating a great bond with one another. With many players learning the game and their positions, the team dominated the field and were able to make stellar plays. The team also had great at-bats showing off their swing. The members of the 7th grade team were: Maddie Kosenesky, Katarina Neskovic, Journie Wickert-Harris, Lizet Ojeda, Carmella Duda, McKayla Duran, Emma Yawn, Aleksia Petrovich, Kendahl Payton, and Hallah Kallal.

Coach Gjoni and Coach Huebner want to thank our awesome players who made it a fun season to coach softball! See you next season! GO TIGERS!



Boys' Volleyball Season Recap



8th Grade

This year's 8th grade boys volleyball team had a dominant season, finishing with a record of 9-3. The team returned many key players from their 7th grade championship team. Early on the team looked to repeat as champions as they took on some formidable opponents in Park and Pleasantdale. The team had hug victories over Pleasantdale, McClure and Washington during the regular season and finished the regular season with 7 wins!

The team competed in the Hodgkins Park District tournament on May 11th. They advanced from the quarterfinals with a win over Westchester with ease. They then advanced to the championship with a win in dominating fashion over Washington Middle School. In the championship round, the Tigers took on Park. After cruising to a victory in the first set, Gurrie lost the next two sets and took home the 2nd place trophy. Overall, it was an exciting and successful season for the talented group who finished with a two-year record of 20-5.

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

7th Grade

This year's 7th grade boys finished the year with a perfect 7-0 record. The group unified early in the season under the leadership of captains Carson Turner and Tommy Culver. Throughout the season, middle blockers Jakob Kawczynski, Michael Badrov, and Caden Strack developed an oppressive net presence which allowed our defensive specialist Tommy Goryl, Daniel Torres, Jackson Koos, and Anson Babb to cover the floor. Outside hitters Alex Lonsway and Dylan Rickman made progressively more vicious attacks as the season continued. Tommy Culver led the team in

7th grade volleyball cont.

assists as the setter and Carson Turner finished with the lead in kills and aces as a right side hitter.

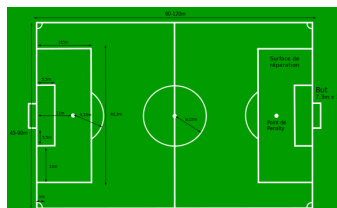
The squad entered the Hodgkins Park District tournament as the top seed and overcame an impressive Washington team to advance to the championship against the Park Patriots. In the first game of the final set, the Tigers suffered a 25-8 loss. They showed their resilience and grit as they turned the tide in game two with a 25-15 win. In the third and final game, the boys fought to the very end but fell short as they took second place in the conference. The Tigers will return next season hungry for the championship title.





Gurrie Gold Soccer Season Spins to an End!

The members of the Gurrie Gold Soccer team had great enthusiasm from the very start. The goalies were Moses Kimble, Yasir Garcia, and Jesus Palma. The defensive positions were shared by Rosa Lopez, Thania Silverio, Bella Adkins, Walter Galvez, Marco Toledo, Julio Fulgencio, Ethan Rosenkranz, Nataly Contreras, Kamila Rojas, Samantha Santana, Mia Sekulovski, Emily Walsh, Angel Garcia, Ben Lockley, Sam Costello, Doryan Kubik and Michael Ojeda. The middle of the field was controlled by Angie Garcia, Poppy Graber, David McKay, Evan Konkey, Rael Ruiz, Kevin Blancas, Jacob Campbell, Yasir Garcia and Yahir Contreras. Evan Konkey and Erik Ramirez were always willing to help the coaches with drills, and as captains stepped up to help lead several practices. The offense was led by Erik Ramirez, Aldair Garcia, and Emilio Lopez. Erik Ramirez led the season by scoring over 10 goals! Erik Ramirez and Emilio Lopez portrayed amazing sportsmanship on and off the field always rushing to help a fellow or opposing player. Defensive player Rosa Lopez suffered an early injury, but came out to support the team on their last few games. A big shout to manager, Victor Herrejon for always being at the games and practices ready to go! The Gold team finished with a 2-3 record and also won the 2019 Gurrie Grudge Match!



Gurrie Blue Soccer Ends 2018-2019 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. Despite the many rainouts, cancelled games, and an early injury to midfielder Ilija Randjelovic a fun time was had by all. The Blue team was led by manager Bella Ries-Salinas who handled the many injuries, needs, team rosters and team equipment like a pro. The blue team had two goalies: Alex Toledo and Johnny Garcia that shared responsibilities this season in blocking many shots and standing up to the dreaded Penalty Kicks. The Blue defensive positions were shared by players: Eric Gonzalez, Yazmin Rangel, Luis Belasquez and Devell Brittmon, Kevein Zapata, Isaiah Ramos, Angel Flores, Montserrat Pelayo and defensive captains 7th grade Katie Prystalski and David Diaz. The middle of the field was controlled by standout, aggressive players Natalia Gonzalez and Emilija Bozovic, as well as Alli Rodriguez, Bri Flores, Junior Rubalcaba and most improved player of the team, Michelle Torres. Blue offense was led by 8th grade captains Jonathan Flores, and Roberto Llanes as well as Arturo Flores, Kevyn Vital, Luis Salinas. The many cancelled games were a huge disappointment to the season but the team had a great mindset and stayed together until the end with some fun along the way. The Blue team ended with a 1-4 record.



Seventh Grade supply list by subject

The colors for each subject area are for organizational purposes only. It not required.

LA:

1 Post-it Notes
2 BLUE folder
1 BLUE single subject notebook
1 package 3 to 4 highlighters

Science:

1 Glue Stick
pockets)
1 package colored pencils
1 package markers
1 GREEN folder

Social Studies:

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

Math:

1.5 inch YELLOW pocket binder (with
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:

5 packages of 3x5 notecards
Folder

Band/Orchestra

1" 3-ring black binder
1 package sheet protectors

(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

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

Gurrie Middle School
Eighth Grade Supply List for 2019-2020

8th Grade General Supply List

- (2) 12-packs of black pens (up to 3)
- (2) 12-pack red pens
- (2) 12-packs of pencils (up to 3)
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of markers (washable)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 8 Highlighters, any color (6 highlighters)
- Pencil case
- (2) Take home folders or ½" binder
- Computer Mouse-USB (optional)
- 1 multi pack of post-its
- Earbuds
- 1 package of 150 sheets of loose-leaf paper

American History

- (1) 1 in. red binder with clear outside pocket
- 5 dividers

Math

- (1) 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 of graph paper
- Scientific calculator TI30X IIS (for 8th Grade Core)
- TI 83 or TI 84 or TI 84 Silver calculator (for 8th Grade Accelerated-LT Algebra)

Science

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

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

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Band/ Orchestra	\$5.00

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