



# Tiger Tracks

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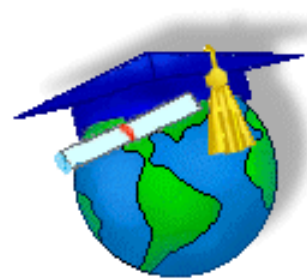
**CALENDAR**

**May**

- 30 Memorial Day, No School
- 31 Gurrie Graduation , 5:30 pm

**June**

- 3 Last Day of School for 7th graders



**The World Is  
 Yours To Conquer**

# *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 here at Gurrie on Tuesday, May 31 at 5:30 in the field behind the building. Graduates need to arrive at Gurrie no later than 5:00. Students should enter the building through the front entrance and we will line them up for the ceremony inside the building. Parents please do not enter the building. Each family will be issued 4 tickets and the seating area in the field will open up at 5pm.

After graduation, eighth graders have completed their school year and do not return to school. Seventh graders final day will be Friday, June 3.

Please continue to check the weekly Parent Square 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/gurrie](http://www.d105.net/gurrie).

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

Thank you,

# Attention 8th Graders!

## **Eighth Grade Class Trip**

Eligible 8th grade students will take a class trip to Great America on Thursday,, May 26th. 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.

## **Gowns and Tickets to Students on May 25**

Parents, for your convenience, gowns will be given out to students to take home on Wednesday, May 25th, 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 purchasing gowns and medallions. Students will not be wearing caps again this year.

Medallions will be given out to students when they arrive on the evening of graduation.





# 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, 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!



## 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 31st. This event is being held in the back field at Gurrie. Please contact your director with any questions or concerns.

## 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.

## 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!





## **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 members of the combined 7th/8th Grade Gurrie Girls Softball Team started the season with great energy and truly spent time learning the game and new positions. They ended up creating a fantastic team bond. Overall, they worked hard to develop their fielding and hitting and showed off their new skills in several games. Each player contributed to our team in some aspect, and everyone made stellar plays or great at bats throughout the season. The members of the team were: Annelise Ayala, Lizzy Echeverria, Danika Gordon, Isabella Huling, Victoria Quade, Maggie Renick, Genevieve Riveria, Jayde Sanchez, Kate Seiple, and Yuritzi Valdes.

Coach Huebner is proud of all the hard work that the team put in and wants to thank our wonderful players who made it a fun season to coach softball! See you next season! GO TIGERS!



## Volleyball Season Recap

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball team brings Gurrie a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy with only 1 loss during the regular season, which was longer than the boys' season.

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' volleyball ends up with the best record and brings Gurrie a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy.

It was a fun season and I'm very proud of both teams. I can't wait for next season!

Coach Helf



## Soccer Season Spins to an End!

It has been a very successful season for the Gurrie Soccer Program in 2022. This year was a building block and set the foundation for the years ahead. This group of soccer players created a flourishing soccer culture here in District 105. A philosophy that isn't focused on winning but on making a commitment to the team and to yourself, to give your best effort and try to get better every single day.

With that positive attitude the Gurrie Gold team was able to end their season with a 5-1 record, with their only loss coming in penalty kicks to George Washington (Red). Anthony Morales finished the season with 12 goals, while Alexis Chavez played outstanding goalie in net throughout the season. Lylah Radi played solid in the midfield, while Tariq Radi held the defense together. Overall, every member on the team improved each game and gained the confidence to try new positions out.

The Gurrie Blue team finished with a 3-3 record winning 3 out of its last 4 games and losing one in penalty kicks. Fernando Hernandez led the way with 10 goals while Miles Bryck had 5 assists. Every player was involved each and every game, making it truly a team effort every game. The coaches are so proud of every soccer player who came out this year and gave their best effort. We are excited for the 2023 Soccer Season!