



# Tiger Tracks

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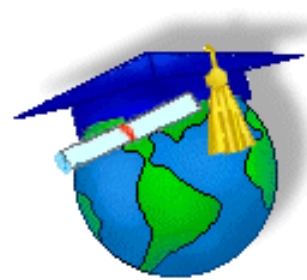
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**CALENDAR**

**May**  
 29 Memorial Day, No School

**June**  
 1 8G Graduation Ceremony, 5pm  
 6 Last day of school for 7G



**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 Thursday June 1 at 5:00pm in the field behind the building. Graduates need to arrive at Gurrie no later than 4:30pm. 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 5 tickets and the seating area in the field will open at 4:30pm.

After graduation, eighth graders have completed their school year and do not return to school. Seventh graders final day will be Tuesday, June 6.

Please continue to check the weekly Parent Square and website for important end of the year information. Eighth grade parents should have received, via ParentSquare, 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 newspaper are all ways to continue building positive reading habits. Remember too, 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

# Attention 8th Graders!

## **Eighth Grade Class Trip**

Eligible 8th grade students will take a class trip to Great America on Wednesday, May 31st. Groups of 12 to 14 students will be led by teacher chaperones. This year the fee for the trip was set at \$41, 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 4:00 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 26**

Parents, for your convenience, gowns will be given out to students to take home on Friday, May 26th, 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 Thursday, June 1st. 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 Mr. Tabor from July 31nd - August 4th. Though students are not required to come, ALL band students are welcome to attend! Information for the camp has been sent out via parent square. The Registration forms are due on July 15th.

## School Owned Shirts

All white shirts that were borrowed from the district are to be turned in during lessons the week of May 22—26. 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!

## Summer Orchestra Camp

Information has been sent home via ParentSquare about the 4-day orchestra camp taking place from August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Students are not required to participate, but ALL orchestra students are welcome to attend! Registration forms are due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Mr. Arnold with any questions.



## 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:

Audrey Olsen  
Abigail Scoufer  
Maddie Shisman  
Sofia Dittmer  
Sophia Murphy  
Alivia Rivera  
Isabella Huling  
Jhania Wickert-Harris  
Jane Erickson  
Eleanor Meur  
Mia K

Coaches: Annie Stoffer and Kim Luther

The coaches are 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 - Was a combination of both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The team continued to improve each match and they showed great sportsmanship on the court.

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball repeated a 2<sup>nd</sup> place win!

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys volleyball came up short this year due to absences, injuries, and other sports.

I will miss both teams and wish them luck after their time at Gurrie and hope they will come visit next season!

It was a lot of fun watching the two teams come together as one team. I can't wait to see what next year brings!

Coach Helf, Coach Milligan & Coach Walsen



## Soccer Season Spins to an End!

Gurrie Soccer Makes Huge Strides!

What a season for the Gurrie Soccer Program. Both Gurrie Gold and Gurrie Blue continued to improve off of last year's success. Gurrie Gold finished the season 7-3 with big wins coming against McClure (White) and Washington (Red). Gurrie Blue finished the season with an undefeated 10-0 record. This means Gurrie Blue finished 1<sup>st</sup> place in conference overall, the first time for the Blue team in almost 20 years!

The Gurrie soccer program was very lucky to have a core group of players to help set the foundation and culture for years to come. Gurrie soccer has been an opportunity for students to be part of a program where they can learn skills that translate from soccer over to real life, for example hard work, commitment, and discipline. We could not be more proud of both teams for their exceptional efforts all year. You have made forever made your mark in the Gurrie Soccer Program History! We are so excited to see what the future holds!

