



Tiger Tracks

Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Safe



Gurrie Middle School
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Summer Issue

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CALENDAR



August

- 15 **7th grade** schedule pick up,
10-12 noon, 4-6p.m.
- 16 **7th and 8th grade** schedule
pick up, 4-6 p.m.
- 23 First Day of School, Early
Dismissal 2:15 pm

September

- 1 Student/Staff Picture Day
- 4 Labor Day– No School

Student/Parent Handbook

Please remember to visit our Student / Parent Handbook located on our Gurrie webpage under the Parent/Guardian tab. This publication will be of significant value to you and also used as a ready reference.

Gurrie PTO Seeks Volunteers

The Gurrie PTO is an active organization that relies on parent volunteers to meet its goals of service to the students and the school. Please join the PTO during the start of the school year and consider becoming an active member. Meetings are held in the evenings approximately once a month and all are welcome to attend.

For more information or to sign up please visit the Gurrie page and click on the Gurrie PTO tab.



Summer Information

Please remember to consult the Gurrie page on the District 105 website for information regarding summer office hours and other important information that you might have. The website is www.d105.net/gurrie.

Bus Information

Bus applications with information about bus stops and schedules are available in the Gurrie office. They also came home in the registration packets. Buses will run on Wednesday, August 23rd, picking up students at the usual time to get students here before the start of the school day. Bus schedules and routes rarely change. Older neighborhood students are a good source of information about bus stops and times.



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June 2023

Dear Parent:

My name is Ed Hood and I am the principal of Gurrie Middle School. Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. The staff and I are looking forward to building positive and rewarding relationships with all of our students, whether they are new to Gurrie or returning for their eighth grade year. If this is your first middle schooler or a sibling of one who has gone through middle school before, this developmental stage has many unique and dramatic characteristics. Changes that occur in children between ten and fourteen -changes that are physical, emotional, intellectual-are particularly dramatic. Our staff will work hard to address those changes and provide the appropriate support for your child's needs within our middle school.

Gurrie offers a strong core academic program in the areas of math, science, reading, language arts, and social studies. Gurrie places appropriate emphasis on these core subjects but we also want students to explore other curricular areas, including world language, and fine and practical arts. With the specialization that takes place in high school, middle school may be the last time students are exposed to some of these subjects.

Advising and counseling middle-school-age-children is an important task for the middle school. Young adolescents experience many changes. They need and want to have significant adults outside the family provide them with a sense of consistency and security. At Gurrie, we have an established Advisory program that allows all students in our school to meet regularly with a cohesive group led by two teachers who serve as advisors to the group. Advisory allows students an opportunity to form close, positive relationships with staff and other students while building trust and cooperation.

Good health and physical fitness are important for all students. Students at Gurrie participate regularly in physical education and are encouraged to take advantage of our intramural and interscholastic sports programs. Gurrie also offers a wide array of clubs and extracurricular opportunities.

Communication is very important to us and we will work hard to provide timely and appropriate communication to you regarding your child. Please visit our website for a full year calendar, upcoming events, and other important information. Our website is www.d105.net/gurrie.

I ask that you become a member of our Gurrie Parent Teacher Organization and help support the many wonderful activities and programs they make possible. The results of research are very clear: When parents are actively involved in their children's education, they do better in school. WE NEED YOU! See our school website for more information about our PTO.

I feel a tremendous sense of pride being a member of the Gurrie community and I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you and your children throughout the upcoming school year. If you ever have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call me here at school (708) 482-2720, email me at ehood@d105.net, or stop by the office.

Respectfully,

Ed Hood

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Querido padre:

Mi nombre es Ed Hood y soy el director de la escuela secundaria Gurrie. Bienvenidos al año escolar 2023-2024. El personal y yo esperamos construir relaciones positivas y gratificantes con todos nuestros estudiantes, ya sea que sean nuevos en Gurrie o que regresen para su octavo grado. Si este es su primer hijo en la escuela intermedia o un hermano de uno que ha pasado antes por la escuela intermedia, esta etapa de desarrollo tiene muchas características únicas y dramáticas. Los cambios que ocurren en niños entre diez y catorce años -cambios físicos, emocionales, intelectuales- son particularmente dramáticos. Nuestro personal trabajará arduamente para abordar esos cambios y brindar el apoyo adecuado para las necesidades de su hijo dentro de nuestra escuela intermedia.

Gurrie ofrece un sólido programa académico central en las áreas de matemáticas, ciencias, lectura, artes del lenguaje y estudios sociales. Gurrie pone el énfasis apropiado en estas materias básicas, pero también queremos que los estudiantes exploren otras áreas curriculares, incluido el idioma mundial y las bellas artes y las artes prácticas. Con la especialización que se lleva a cabo en la escuela secundaria, la escuela intermedia puede ser la última vez que los estudiantes estén expuestos a algunas de estas materias.

Aconsejar y asesorar a los niños en edad de escuela intermedia es una tarea importante para la escuela intermedia. Los jóvenes adolescentes experimentan muchos cambios. Necesitan y quieren tener adultos significativos fuera de la familia que les proporcionen un sentido de consistencia y seguridad. En Gurrie, tenemos un programa de asesoramiento establecido que permite que todos los estudiantes de nuestra escuela se reúnan regularmente con un grupo cohesionado dirigido por dos maestros que actúan como asesores del grupo. La asesoría brinda a los estudiantes la oportunidad de formar relaciones cercanas y positivas con el personal y otros estudiantes mientras se genera confianza y cooperación.

La buena salud y el buen estado físico son importantes para todos los estudiantes. Los estudiantes de Gurrie participan regularmente en educación física y se les anima a aprovechar nuestros programas deportivos intramuros e interescolares. Gurrie también ofrece una amplia gama de clubes y oportunidades extracurriculares.

La comunicación es muy importante para nosotros y trabajaremos arduamente para brindarle una comunicación oportuna y adecuada con respecto a su hijo. Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener un calendario anual completo, próximos eventos y otra información importante. Nuestro sitio web es www.d105.net/gurrie.

Le pido que se haga miembro de nuestra Organización de Padres y Maestros de Gurrie y ayude a apoyar las muchas actividades y programas maravillosos que hacen posible. Los resultados de la investigación son muy claros: cuando los padres participan activamente en la educación de sus hijos, les va mejor en la escuela. ¡TE NECESITAMOS! Consulte el sitio web de nuestra escuela para obtener más información sobre nuestro PTO.

Siento un tremendo sentido de orgullo de ser miembro de la comunidad de Gurrie y espero conocerlos y conocerlos a ustedes y a sus hijos durante el próximo año escolar. Si alguna vez tiene alguna inquietud o pregunta, no dude en llamarme aquí en la escuela (708) 482-2720, envíeme un correo electrónico a ehood@d105.net o pase por la oficina.

Respetuosamente,

Ed Hood

Escuela Intermedia Gurrie - ¡Sea Respetuoso, Esté Listo, Esté Seguro!

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Dear Parent:

Homework / Practice completion can be a concern for many students at the middle school level. Practice that is assigned to students contributes to student growth and achievement and is an essential part of the educational process. Homework enhances learning by providing opportunities for practice, enrichment, and extension of classroom learning. Assigning practice helps reinforce skills and is used to assess student achievement. By completing their practice, students develop mastery by applying what they've learned; develop organizational skills such as time management; take ownership in their learning; and develop a sense of personal responsibility.

If a student does not complete an assignment and there is not a reasonable excuse for this, we are continuing a program that we are confident has helped students complete their practice and develop a sense of personal responsibility. This program is called Tiger Support Time (TST).

If a student comes to class and does not have the assignment due that day, or it is not done to the teacher's satisfaction, the teacher will assign that student to Tiger Support on that day (teachers will use discretion in assigning students who may not have completed assignments due to illness, family emergencies, or other issues). Tiger Support begins at 3:20 and ends at 4:00. This program runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. There will be a lab for each grade level and students will be aware of the supervisors and room number. When students are in homework lab, they will be working on the missing or incomplete assignment.

If your son/daughter is asked to stay for tiger support, you will be notified by our office staff prior to the end of the day. We will attempt to contact you and if unsuccessful, leave a message at your first contact number. Bus riders will be able to take the bus home at 4:00 PM.

Our goal is to provide the student an opportunity to complete the assignment in a timely fashion and in a time frame when the student can still connect the assignment to the content being covered. Any student consistently not completing the practice assigned and is regularly asked to stay for TST will be referred to our grade level problem solving teams.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or your child's advisor.

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Querido padre:

Terminar la tarea/práctica puede ser una preocupación para muchos estudiantes en el nivel de la escuela intermedia. La práctica que se asigna a los estudiantes contribuye al crecimiento y logro de los estudiantes y es una parte esencial del proceso educativo. La tarea mejora el aprendizaje al brindar oportunidades para la práctica, el enriquecimiento y la extensión del aprendizaje en el salón de clases. Asignar práctica ayuda a reforzar las habilidades y se utiliza para evaluar el rendimiento de los estudiantes. Al completar su práctica, los estudiantes desarrollan el dominio al aplicar lo que han aprendido; desarrollar habilidades organizativas como la gestión del tiempo; apropiarse de su aprendizaje; y desarrollar un sentido de responsabilidad personal.

Si un estudiante no completa una tarea y no hay una excusa razonable para ello, continuamos con un programa que estamos seguros ha ayudado a los estudiantes a completar su práctica y desarrollar un sentido de responsabilidad personal. Este programa se llama Tiger Support Time (TST).

Si un estudiante viene a clase y no tiene la tarea para ese día, o no se hace a satisfacción del maestro, el maestro asignará a ese estudiante a Tiger Support ese día (los maestros usarán discreción al asignar estudiantes que no tengan tareas completadas debido a enfermedad, emergencias familiares u otros problemas). Tiger Support comienza a las 3:20 y termina a las 4:00. Este programa funciona los lunes, martes, jueves y viernes. Habrá un laboratorio para cada nivel de grado y los estudiantes estarán al tanto de los supervisores y el número de salón. Cuando los estudiantes están en el laboratorio de tareas, estarán trabajando en la tarea faltante o incompleta.

Si se le pide a su hijo/hija que se quede para apoyar a los tigres, el personal de nuestra oficina le notificará antes del final del día. Intentaremos comunicarnos con usted y, si no lo logramos, dejaremos un mensaje en su primer número de contacto. Los pasajeros del autobús podrán tomar el autobús a casa a las 4:00 p. m.

Nuestro objetivo es brindarle al estudiante la oportunidad de completar la tarea de manera oportuna y en un marco de tiempo en el que el estudiante aún pueda conectar la tarea con el contenido que se está cubriendo. Cualquier estudiante que constantemente no complete la práctica asignada y se le pida regularmente que se quede para el TST será referido a nuestros equipos de resolución de problemas de nivel de grado.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, comuníquese conmigo o con el asesor de su hijo.

Respetuosamente,

Ed Hood
Director – Escuela Intermedia Gurrie



PBIS

Positive Behavior Intervention Support is a program supported by the Illinois State Board of Education to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. Gurrie is proud to be a part of this system.

As part of the PBIS program, we have established clear expectations for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We have explicitly taught those expectations to the students and will reward them frequently with positive notes and other recognitions for their great behavior. The expectations for all student behavior will be clear throughout our building, including such areas as the cafeteria, gymnasium, and classrooms. You will be able to ask your student, “What are the expectations in your school?” “How do you follow those expectations?” “What happens when a teacher sees you following Gurrie expectations?”

Our school expectations will help provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, front office staff and our paraprofessionals.

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

We would like your input and your involvement. Please contact us at school if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for your support!

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STUDENT SCHEDULE PICK UP!

Prior to the first day of school, students (and a parent) will be able to pick up their schedule and get their locker assignment for the 2023-2024 school year. If a student is unable to come in during one of the scheduled times, they will receive their schedule and locker assignment on the first day of school from one of their advisors.

Seventh graders will be able to come in on August 15th between 10am -12p.m. or 4-6 p.m. Any remaining 7th graders and both incoming 8th graders and 7th graders will be able to come in on August 16th between 4-6 p.m.

Students should come with a parent. Students will pick up schedules and locker information in the large gym and then be able to set up their locker, walk the building and find their classrooms. Our PTO will be here to sell spirit wear, and will also be available to sign up families for PTO membership.



Nurse's Notes



Medication Procedures:

If your student requires any medication (prescription or over-the-counter) during school hours or at school-related activities, the following requirements must be met before medication can be brought to and used at school:

1. Completion of the District 105 Permit for Administration of Required Medications During School Hours Form (available at school or on the district website in student services-health services section) by the student's prescribing provider and parent/guardian.
2. Medication must be delivered to the school by an adult and in its original packaging with pharmacy label (for prescription medications). Over-the-counter medications must be in their original and unopened containers.
3. Self-Administration of Medication: A student may possess and self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®) and/or asthma medication with the prescriber additional notation and parent/guardian additional notation on the above otherwise completed Medication Form. We strongly recommend a back-up supply of medication for storage in the nursing office.

Casts, Crutches, Braces, Splints, PE excusals:

Please send in notes from the health care provider any time a student will require casts, braces, splints, crutches, excusal from PE activities, or other special health related accommodations.

Food Allergies:

Please review the School District 105 Allergy Policy and Guidelines also available in the school office or at the district website in student services-health services section. Foods permitted in the classroom are limited to fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and fresh cheese sticks.

Special Health Needs:

Please contact the school nurse's office if your student has any special health needs that we should be aware of or that you would like to discuss with the nursing staff.

About *Tiger Tracks*

Tiger Tracks is one of our school's and our PTO's many communication lines with parents. The articles are available on the Gurrie website under the heading "Tiger Tracks."

Each issue contains important news, dates and information which will be helpful to you as a parent, so you will want to view your copy of the *Tiger Tracks* regularly.

In addition, the *Tiger Tracks* features a sports calendar which will let you see at a glance just what is happening with our athletics program. At the end of the sports page in the September issue is a list of the various schools (with their addresses and phone numbers) that participate in the Lyons Township Elementary School Athletic Conference. You will want to keep this information for reference throughout the school year.

Gurrie Security

As you probably know, our security system allows entry only through the main doors and only after ringing our doorbell. We would like to remind everyone that the students and teachers are instructed to open the door for no one except known staff members. If a student who you know ignores your desire to enter, he or she is following correct procedure. We appreciate your understanding.

Know the Rules



**Gurrie Middle School
Seventh Grade Supply List 2023-2024**

The colors for each subject area are for organizational purposes only. It is not required to have a specific color.

ELA:

- 1 Post-it Notes
- 2 Blue Folders
- 2 Blue Single Subject Notebooks
- 1 Package of highlighters

Math:

- 1.5 inch White Pocket Binder
- 5 Tab Binder Dividers
- 3 Subject Notebook
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Graph Paper
- 8-pack of dry erase markers - multi-color
- Calculator, TI 30XIIS

Social Studies:

- 2 Red Folders

Science:

- 1 Green single Subject Notebook
- 1 Green Folder
- 1 packs of 100 - 3x5 notecards

Exploratory:

- 2 Folders
- Loose Leaf Paper

Foreign Language:

- 8 packs of 100 - 3x5 notecards
- Highlighters
- Earbuds

Band and Orchestra:

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

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
- 1 Glue Stick
- 1 package markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils
- Wired Earbuds
- Mouse

Gurrie Middle School
Eighth Grade Supply List for 2023-2024

The colors for each subject area are for organizational purposes only. It is not required to have specific colors.

8th Grade General Supply List

- (1) 12-packs of black pens
- (1) pack of colored pens of your choice
- (3) 12-packs of pencils (pre-sharpened preferred)
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of markers (washable)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of dry erase markers
- 6 Highlighters, any color
- Pencil case
- (2) Take home folders or ½” binder
- Computer Mouse-USB (optional)
- 2 multi packs of post-its
- Wired earbuds (preferably with microphone--no bluetooth)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 glue sticks

American History

- (1) Red Folder
- (1) Red Notebook

Science

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

Foreign Language

- 1 Folder
- 3 packs 3x5 notecards

English Language Arts

- 1 composition book (non-spiral)
- 1 blue folder

Math

- (1) 1 1/2” white binder with clear outside pocket
- 5 tab dividers
- (2) packages of 150 sheets of college rule loose leaf paper OR white Spiral notebook
- 1 package of graph paper
- Scientific calculator TI30X IIS (for 8th Grade Core Math)
- TI 84 or TI 84 Silver calculator (for 8th Grade Accelerated - LT Algebra)

Exploratory

- (2) 2-pocket 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

Attendance Notes!

Every morning during first period attendance is taken. When a student is absent the parent must phone the school during the morning of absence by 8:30 a.m. All absences must be covered by either a parent's phone call or a note. Please direct all notes to the Gurrie office. The office will notify the student's teachers and advisors. Students may not call in their own absences. "Missed the bus" will not be accepted as an excuse for an absence. After three consecutive days of absence, the principal may require a written excuse from a student's physician.

A student must be in attendance from 11:30 a.m. on in order to participate in any extracurricular activity after school. (This includes sports events, PTO Fun Nights and school dances.)

Any student arriving late to school must report to the office for a tardy slip before he or she may be admitted to class. Parents are requested to call the office if they know their student will be late. A student who is tardy for an unexcused reason, regardless of parent phone call, will be required to stay after school with the dean on the day of the tardy. Medical and dental appointments are examples of excused tardies. Anyone reporting late for a class within the school day will be disciplined by the teacher concerned. Repeated tardiness will be reported to the dean.



Gurrie Middle School Dress Code



This is just a reminder that Gurrie Middle School does have a dress code. It is expected that students will be dressed in an appropriate manner while at school or attending a school or PTO activity. Appropriate school dress includes clothing, accessories, or hair styles which are not disruptive to the students and therefore will not interfere with the educational program. Personal attire must be clean and safe so as not to be a hazard to the health and welfare of the student and other students in the school. Gurrie hopes that parents will take an active part in assisting their children in making intelligent decisions about their appearance in school.

Important items to consider when purchasing school clothing are:

- A. Clothing that is considered too revealing or suggestive in any way is prohibited.
- B. All clothing must cover from shoulder to mid thigh. (No bare midriff allowed.)
- C. Transparent items, spaghetti strapped tops, strapped shirts, strapless tops, single strapped tops, nightwear, or items normally worn as undergarments, but displayed as outerwear, are prohibited.
- D. Wearing of jewelry or clothing which displays obscene, profane, or vulgar language or pictures, tobacco, alcohol, firearms, illegal drugs, gang signs, colors or symbols is strictly prohibited.

Students who come to school in clothing which is not considered appropriate will be required to change. If necessary, parents may be called to bring appropriate attire to school for their student.

Additional information is found in the Student/Parent Handbook.



Student ID Cards ... Hot Lunch Program ...Hot Lunch Pre-Pay



Gurrie students are issued student ID cards within the two weeks of school. These ID cards serve as school library cards, bus passes, and breakfast/lunch debit cards. Students are also issued a lanyard to attach their ID cards to so they can keep their ID cards readily available and safe. Students should carry their ID with them at all times. The replacement cost for a lost ID card is \$2.00, and students must have their ID cards replaced if they lose or break them. Breakage due to wear is considered on a case to case basis.

Gurrie students pay for their breakfast and/or hot lunches by swiping their ID card in the cafeteria. The breakfast is a “grab and go” breakfast (nothing is cooked/no hot breakfast is provided). The cost of the breakfast for the year of 2022-2023 is starting at \$2.33, which may be subject to change in the upcoming school year. Students can grab their breakfast starting at 7:55a.m. Only breakfast and/or hot lunches or milk may be paid for by swiping the ID card, and breakfast and/or hot lunches may only be paid for by using the ID card. Other lunch foods available in the cafeteria must be paid for using cash. Students on the free and reduced lunch program also swipe their ID cards when picking up their breakfast and/or hot lunches. If those students on the free and reduced lunch program choose to eat other food available in the cafeteria at lunch, or take an extra milk, they must pay cash. The free and reduced hot lunch program as determined by the state only covers one breakfast and/or hot lunch (which includes milk) each day. If a student on the free and reduced program only wishes milk or would like an extra milk, they must pay for it. This is according to the state program’s rules.

Parents are asked to prepay \$50.00 (a hot lunch costs for the year of 2022-2023 is starting at \$3.18, which may be subject to change in the upcoming school year) if their student will be generally ordering a hot lunch or eating breakfast at school. A lesser amount can be prepaid if the student will only be purchasing milk (\$.30). Parents are asked to monitor their student’s lunch account throughout the year, and send money in to apply to the student’s card as funds run low. Parents can monitor their students’ accounts by logging in to their PowerSchool account. Parents who do not have computer access can call the school office for an update on their students’ lunch balances.

Parents whose students’ lunch balances fall in arrears by more than \$12.50 will receive automated phone calls from the District office weekly until the balance is paid. In addition, lunch balances appear on progress reports and report cards. Negative balances will be highlighted. Parents whose student’s lunch balances fall seriously in arrears will be contacted personally by the District office. Although the school will try to help parents keep on top of the students’ balances, *it is ultimately a parent’s responsibility to monitor their student’s lunch balance.*

Parents may send checks (made out to School District 105) or cash to the Gurrie office when their students’ lunch balances fall low. Parents may also pay online with a credit card. If parents send cash, their students will receive a receipt. Please check your student’s lunch account when you have sent in money to be sure that they have turned payment in to the office. As with so many things, lunch payments can be forgotten in lockers and back packs. When paying with cash, please send your student with the exact amount you wish applied to their lunch account. The office cannot make change. Please check your student’s lunch balance when you have sent in cash to be sure the amount turned in to the office matches the amount you sent.

Gurrie Athletics

Parents, if your student has an interest in sports, inter-school athletics is an excellent activity to encourage your child to become involved with at Gurrie. It is a good way for your child to meet other students and quickly make new friends. It will involve him/her in a wholesome activity that will help your student feel part of the "Gurrie Tiger" spirit. It will also provide your child with valuable athletic training if they wish to pursue athletics in high school.

Gurrie is a member of the Lyons Township Elementary School Athletics Conference (LTESAC) which includes Highlands, Park, Pleasantdale, McClure, Westchester, Willow Springs, Washington. Sports included in inter-scholastic competition are cross-country, softball, basketball, volleyball and soccer for both boys and girls. In addition, Gurrie has established a very successful wrestling program.

The boys' softball season begins immediately at the opening of the school year with tryouts for the 7th and the 8th grade during the first full week of school

Girls' basketball season will also begin early with tryouts for both 7th and 8th grade teams held during the second week of school in September. Specific dates are announced at the start of school. The cheerleading season will begin in the late fall with several cheerleading workshops followed by tryouts.

We encourage all interested students to try out. We hope students will practice on their own before tryouts so they will be able to make the best possible showing for their coaches at that time. There are numerous sports camps and programs available and we strongly recommend interested students participate in such summer programs.

Students must have turned in a sports physical **signed by a parent and the doctor BEFORE** their participation in the sport begins.

Athletic Permit Forms (Sports Physical Exams)

Athletic permit forms will be available from the school office all year. A student who wishes to participate in inter-school sports must have turned in this form before he or she may attend the first practice. This form must be signed by the athlete's doctor in the top portion, and the bottom emergency information portion must be completely filled out and signed by the athlete's parent or guardian.

All student athletes must have a sports physical dated within the school calendar year in which they are participating. For the 2023-2024 school year the sports physical must be dated between June, 2023 and May, 2024.

P.E. Uniforms

Every student is required to have a gym uniform for physical education classes. This year parents will again pre-order uniforms at the time of registration. Samples will be available at registration and then at school for sizing purposes. Generally, a set (shorts and shirt) starts at \$16.00.

The T-shirt is a light gray 50/50 shirt with a two color chest imprint and a place for the student to write his/her name. The shorts are a royal blue Dri Fit 100% polyester with elastic drawstring waistband with a gold imprint on the left leg, including a place for the student to write his/her name.

Pricing this year will be as follows:

Shirts:

Extra small—XL	\$7.50
2XL	\$8.50
3XL	\$9.50

Shorts:

Extra small—XL	\$8.50
2XL	\$9.50
3XL	\$12.50

Gurrie 7th Grade Summer Read 2023

Welcome to Gurrie and welcome to 7th grade! We're excited you'll be here in August as part of our great school community.

As you could probably guess, we're fanatics about reading. In fact, we have some teachers who you will rarely see without a book. We know a lot of you are readers, too, and we want you to continue reading over the summer. We want you to read whatever you want, but we also expect you to read at least one of the following books. Your first assignments in your English Language Arts class will focus on your choice from the list below. And be sure to share this list with your parents and talk about the books with them. When you come to Gurrie in the fall, your summer read will be an introduction to 7th grade ELA. Using your chosen text, you will focus on plot elements and relate these key characteristics to other short works of fiction throughout Unit 1.

You can check these books out from the Gurrie library and the public libraries in Hodgkins and LaGrange this summer, or buy them if you'd like. You can also order them from us, as long as you get your order in to your classroom teacher by Friday, May 26th. Sorry, we can't take late orders.

See the other side for the list of books. You can also use the order form if you want to order any or all of these books from us (a slight discount and no tax!) and have it delivered to your school before summer vacation starts. But you must turn in your order form, with your money, to your classroom teacher at your school no later than Friday, May 26th. We take checks, made out to Gurrie Middle School, or cash (exact change, please).

Happy reading!

Gurrie's English Language Arts Teachers

P.S. If you have any questions about summer reading, just call the Gurrie office at (708) 482-2720. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.



Gurrie 8th Grade Summer Read 2023

Welcome to 8th grade! Next year will be a super-exciting one, and what better way to get ready for it by jumping in with some good books? You probably already have your eye on some books to read this summer, but we also request you read at least one of the books listed here. Reading some of the same books will help us all to come together as a community once the next school year begins. When you return in August, your chosen summer read will be the focus to revisit skills and concepts, specifically main ideas/themes.

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One more thing. Keep us posted on whatever you're reading. Add ALL your reading this summer to the Student Reading log at www.studentreading.net for reading incentives when school starts again!

Happy reading!

Gurrie's English Language Arts Teachers

Note: Students who will be in Advanced ELA next year MUST read: Long Way Down, by Jason Reynolds (the full text, NOT the graphic novel) and ONE book from the Summer Read list for a total of two.

