

Gurrie Middle School

Ed Hood, Principal

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Gurrie Middle School: Empowering students to pursue their interests, talents and dreams.

October 24, 2018

Dear Parent:

Gurrie has focused efforts towards creating a positive school culture and implementing and establishing anti-bullying initiatives through our advisory program, focus groups and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Strategy). Our school has adopted three school wide expectations of "Being Respectful, Being Ready, and Being Safe." We are committed to continuing these efforts and taking proactive steps to curb this problem that is found in schools everywhere.

To this end, we have recruited Mr. John Halligan to conduct a presentation on Thursday, November 8th for our students. He will relay his own tragic experience as a dad whose thirteen-year-old son took his own life in 2003, after incessant bullying since the 5th grade, both in school and online. His story is riveting and powerful, and reminds students that there is a face, a person, and a heart on the other side of the computer screen.

His presentation will begin with a short video collection of home movie clips and still pictures of Ryan. John will then begin to tell the story of Ryan and the factors that led up to his son's suicide. Students will gain the perspective from inside the family of a child who is a victim of bullying and cyber-bullying. They will also gain awareness about the signs and risk of teenage suicide and how best to help a friend. We encourage you to visit John's website named for his son at www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org for more information. You are also invited to attend the presentation which will begin at approximately 8:30. If you plan on attending, please RSVP with our office prior to the day of the presentation. Mr. Halligan will also conduct a parent only presentation that evening in the Gurrie Middle School gymnasium at 7:00 PM. This presentation will focus on Ryan's story as well as empowering parents with strategies to take preventative actions with their own children.

As part of Mr. Halligan's presentation, students will have the chance to ask him questions, and then will return to the advisories to further discuss and process the information.

Because of the sensitive nature of this topic, we wanted to inform you about it in advance. We encourage you to talk with your child about the presentation and discuss it together.

If for any reason, you would prefer that your child does not attend this presentation, please send a note to their advisor or contact their advisor by phone or email.

Should you have further questions, please email or call your child's advisor or myself at (708) 482-2720.

Respectfully,

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Estimados Padres:

Como es de su conocimiento, Gurrie ha concentrado sus esfuerzos hacia la creación de una cultura escolar positiva implementando y estableciendo iniciativas en contra del matoneo/acoso (Bullying) a través de nuestro programa de consejería, grupos de discusión y del proyecto PBIS (Estrategias de Comportamiento Positivas). Hemos adoptado tres expectativas para toda la escuela "Ser Respetuosos, Estar Listos, y Permanecer Seguros." Estamos comprometidos a continuar con estos esfuerzos y a tomar medidas proactivas para frenar este problema que se encuentra en las escuelas de todo el mundo.

Para ponerle un fin a esto, hemos contratado al Sr. John Halligan para conducir una presentación el jueves, 8 de Noviembre para nuestros estudiantes. Él transmitirá su propia trágica experiencia como un padre cuyo hijo de trece años se quitó la vida en el 2003, después de ser víctima de incesante matoneo desde 5º grade, en la escuela y en Internet. Su historia es cautivadora y poderosa, y recuerda a los estudiantes que hay una cara, una persona, y un corazón en el otro lado de la pantalla de la computadora

Su presentación comenzará con una colección de cortos videos caseros y con fotografías de Ryan. John después contará la historia de Ryan y de los factores que llevaron al suicidio de su hijo. Los estudiantes tendrán el punto de vista desde adentro de la familia de un niño que fue víctima de matoneo y cibermatoneo. También tomarán conciencia acerca de las señales y riesgos de suicidio en la adolescencia y la mejor manera de ayudar a un amigo. Los animamos a visitar la página en Internet de John, llamada en memoria de su hijo www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org para mayor información. Invitamos también a los padres a asistir a la presentación que comenzará aproximadamente a las 8:30 a.m. Si usted planea asistir, por favor avise a la oficina un día antes de la presentación. El Sr. Halligan también hará una presentación para los padres esa noche en el gimnasio de la Escuela Intermedia Gurrie a las 7:00 p.m. Esta presentación también se enfocará en la historia de Ryan, empoderando a los padres con estrategias para tomar acciones preventivas con sus propios hijos.

Como parte de la presentación del Sr. Halligan, los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de hacerle preguntas y luego llevarlas a sus consejeros para discutir las y procesar la información.

Debido a la naturaleza sensitiva de este tema, queríamos informarles de esto con anticipación. Los animamos a hablar con sus niños de la presentación y a que la discutan juntos.

Si por cualquier razón, usted prefiere que su niño no asista a la presentación, por favor envíe una nota a su consejero o contacte al consejero vía telefónica o por email.

Si tiene más preguntas, por favor envíen un email o llame al consejero de su niño o pueden también llamarme a mí al teléfono (708) 482-2720.

Respetuosamente,

Ed Hood

LTHS Chess Club Tournament Series #1 K-12 Scholastic Chess Tournament Sunday – November 11th, 2018

Where? Lyons Township High School, 4900 Willow Springs Rd,
Western Springs, Illinois.

Entry Fee: \$25 if registered online by 11/10/18, \$30 at door
To register go to www.chesskash.com

Schedule:

- Check in 9:00am – 9:45am on site; Please check in by 9:45 am to insure that you will be paired for the first round.
- 4 rounds, G30, USCF Rated: K-2, K-8 U600, K-8 U1000, K-12 Open; Unrated K-8 Section. For rated sections, USCF membership is required and can be purchased at the event or at uschess.org. (~\$20/year) New USCF members can compete in any section.
- First round begins promptly at 10am; Other rounds progress as completed.
- Awards will immediately follow final round (~2:30pm). Top 5 individuals and top team (three players from same school) per section will receive trophies/medals.
- **Additional Items:** Chess Master pre-tournament lesson and game analysis throughout the event
- *Chess sets will be provided. Please bring a chess clock if you have one.*

For more information:

Contact pkash@chesskash.com or (773) 512-2811

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10/1/18

Dear Gurrie Families,

As a reminder, Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held on **November 6th & 14th**, and **February 6th & 13th**. We are excited to announce that D105 will be using an online scheduling service to streamline this process. You will be getting more information about this process soon. To access the online sign up for conferences, you will need to ensure the office has a current email address. For this reason, we are asking that you make sure we have an email address on file in the office that you check regularly. If you have been receiving the *Gurrie Weekly Email* then your email is current and there is no need to fill out this form.

Having the opportunity to meet with each and every parent to discuss your child's progress is extremely important to us. We value your contributions as parents, and look forward to being able to partner with you for your child's success.

If you do not have access to email, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can find an alternative way for you to sign up for a Parent Teacher Conference.

Sincerely,

Ed Hood

If necessary, fill out this portion and return to the Gurrie Office or email this form back to pdhly@d105.net.

Student/s name(s): _____

First Parent/Guardian's Name _____

First Parent/Guardian's Email Address _____

Second Parent/Guardian's Name (if applicable) _____

Second Parent/Guardian's Email Address _____

Escuela Intermedia Gurrie

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Escuela Intermedia Gurrie: Empoderando estudiantes a perseguir sus intereses, talentos y sueños

10/1/18

Estimadas Familias de Gurrie,

Como recordatorio, las conferencias de padres, maestros y estudiantes se llevarán a cabo los días **6 y 14 de noviembre**, y los días **6 y 13 de febrero**. Nos complace anunciar que el D105 utilizará un servicio de programación en línea para simplificar este proceso. Próximamente recibirán más información sobre este proceso. Para acceder a la inscripción en línea para conferencias, deben asegurarse de que la oficina tenga una dirección de correo electrónico actual. Por esta razón, le pedimos que se aseguren de tener una dirección de correo electrónico en la oficina de la escuela que verifiquen regularmente. Si han estado recibiendo el correo electrónico semanal de Gurrie, su correo electrónico está actualizado y no es necesario que complete el formulario a continuación.

Tener la oportunidad de reunirnos con todos y cada uno de los padres para hablar sobre el progreso de su hijo es extremadamente importante para nosotros. Valoramos sus contribuciones como padres y esperamos poder colaborar con ustedes para el éxito de sus hijos.

Si no tiene acceso a un correo electrónico, comuníquese con la oficina lo antes posible para que podamos encontrar otra manera para inscribirse a una de las conferencias de padres y maestros.

Sinceramente,

Ed Hood

De ser necesario, complete esta parte y devuélvala a la oficina de Gurrie o envíela por correo electrónico a pdlhy@d105.net.

Nombre del Estudiante: _____

Nombre del 1^{er} Padre/Acudiente legal _____

Correo electrónico del 1^{er} Padre/Acudiente legal _____

Nombre del 2^o Padre/Acudiente legal (Si aplica) _____

Correo electrónico del 2^o Padre/Acudiente legal _____



Pillars Community Health

Healing. Caring. Educating.

Acompáñenos!

Café para los Padres *Entendiendo Conductas Desafiantes*

Los Cafés para los Padres son gratis para todas las familias que viven cerca de Lyons Township, así que siéntanse libres de traer a un amigo para unírseles para una botana ligera y conversación.

Cuando:

Jueves, 7 de noviembre de 12:15 pm a 1:15 pm

Donde:

Hodgkins Village Hall
8990 Lyons St, Hodgkins, IL 60525

Para registrarse, contacte a:

Peggy King
en: pking@d105.net

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Parent Café

Understanding Challenging Behaviors

Parent Cafes are free to all families living within Lyons Township, so feel free to bring a friend to join us for light snacks and conversation.

When:

Tuesday, November 7, 12:15 pm-1:15pm

Where:

Hodgkins Village Hall
8990 Lyons St, Hodgkins, IL 60525

To register, contact:

Peggy King
at : pking@d105.net

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Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

GMS Blanket Day

Tuesday - November 20th

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two-fold mission:

First, to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." **Second**, to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

Gurrie Middle School during this holiday season is sponsoring a Blanket Day on Nov. 20th. We will begin making blankets with our advisory after the annual Gurrie Feast. We will make blankets for donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Oak Lawn during this time. Blanket making will take place from approximately 1:15PM to 3PM.

We need the help of our families to donate money to "sponsor" a blanket. The blankets are made out of fleece that is usually 50-60" wide and double sided. Therefore, on average the cost of a blanket is \$10.00. Gurrie Activity Council will purchase the fleece in bulk and provide materials for Blanket Day.

We are asking families to sponsor a blanket or contribute any amount. Our blankets will be given to the Ronald McDonald House of Oak Lawn.

Please help us help others and sponsor a blanket. THANK YOU ----

Yes, we would like to sponsor a blanket - attached is our cash or check made out to Gurrie Middle School.

Our blanket contribution of \$_____ is enclosed. Please enclose cash or checks made out to Gurrie Middle School. Thank you.

Name: _____

Advisor: _____

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

MUSIC MATTERS

LaGrange School District 105 Music Department Newsletter For the week of October 29 - November 2

NEWS/REHEARSALS THIS WEEK

BAND

Monday: Rehearsals: Concert Band 7:20 am, Cadet Band 3 pm; Lessons: Ideal/Spring

Tuesday: Rehearsals: Symphonic Band 7:20 am; Lessons: Hodgkins/7th Ave./Gurrie

Wednesday: Rehearsal: Concert Band 7:20 am; Lessons: 7th Ave.

Thursday: Rehearsal: Symphonic Band 7:20 am, 3:00 Jazz Band 3 pm, GMS Jazz Ensemble 5:45 pm; Lessons: Spring/Gurrie.

Friday: Rehearsal: Concert Band 7:20 am; Lessons: Spring/Ideal

CHOIR

Monday: No Lessons or Rehearsals

Tuesday: No Lessons or Rehearsals

Wednesday: No Lessons or Rehearsals

Thursday: No Lessons or Rehearsals

Friday: No Lessons or Rehearsals

ORCHESTRA

Monday: Rehearsal: Philharmonic 7:20am; Lessons: Gurrie

Tuesday: Rehearsal: Chamber 7:20 am; Lessons: Spring

Wednesday: Rehearsal: Symphony 7:20 am; Lessons: Ideal

Thursday: Rehearsal: Chamber 7:20 am; Lessons: 7th Ave./Hodgkins

Friday: Rehearsal: Symphony 7:20 am; Lessons: Seventh Ave.

D105 Performing Arts Fundraiser

Just a reminder that all order forms and money for the D105 Performing Arts Fundraiser are due on Monday, October 29th. These can be turned in to the front office of any D105 school. Please contact your director if you have any questions or concerns.

8th Grade Band Festival at LTHS

On Thursday, November 8th, the 8th grade students in Concert Band will be going to LTHS for rehearsal with the LT Wind Ensemble during the school day, in preparation for the concert that evening. Please contact Mr. Schwartz if you have any questions or concerns.

Uniforms, Dues and Fees

Forms for the district uniform policy, as well as the dues and fees for all performing ensembles have been distributed to students. We are still waiting on these forms from many families. Please make sure to turn these in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

- 10/15-10/31 - D105 Performing Arts Fundraiser
- 10/30 - LTHS 8th Grade Orchestra Festival
- 11/8 - LTHS 8th Grade Band Festival

NOTICIAS MUSICALES

Boletín del Departamento de Música Distrito Escolar 105 de LaGrange 105 Para la semana del 29 de octubre – 2 de noviembre

NOTICIAS/ENSAYOS ESTA SEMANA

BANDA

Lunes: ENSAYOS: Banda de Concierto 7:20 am, Banda cadet 3 pm; Lecciones: Ideal/Spring

Martes: ENSAYOS: Banda Sinfónica 7:20 am; Lecciones: Hodgkins/7th Ave./Gurrie

Miércoles: Ensayo: Banda de Concierto 7:20 am; Lecciones: 7th Ave.

Jueves: Ensayo: Banda Sinfónica 7:20 am, 3:00 Banda Jazz 3 pm, Conjunto Jazz GMS 5:45 pm; Lecciones: Spring/Gurrie.

Viernes: Ensayo: Banda de Concierto 7:20 am; Lecciones: Spring/Ideal

CORO

Lunes: No hay Lecciones ni ENSAYOS

Martes: No hay Lecciones ni ENSAYOS

Miércoles: No hay Lecciones ni ENSAYOS

Jueves: No hay Lecciones ni ENSAYOS

Viernes: No hay Lecciones ni ENSAYOS

ORQUESTA

Lunes: Ensayo: Filarmónica 7:20am; Lecciones: Gurrie

Martes: Ensayo: Cámara 7:20 am; Lecciones: Spring

Miércoles: Ensayo: Sinfónica 7:20 am; Lecciones: Ideal

Jueves: Ensayo: Cámara 7:20 am; Lecciones: 7th Ave./Hodgkins

Viernes: Ensayo: Sinfónica 7:20 am; Lecciones: Seventh Ave.

Festival Banda 8° Grado en LTHS

El jueves 8 de noviembre, los estudiantes de 8° grado en la Banda de Concierto se irán a LTHS para un Ensayo con el conjunto de vientos de LT durante el día escolar, en preparación para el concierto de esa tarde. Por favor contacte al Sr. Schwartz si tiene preguntas o preocupaciones.

Uniformes, Costos y Cuotas

Formas para la política de uniformes del distrito, como también los costos y cuotas para todos los conjuntos participantes han sido distribuidas a los estudiantes. Aún estamos esperando estas formas de muchas familias. Por favor asegúrense de devolverlas tan pronto como sea posible. ¡Gracias!

Fechas para Recordar

- 10/15-10/31 –Recaudación de Fondos de las Artes Escénicas del D105
- 10/30 - LTHS 8° Grado Festival de Orquesta
- 11/8 - LTHS 8° Grado Festival de Banda

Recaudación de Fondos para las Artes Escénicas del D105

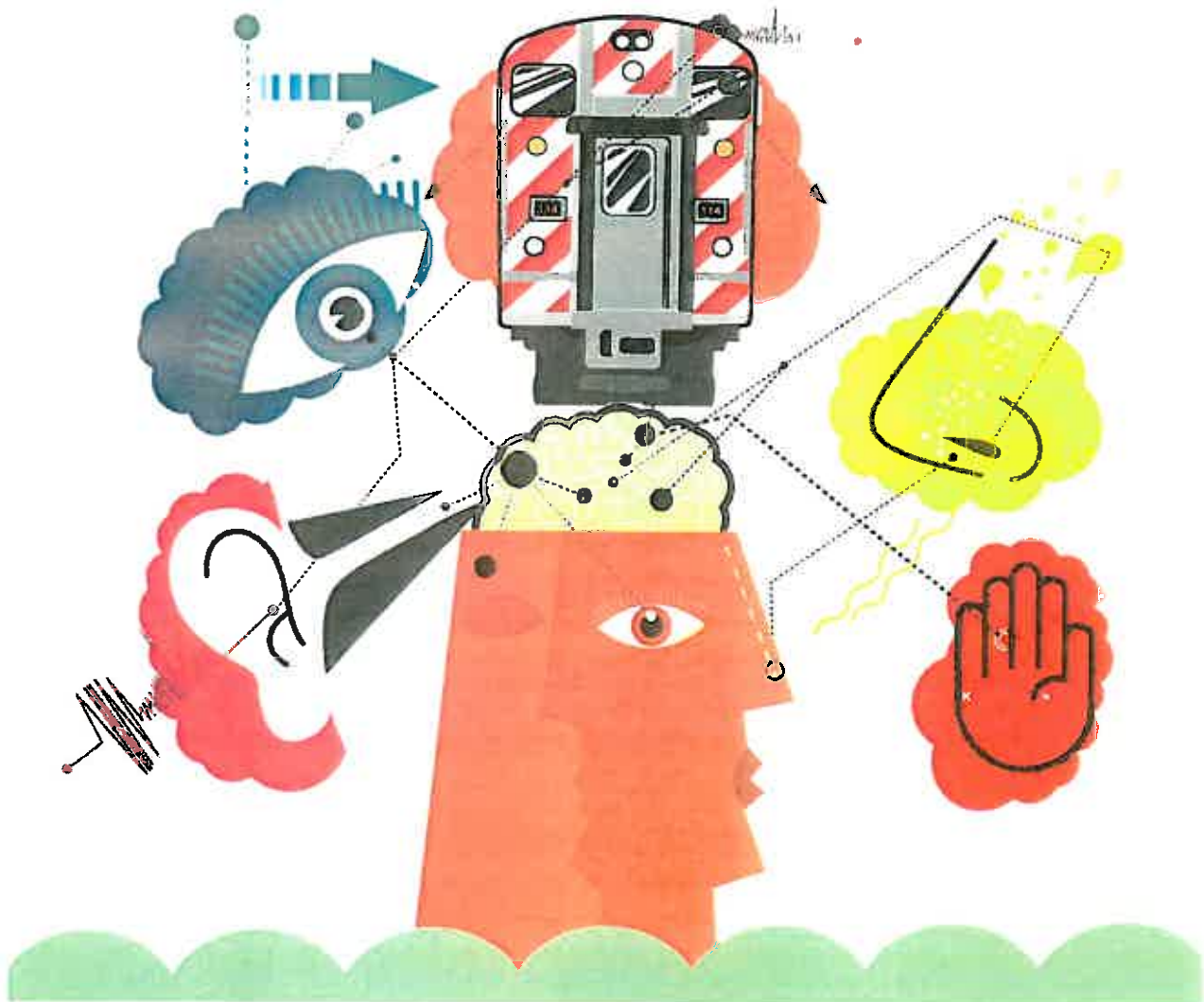
Solo para que recuerden que todas las formas de pedidos y dinero para la recaudación de fondos de las Artes Escénicas del D105 vencen el lunes 29 de octubre. Estos pueden entregarse en la oficina de cualquier escuela del D105. Por favor contacten a su director si tienen alguna pregunta o preocupación.



13th
Annual

Metra Safety Poster and Essay Contest

USE YOUR SENSES



Who: Students K-12
Theme: Use Your Senses
Deadline: January 31, 2019

Poster Contest:
One 1st-, 2nd-, 3rd-place winner
will be selected from each grade.

Awards:
1st place - iPad
2nd place - \$250
3rd place - \$100

Essay Contest:
One 1st-place winner will be
selected from three grade groups:
elementary, middle and high school.

For more information, visit www.metracontest.com.