



EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES AT
GURRIE



Sports

Fall

Boys' Softball

Coaches

7th Grade: Ms. Quinn

8th Grade: Mrs. Gjoni

The boys' softball season runs through September and October. Tryouts are held during the first full week of school. Boys' softball is a cut sport. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Girls' Basketball

Coaches

7th Grade: Mr. Olson

8th Grade: Mr. Yena

The girls' basketball season runs through September and October. Tryouts are held during the second week of school. Girls' basketball is a cut sport. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Cross Country

Coaches: Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Pontrelli, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Brand

Cross country is a coed, no cut sport that runs through September and early October. Meets are held at various sites in the area. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Winter

Cheerleading

Coaches: Mrs. Halper

Cheerleading is open to all Gurrie students. The season runs from November through January. Tryouts are held in November following a two day workshop series. Cheerleading is a cut sport. Practices are generally held everyday after school during the season.

Boys' Basketball

Coaches:

7th Grade and 8th Grade: Mr. Alvarez , Mr. Pontrelli

The boys' basketball season runs from late November through mid January. Tryouts are held during mid November. Boys' basketball is a cut sport. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Girls' Volleyball

Coaches:

7th Grade and 8th Grade: Mr. Olson, Mr. LaBud

The girls' volleyball season runs from mid February through mid March. Tryouts are held in early February. Girls' volleyball is a cut sport. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Wrestling

Coaches: Mr. Mike Ryan, Mr. Gabe Varela

The coed wrestling season runs from the beginning of January through early March. Practices are held daily after school and dual meets are held after school and tournaments are held on Saturdays. Gurrie is a member of the IESA (Illinois Elementary School Association.)

Spring

Boys' Volleyball

Coach:

7th Grade and 8th Grade: Mr. LaBud, Mr. Olson

The boys' volleyball season runs from early April through mid May. Tryouts are held in late March. Boys' volleyball is a cut sport. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Girls' Softball

Coach:

7th Grade: Mrs. Dessauer

8th Grade: Mr. Yena

The girls' softball season runs from early April through mid May. Tryouts are held in late March. Girls' softball is a cut sport. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Soccer

Coaches: Mrs. Halper, Mrs. Motto, Mr. Varela

Soccer is a coed, no cut sport that runs from mid April through early May. Games are held at various parks in the area. Practices are generally held every day after school during the season.

Music and the Arts

Band

Director: Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Schwartz

Concert Band is open to all Gurrie students who have at least one year of prior instruction on their instrument. Jazz Band is open to students by invitation or audition. Participation in the bands is a year long commitment. Students receive group instruction on their instruments during the school day. Concert Band rehearses three mornings a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. Jazz Band rehearses two mornings a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. A morning music bus is available if needed. Jazz band also rehearses from 5-6:30 p.m. on select Tuesdays throughout the year.

The bands have three concerts a year, in December, March and May. In addition Concert Band plays for the Gurrie graduation in June. The Jazz Band also plays a concert at the VFW in May.

Both bands also participate in the Illinois Grade School Music Association organizational contest in the spring. Students may choose to participate in the Lyons Township solo and ensemble contest in the spring.

Orchestra

Director: Mr. Valdez, Ms. Guilfoyle

Concert Orchestra is open to all Gurrie students who have at least one year of prior instruction on their instrument. Participation in the orchestra is a year long commitment. Students receive group instruction in their instrument during the school day. Concert

Orchestra rehearses three mornings a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. Bus service is available.

Concert Orchestra has three concerts a year, in December, February, and May. In addition, the orchestra may participate in a music festival in the spring. Students may choose to participate in the Lyons Township Solo and Ensemble contest in the spring. They may also choose to participate in a student recital in February.

Choir

Director: Mrs. Kay

The Gurrie Tiger Choir is open to all Gurrie students. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. Bus service is available. Participation in choir is a year-long commitment.

The choir has three concerts a year, with the Orchestra, in December, February and May. In addition the choir participates in the Lyon's Township Choir Festival. They also compete in a contest in May.

District Musical

Sponsors: Mrs. Kay, Ms. Quinn

Art Club

Sponsor: Ms. Motto

Art Club is open to all Gurrie students who enjoy art and would like to work on new projects and learn new techniques throughout the year.

Service

Gurrie Activity Council (formerly Student Council)

Sponsors: Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Ingwersen

The Gurrie Student Activity Council is open to all Gurrie students. This new group focuses less on school government and more on events that promote school spirit, social activities, and service to others. We call it S³: Spirit, Social, and Service. Students have the opportunity to work together to plan spirit days (“Wear your yellow and blue!”), dances, and service projects such as Project Linus. In addition, GAC members will meet quarterly to discuss advisory activities. GAC Students are also in charge of selling tickets during lunch for all Fun Nights and dances.

Students can join the Gurrie Activity Council by contacting the club sponsors, and officers are elected from within the group. Meetings will be held on announced days after school.

Bully Prevention Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Pedersen

The Bully Prevention club is open to all Gurrie students interested in helping create a Bully-Free, positive climate of Being Respectful, Ready and Safe at Gurrie Middle School. Members of the club will be involved in designing posters, creating and presenting lessons or skits to students on ways to identify and respond to bullying, and assist with planning activities, assemblies, and events to educate students, staff and the community about bully prevention. Through these various activities students will develop leadership skills and public speaking skills. This club will meet monthly after school.

Early Act

Sponsor: Mrs. Rupert

The Early Act club is open to all Gurrie students interested in community involvement, learning about other cultures, and working with friends to help other people. Early Act meets the first and third Wednesday of every month throughout the school year.

EMM (Every Monday Matters)

Sponsor: Mrs. Kulaga, Ms. Quinn, Mrs. Synowiec-Morales

EMM is a service club open to all Gurrie students. Students who join EMM are expected to attend the meetings. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Permission slips, planning and important information will be distributed during the meetings. We want active, enthusiastic, and dedicated members. Bring your ideas for new/other service projects to the meetings! Parents are always welcome to help out and attend the service projects.

Stage Crew

Sponsor: Mrs. Gjoni

Stage crew is open to any Gurrie student interested in learning how to operate the audio-visual equipment and the lighting for Gurrie concerts and other productions. In addition, students have the opportunity to work on scenery for the Spring All District Musical.

Yearbook

Sponsor: Mrs. McGovern

Yearbook is open to any Gurrie student who is interested in working to put together the Gurrie yearbook. They usually meet on Thursdays.

Green Team

Sponsors: Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Eigel

Green Team is open to all students who care about the planet, who don't mind occasionally playing in the dirt (planting and weeding) and are interested in all creatures great and small (especially butterflies and mallard ducks!)

Fun and Challenge

Dare to Dream Latina Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Falvey

Game Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Pedersen

The Game Club is open to all Gurrie students who like to think, analyze, compete, strategize, socialize and just have fun. The school provides games like Sorry! Connect Four, Checkers, Dominos, and Backgammon. Students may bring their own chess sets or other games.

Game club meets after school throughout the year beginning in October, usually on a Wednesday or Thursday.

IMSA Fusion

Sponsors: Ms. Calder, Mr. Eigel, Ms. Sayre, Mrs. Falvey

IMSA Fusion is a program bringing together math, science and engineering. Each semester students complete a different module such as Twisted and Tangles-looking at the way the mind works; Secrets Revealed-decoding. It meets every Tuesday each week from 3:45-5:45. This program is for students who are talented, interested and motivated in mathematics and science. There is an application process to be completed each module. Module 1 is held September through January. Module 2 is held January through May. This is in partnership with District 101 and the Illinois Math and Science Academy.

Math Team

Sponsor: Mrs. Eiternick, Ms. Calder

Math Team is open to all students in grades 2 through 8 and practice is held once a week after school at Gurrie. The season generally starts in October and runs through March. Throughout the season students will have many opportunities to participate in a variety of math competitions, including the Illinois Math League. Practices are dedicated to preparing for those different competitions. Joining math team is a great way to meet other people who enjoy math.

Speech Team

Sponsor: Ms. Sayre

Speech team is open to Gurrie students through an audition process. Students who are interested in participating on the Speech team are required to memorize a short piece and present it at the start of December. After the team has been chosen individuals meet with staff members who act as coaches. Practice times are usually before or after school or during lunch periods, and are arranged between individual coaches and team members. Speech

team activities culminate in a West 40 competition held in late winter of every year.

STEM: Underwater Robotics

Sponsor: Mrs. Halper

In collaboration with the Shedd Aquarium, Gurrie Middle School is offering a new and exciting club for students to be a part of. Students will learn engineering, programming, and robotics while designing an underwater remotely operative vehicle or ROV. The goal of this hands-on club is to engage students in STEM and expose them to science and technology careers; as well as encourage students to develop and apply technical, teamwork, and problem solving skills. The club members will participate in a final state-wide competition at the Shedd Aquarium in March, testing their ROV's skills in the water. The club will meet weekly for about 90 minutes beginning in late October.