



# Tiger Tracks

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### **CALENDAR**



#### **May**

- 21 D105 Dash
- 22 Board of Ed Mtg. 7:30p.m., Gurrie LLC
- 25 District Writing Festival, 6-7p.m.,  
Gurrie gym
- 29 No School, Memorial Day observed

#### **June**

- 2 Graduation Dance, 7-10p.m., Gurrie gym
- 5 8th Grade Great America Trip
- 6 Graduation, 7p.m., LT South Fieldhouse  
Last Day of school for 8th graders
- 8 Last Day of School for 7th graders



**The World Is  
Yours To Conquer**

### **Gown and Medallion Purchase Fee Past Due**

The rental fee for the graduation gown and medallion is \$25.00 and was due by the end of the day on Friday, May 12th. If you have not already done so, please submit this fee now. Also, unless this fee is paid your student will not receive his/her gown on the early distribution day mentioned later in this issue. In that event, the student will receive his/her gown when they arrive for the ceremony on Tuesday, June 6th.

### **School Supply Lists**

Seventh and eighth grade supply lists for the next school year are included in this issue of the *Tiger Tracks* for those parents who choose not to take advantage of the school supply kits that Gurrie will again be offering this year. Information regarding the school supply kits and order forms went home to seventh grade students in the April Wednesday envelopes. The supply kit order form is also included in this *Tiger Tracks*.

## *From the Principal's Desk*



It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. The year has been filled with many student successes and achievements. I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard with your children to help ensure their success in middle school and beyond.

Please remember that our graduation ceremony will be held at Lyons Township High School, South Campus in the Field House on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Graduates need to arrive at LT South no later than 6:30. Please park in the north parking lot area and graduates will enter the doors by the swimming pool. There they will prepare and line up for the ceremony. We ask our families and their guests to please walk around the northwest end of the building and enter through the west doors, which will lead you right to the field house. LT South Campus is located at 4900 Willow Springs Road, Western Springs, IL.

After graduation eighth graders have completed their school year and do not return to school. Seventh graders final day will be Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> which will be a full day of school with normal dismissal time.

Please continue to check the weekly email, weekly envelope, 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.

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. 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

## Gowns to Students on June 1st



Parents, for your convenience, gowns will be given out to students to take home on Thursday, June 1st, 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 Wykoff Photographers at the ceremony

This year students will be renting gowns and purchasing medallions. Students will not be wearing caps again this year.

Medallions will be given out to students when they arrive at LT on the evening of graduation. Gowns will be returned before students leave the building after the ceremony.

## Eighth Grade Class Trip

Eligible 8th grade students will take a class trip to Great America on Monday, June 5th. Groups of 12 to 14 students will be led by teacher chaperones. This year the fee for the trip was set at \$35, 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.

## STEM Club

Gurrie STEM Club kicked off its season back in October when teams began to design their ROV's for an underwater mission to complete tasks in the port cities of America. The teams worked hard through many camera malfunctions and res-soldering a few too many motors and wires. The STEM club members of the 16-17 school year were Daniel Babnigg, Charlie Killian, Nick Jasinski, Claudia Mardegan, Vasil Martinov, Vincent Gonzalez, Damian Garcia, Adriel Rodriguez, Lauren Elliott, Ana Babnigg, Rhys Winchester, Emma Couture, Katie Morris, Grant Dixon, and Cole Kostrzewa. In March each team competed against each other in a friendly intramural competition. It was a close match at LT's pool, but the winning team "Ostraciidae" made up of Flyer Ana Babnigg, CEO Daniel Babnigg, Electrical Engineer Claudia Mardegan and CFO Katie Morris, scored an exceptional 75 points.

It was their design that led us to the regional competition in April. The Regional team, Daniel Babnigg, Charlie Killian, Nick Jasinski, Claudia Mardegan, Damian Garcia, Lauren Elliott, Ana Babnigg, Emma Couture, Katie Morris, and Grant Dixon, fought hard against confusion in prop set up electrical challenges. Their communication and knowledge of rules allowed them to score an all-time high score for Gurrie of 110 points! Because of their performance poolside and strong interview skills, the team finished with an overall 4th place! It was another great season and Mrs. Halper wants to say thank you to the kids and the amazing parents for their support with the Gurrie Underwater Robotics STEM club team. Can't wait until another exciting season next year!



# Music Notes



## Spring Band Awards Concert

Our annual Spring Awards Concert was outstanding this year. Along with great performances from all District 105 band students, two Gurrie 8th grade students were honored for their accomplishments in music. Alex Jumic received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award for outstanding performance in Jazz music. Sarah LaVoie won the Quincy Jones Musician Award as the best all-around musician in District 105.

Congratulations to both award recipients.

## Concert Band Performs for Gurrie Graduation/Pet Parade

All 7th grade and upcoming 6th grade members of the Concert Band will be performing at the Gurrie Middle School graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 6th, at 7:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Lyons Township South Campus Field House. Please see that your child is at the LTHS South Campus Field House no later than 6:30 p.m. with his/her instrument, music, and in **concert dress**.

After graduation, all members of Concert Band who have school owned white shirts will be turning them in. There are *no* exceptions. Please be sure that if your child has a school owned white shirt, he or she brings an extra shirt to change into.

**All other school owned white shirts will be turned in during lessons the week of May 15-19th. Please be sure your child brings his/her shirt to school on the appropriate day so they can be collected and cleaned.**

The D105 Bands have the honor of performing in this year's LaGrange Pet Parade! Look out for more information from the directors, and we'll see you June 3rd!

## Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, and Tiger Choir Earn Excellent Ratings at Great America High Note Music Festival

Congratulations to the District 105 Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, and Tiger Choir on their Excellent rating at this year's High Note Music Festival. The groups 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!

## Summer Band Camp

All students have received information about the summer band camp that will be hosted by Mr. Schwartz from July 24th through July 28th. Though students are not required to come, **ALL** band students are urged and expected to make every effort to attend. This is a very important step in their progression musically, and introduces to them 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:

Attn. Mr. Thom Schwartz  
Summer Instrumental Music  
1001 S. Spring Avenue  
LaGrange, IL 60525

Forms are due back no later than June 15, 2017.

## 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!

**THANK  
YOU!**





## 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!!

## 8th Girls Softball Season Ends

The 8th grade girls' team had a short but successful season. Our first game was against Washington. After the first few innings we were in a hole, losing by four points. The girls showed a lot of grit and came back to win by 6-4. Our second game was against McClure. With strength and determination throughout the game Gurrie won by a 16-0 slaughter. The last game of the season was against Westchester. There was a lot of anticipation as the game started on a cold and cloudy day. Westchester took the lead in the first inning, but Gurrie brought the heat in the 7th inning scoring multiple runs, winning 10-3.

Due to the weather the Hodgkins Tournament was cancelled. Gurrie ended up with an undefeated season record of 3-0.

Ashanti Agee played aggressively at shortstop. Daniela Almeida was a competitive right fielder. Keegan Casella played stellar at shortstop. Fani Lopez was an accomplished

## LT Fitness Days

The following students qualified for the Lyons Township High School Fitness Days. Boys competed on May 1st and girls competed on May 3rd with student athletes from throughout the LT feeder schools. Events included push-ups, standing long jump, shuttle run, sit and reach, 50 yard dash, and 1 mile run.



Gurrie boys who qualified were Jocrael Thorpe, Austin Biocic, Joey Robinson, Dillon Kallal, Andrew Kreczko, Terrell Melton, Carlos Orozco, and Alex Jumic. Austin Biocic finished first place in the 13 year old sit and reach, Joey Robinson finished first place in the 14 year old 50 yard dash, and Jocrael Thorpe finished first in the 13 year old 50 yard dash, 1 mile run, standing long jump and shuttle run. Jocrael won the most events of a Gurrie athlete ever! Gurrie won 5 out of 6 events in the 13 year old category.

Gurrie girls who qualified were Ka Meia Ray, Nina Soofi, Lucy Wenstrup, Lily Sutkus, Emily Burcal, Emma Linane, Olivia McLean, Melissa Rucinski, and Julia Woods. Ka Meia Ray finished first in the standing long jump.

Congratulations to all of these excellent athletes for representing Gurrie Middle School so well.

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8th grade cont.

3rd baseman. Joanie Machaj showed agility at first base. Geraldine Montalvo was very resourceful at right field and catcher. Lezlie Nogueta Nunez was a valuable center fielder. Gina Townsend was a skilled catcher. Alexis Tucker had a lot of determination on the pitcher's mound. Anel Vega dominated the left field. Emily Walker was our most improved player at 2nd base.

Coaches were Mrs. Dessauer and Mrs. Kulaga.



## Boys' Volleyball Season Recap



### 8th Grade

The 8th grade squad fought hard throughout the season and made great progress as a team despite their record of 2-9. Captains Michael McDermott and Alex Junic controlled the court as setters with excellent sportsmanship and attitudes, setting up our attackers Jonathan Hill, Jocqael Thorpe, Dillon Kallal, and Andrew Kreczko. Our front row tallied up over fifty kills and 25 blocks throughout the season, led by Jocqael Thorpe. New members to the team, JJ Schmitt, Jeremy Lonsway, Dominic Scudieri, and Stefan Pavlovic all learned the game quickly and augmented the team's passing game with the help of veteran passers Luke Marquardt and Mateo Esquivel. Mateo developed as an all-around player, contributing five kills and two blocks in the final week of the season.

The team competed in the Hodgkins Park District tournament this past weekend. They won their play-in match against Washington in two sets, demonstrating excellent communication and teamwork. The group then faced a formidable 10-1 Westchester team that defeated the Tigers in two sets.

### 7th Grade

Our seventh grade boys' volleyball team went to the court this spring as first-time volleyball players at Gurrie while entering a very competitive league. These 7th graders were poised to make it a successful year. The ebb and flow of the season provided lots of optimism. Early on the boys won six out of seven games, rushing to a 6-2 season start. Early victories included wins over Pleasantdale, Washington, and McClure which allowed the Tigers to develop confidence. As the season progressed all players developed their games in many facets of volleyball and flexibility to play different positions. By the end of the season the Tigers entered the

7th grade volleyball cont.

Hodgkins Park District Tournament as the number three seed overall with a 6-5 record. The boys won their first game of the tournament, a pure nail-biter, over Highlands but fell short in the semifinals to Forest Park Middle School.

Congratulations on a great season to the team: Billy Bach, Jack Bradbury, Drew Carroll, Aidan Collins, Conor Crowe, Matthew Dahl, Nano Esquivel, Thomas Kawczynski, Christian Koos, Jack Nutting, Garrett Rogan, Anthony Traverso, Luke Whelton, Aidan Wirtz, and manager Josh Fuentes.



### 7th Grade Girls Softball Season Ends

The 7th grade girls' softball team fought through all sorts of ups and downs with the weather this season. The team opened up the season with three straight wins and came together as a team really quickly with the limited practice times. They ended by dropping their last two games to Westchester and Park, but looked to avenge those losses in the tournament before it was cancelled due to the weather. Team members were Angelica Borrego, Katie Hess, Ava Mungo, Meah LaRocco, Sophie Peto, Sofia Cabrera, Maggie Kernagis, Grace Kernagis, Lily Metz, Anna Brown, Anna Westrick, and Maggie Brechja.

The team was coached by Mr. Yena.



## **Gurrie Gold Soccer Season Spins to an End!**

The members of the Gurrie Gold soccer team were anxious about taking the field this season. They had experience from the returning players and new teammates that were ready to contribute to the team. Despite the cold weather, wet fields, and a tough conference, each game was a new day and soon started with a positive attitude. The Gold team was led by returning veterans Isael Sanchez, Rosie Villagomez, Max Behm, Marcelino Castillejo, and Alex Vicuna. 8th grader Sergio Diaz was recognized by the referees, opposing coaches, and Gurrie Gold coaches as this year's MVP for his ability to hold the defensive line and his consistent play throughout the entire season. The Gold team had Bryan Galdun as goalie, and he has shown a tremendous amount of growth from the previous year with his ability to make saves and his aggressiveness in the goal. The Gold defensive positions were shared by players Jaime Toledo, Alex Sasinka, Trenton Vlahos, Jhenrye Nabo, Gaby Quintana, Cesar Castillejo, Elias Lopez, Alex Smith and Grant Dixon. The midfielders who ran on both sides of the ball include Leslie Mendoza, Xenya Bizarro, Adrian Reyes, Alex Henningfield, Charlie Fox, Christian Bustos, Luis Lopez, and Mayra Ramirez. Our strikers this year included Bryan Zamora, Juana Martinez Juarez, Karina Silverio, Karla Hernandez, RJ Mikulecky, and Will Killian. The team ended with a 3-7 record. Thanks to all our parents who devoted their time to support the team this season. Coach Varela and Coach Thiesse want thank all of the players who made the season such a fun experience.



## **Gurrie Blue Soccer Ends 2016-2017 Season**



The members of the Gurrie Blue Soccer team were excited about their chances early in the season. They had a talented squad and players willing to play at any position to help the team. Despite the cold weather, wet fields, and tough opponents, a fun time was had by all. The Blue team was led by captains Ricardo Reyes and Damian Garcia Villegas who both played striker and defensive roles throughout the season. The team had two goalies who shared responsibilities this season, 8th grader Jonathan Pedroza and 7th grade Ivan Villalobos. The Blue defensive positions were shared by players Kayla Tlaseca, Maggie Cavanaugh, Jaylin Guardado, Alejandro DeLaRosa, Andy Sanchez, Eric Escobedo, Everardo Garcia, Adriel Rodriguez, Radule Bozovic, and Defensive Players of the Year, Beau Brown and Diego Lopez. The middle of the field was controlled by standout players like Samanta Diaz, Lizbeth Murillo, Stephanie Ramirez, Juliet Duarte, Susan Yeager, Lily Henning, Erika Betancourt, Peter Carolan, and Michael Springer. The offensive attack was led by Offensive Player of the Year, and one of the top scorers of the season, Antonio Ruiz, who played almost every minute of every game this season. Other offensive players included top scorer Stefan Soldat, Victor Ramos, Jesus Ramos, Rogelio Vargas, Roger Cansino, and All-around Player of the Year Marko Dubak, who stepped up and played every position on the field when needed. The Blue team was managed this season by 7th grader Gianna Trombello. The team ended with a 5-5 record and beat the Gold team in PKs in the 3rd annual Grudge Match! Thanks to all our parents who provided water, rides, and excellent fan support. Coach Halper and Coach Motto want to thank our awesome players who made it a fun season to coach soccer!



## Gurrie Middle School Eighth Grade supply list for 2017-2018

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Supply List**

- (2) 12-packs of black pens
- (2) 12-pack red pens
- (2) 12-packs of pencils
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of markers (washable)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 8 Highlighters, any color
- Pencil case
- (2) Take home folder or ½" binder
- Computer Mouse-USB (optional)
- 1 multi pack of post-its
- Earbuds

### **American History**

- 1½" red binder with clear outside pocket
- 5 dividers
- 1 package of 150 sheets of loose-leaf paper

### **Math**

- 1 1/2" yellow binder with clear outside pocket
- 5 tab dividers
- (2) packages of 150 sheets of college rule loose leaf paper
- 1 package graph paper with 6 coordinate grids on each side (available to order through Geyer) or can be printed from website <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/gp/fc-i-4.pdf>
- TI 83 or 84 or 84 Silver calculator (for LT Algebra students) **OR**
- Scientific calculator, TI30X IIS (for all other students)

### **Science**

- 1" green binder with pockets
- 5 dividers
- Spiral notebook – 3 subject
- 1 box of 24 crayons

### **Foreign Language**

- 1" binder, any color other than red, yellow, green, or blue
- Folder
- 3 packs 3x5 notecards

### **Language Arts**

- 1 composition book, wide ruled (no for Read 180; optional for Advanced English)
- 1 blue folder

### **Exploratory**

- (2) 2-pocket plastic 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



## **Seventh Grade supply list by subject**

### **LA:**

- 1 package post-it notes
- 2 BLUE folders
- 1 BLUE single subject notebook
- 1 package 3 to 4 highlighters

### **Social Studies:**

- 2 RED folders
- Glue Stick
- 1 package colored pencils
- 1 package markers

### **Science:**

- 1 package colored pencils
- 1 package markers
- 1 GREEN folder
- 1 package of 3x5 notecards
- Glue stick

### **Math:**

- 1.5" YELLOW pocket binder (with pockets)
- 5 tab binder dividers
- 1 YELLOW folder
- loose leaf paper
- Calculator, TI 30XIIS recommended

**\*binders, folders, notebooks and possible book cover should match for the given subject  
PLEASE TRY NOT TO PURCHASE ANY FOLDERS OR NOTEBOOKS FOR OTHER CLASSES IN RED,  
YELLOW, GREEN, OR BLUE**

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### **Exploratory Classes:**

- 2 folders
- Loose Leaf paper

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Foreign Language:**

- 3 packages of 3x5 notecards
- Folder

### **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
- Earbuds
- Mouse (optional)

### **Band/Orchestra**

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

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8th		\$72	
T130XIIIS Scientific Calculator		\$16	
T184 Calculator (LT Algebra Students Only)		\$115	
Band/Orchestra		\$5	
USB Optical Mouse		\$15	
<b>Grand Total \$</b>			

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2017-2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2017-2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2017-2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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