



EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES AT
GURRIE



Sports

Fall

Boys' Softball

7th Grade: Ms. Quinn mquinn@d105.net

8th Grade: Mrs. Gjoni agjoni@d105.net

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

7th Grade: Mr. Olson jolson@d105.net

8th Grade: Mr. Yena myena@d105.net

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

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Ms. Weaver jweaver@d105.net

Ms. Brand kbrand@d105.net

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

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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

7th Grade: Mr. Alvarez ealvarez@d105.net
8th Grade: Mr. Pontrelli jpontrelli@d105.net

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

7th Grade: Mr. Olson jolson@d105.net
8th Grade: Mr. LaBud tlabud@d105.net

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

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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

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8th Grade: Mr. Olson

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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

7th Grade: Mrs. Gjoni

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8th Grade: Mrs. Huebner

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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

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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

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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

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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

Ms. Murphy

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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

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The students and directors select a musical to produce each spring. Such productions as Shrek, High School Musical, and The Little Mermaid have been past musicals.

Art Club

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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)

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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

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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

Mrs. Rupert

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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)

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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

Mrs. Gjoni

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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

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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

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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

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Dare to Dream is a club geared toward Latina girls in both 7th and 8th grade. Girls will have the opportunity to engage in cultural crafts and share their diverse knowledge. The club is open to be further developed by the girls' ideas. Also, 8th grade girls will have

the opportunity to attend 2 conferences: one at College of DuPage and one at Fermi lab. Girls will have the opportunity to meet amazing Latina women in STEM fields!

Game Club

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

Spelling Bee Club

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Our purpose is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn new concepts, develop correct English usage, and enhance public speaking skills. Through learning and collaboration, students will increase their college and career readiness and will have the opportunity to participate in spelling bees and competitions.

Battle of the Books

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Gurrie's Battle of the Books is a reading incentive competition where students collaboratively read books from a list of 20 titles. Students come together in their teams to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books they have read. Gurrie will host a school battle in February to determine the top two teams to advance to the Inter-School Battle against Highlands, McClure, Park and Pleasantdale.

Book Club

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Expand your horizons, travel to new lands, appreciate other cultures and increase your literacy skills by participating in Book Club. Students have the opportunity to choose a title in which they

wish to read and have in-depth conversations about. Readers will express their opinions, summarize information, and converse meaningfully and respectfully. Book Club is for all readers with varying interests.

RPG Club (Role Playing Game)

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RPG Club is a gaming club centered on Role-Playing-Games (RPGs). One central theme of RPGs is having its players (Gurrie students) create, construct, and design their own unique characters. Once their characters are created, the players (Gurrie students) will take on their roles and play cooperatively, encountering different challenges and scenarios as an adventuring party/group. The party/group (Gurrie students) will need to work together in order to succeed and overcome hardships and difficulties along the way. Meeting are typically afterschool on Fridays.