



EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT GURRIE



Sports

Fall

Boys' Softball

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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

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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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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

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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

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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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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

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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

TBD

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 yearlong 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 on Thursdays from 4:30- 6:00 pm.

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 at several gigs throughout the school year.

Students may choose to participate in the Lyons Township solo and ensemble contest in the spring.

Orchestra

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Symphony 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 yearlong commitment. Students receive group instruction in their instrument during the school day. Symphony Orchestra rehearses two mornings a week, Wednesday and Friday, from 7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. Bus service is available.

Symphony Orchestra has two concerts a year, in December and April. 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 also participate in a student recital in March.

Choir

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The Gurrie Tiger Choir is open to all Gurrie students. Rehearsals are held every Monday from 3:15-4:00 p.m. in the band room and Wednesday mornings from 7:20 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. Bus service is available. Participation in choir is a year-long commitment.

The choir has two concerts a year, one in December and one in May. In addition, the choir participates in the Lyon's Township Junior High Choral Festival in January.

District Musical

TBD

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 Activity Council is open to all Gurrie students. This group focuses on events that promote school spirit, social activities, and service to others. Students have the opportunity to work together to plan spirit days, dances, and service projects such as Project Linus. GAC students are also in charge of planning for Red Ribbon Week at the end of October, and GAC members also assist in lunch ticket sales for TGIF events and dances. Meetings will be held on announced days after school, and students can join at any time as long as they are committed to helping out when they can.

Pawsitive Paws Club

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The Pawsitive Paws club is open to all Gurrie students interested in helping create a positive climate of Being Respectful, Ready and Safe at Gurrie Middle School. Members of the club will be involved in service events and school wide activities promoting continued growth of positive school climate and positive social skills. Through these various activities students will develop leadership skills and public speaking skills. This club will meet monthly after school.

Early Act

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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

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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 Club

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Dare to Dream is a club geared toward girls in both 7th and 8th grade, with a focus on culture. 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! The conferences are pending based on regulations.

IMSA Fusion

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IMSA Fusion is a hands-on, problem-solving club that brings together math, science and engineering. This program is for students who are talented, interested and motivated in technology, mathematics and science. Each semester students participate in lessons relating to an overall topic provided by the Illinois Math and Science Academy. For the 2022-2023 school year the topics covered are Mars: Manifest Destiny and Take Flight Aviation. The club meets on Monday's from 3:30-5:30. A permission form is required for students interested in participating.

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 all Gurrie students interested in acting, performing, or public speaking. There are a variety of performance categories available which includes solo, duet, or group events. Once students join the team, they will be placed into an event category based on preference and availability. Once the team is solidified, 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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Students will learn engineering, programming, and robotics while designing an underwater remotely operated 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 an intramural club competition in April. The winning team will move forward to the final state-wide competition, usually hosted at Northeastern University, in late April. The club will meet Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 starting in early November. A permission slip is required for students interested in participating.

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 16 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.

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 characters are created, the players (Gurrie students) will take on their roles and play cooperatively, encountering different challenges, missions, 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. Meetings for 8th Grade are usually held on Thursdays. Meetings for 7th Grade are usually held after school on Fridays. Meetings take place from 3:15pm-4:00pm on those days.

Diversity Club

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The mission of The Diversity Club is to provide a safe and inclusive space for all members of the school community regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or ability. The Diversity Club is geared towards students who are looking to foster a school-wide culture of appreciation for diversity. Members of The Diversity Club are open-minded and ready to spread the message of inclusion and acceptance throughout the school and community. Students will help plan and execute school wide activities for Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Pride Month, Unity Day, and so much more! We are open to suggestions and ideas. We want all students to be recognized and accepted despite their backgrounds and beliefs.