



GSMST Newsletter

January 22, 2018



### **Mark Your Calendars**

January 25 - Science and Engineering Fair, 7-7:30 PM

February 9 - Student/Teacher Holiday

February 17 - International Night

February 21, 22 - GSMST Cyber Days (K-8 Early Release)

March 1 - Curriculum Night, 7:00 PM

### **Science and Engineering Fair**

Parents, please join us at GSMST from 7-7:30 PM this Thursday, January 25th to view submissions to our Science and Engineering Fair. We hope you can join us!



### **Congratulations VEX Robotics**

This past weekend, GSMST's VEX Robotics teams 675D and 675E won the Warrior Invitational. They were awarded the Team Champions Trophies. Team 675E also won the prestigious Design Trophy as well.

All 6 VEX teams are entered in the VEX Georgia State Championships in March which is a first in GSMST history!



### **PSAT Score Reports and FREE SAT Practice**

9th-11th graders received their PSAT Score Reports on January 10th. **We encourage you to look at this very informative report with your student!**

For more information on your student's score report, how to interpret it, and SAT practice opportunities, [please click here](#).



### **International Night is Coming Soon**

SATURDAY, February 17, 5:00-9:00 PM

Join GSMST students and PTSA for International Night, an evening filled with cultural food, activities and talent. We look forward to your participation in volunteering, donating food, decorations etc.

Parents, without your cooperation this event cannot be successful. Each region will have samples of food for you to munch on throughout the evening. Prepare your favorite regional dish to share, [sign up online](#) and your student can receive volunteer hours for each donation.



Thank you in advance for helping make GSMST's biggest event a huge success!

## Parent Health Survey

The state DOE calculates our annual climate rating based on survey results and we humbly ask you to take a few minutes and complete the 24 ratings in [this survey](#).



## GSMST Speaker Series

Call for Speakers!

As a parent of a GSMST student, you know that part of our unique curriculum includes student participation in a multi-tiered career readiness and internship program that spans all four years of the GSMST high school experience. That program begins in the 9th grade with our quarter-annual Speaker Series.



Do you work in a STEM field? Do you have a unique or interesting career story? Did your college experience teach you many lessons that you would like to pass on to our students? Then, maybe you would you be interested in being a speaker at one or more of the events!

The dates for the remaining Speaker Series events this year are Thursday, February 15th and Friday, March 30th. The event itself lasts for approximately an hour and a half on each of these dates (from 12:00-1:30pm). The full schedule, as well as other important information and details about the events, is explained in the Speaker Series Executive Summary on [our website](#).

If you are interested in one, many, or all of these series' dates, or know someone who may be, simply write to [kerri.napoleon@gsmst.org](mailto:kerri.napoleon@gsmst.org) to find out more!

## Summer 2018 Junior Fellowship Experience

Mandatory Attendance Dates: May 29-June 1 and July 23-July 26  
Approximate Summer School Enrollment \$100

- Summer JFE is by choice and through approval. Students must be in good academic standing to participate in a summer JFE. It will otherwise be scheduled for 7th period either fall or spring semester.
- If more students apply than there is space available, grades and attendance will be used in the acceptance process.
- Opportunity postings with application directives will be available through eCLASS beginning in February.
- Students will need reliable internet access to submit work through eCLASS throughout the summer.
- ALL summer JFE students are required to attend the mandatory attendance dates listed above. Only students who are participating in a residential academic program will be excused from one of those weeks and these students will still be required to submit work on time. Other absences will result in the student being dropped from the summer roster. No refunds will be disbursed for students dropped due to non-attendance on a mandatory date.
- A list of excellent summer programs that could potentially meet the internship requirement is now posted in eCLASS.



There will be a JFE information session for students and parents on Curriculum Night, Thursday, March 1st.

## Study Abroad Information

Costa Rican Animal Sanctuary

Ms. D'Antonio and Ms. Santana will be leading a school trip to Costa Rica for a week of study abroad from 3/31/18-4/7/18. [Click here](#) to learn more information about this wonderful opportunity!



## Inclement Weather Procedures

In case of inclement weather, please refer to [our website](#), Facebook page, eCLASS page, and WSB channel 2 news. GCPS will also post something on their main website as well. As soon as any type of cancellation or early release is communicated with the local schools, we'll be sure to let you know!



## BYOD for Your Student

If you are considering purchasing a laptop or tablet for your student as part of the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative, GCPS has information to help guide your purchasing plans.

This information can be found [here](#).



## Parking Permit for Students

Student Parking is now \$30 for the remainder of the year. Students must bring the money along with [this completed form](#), drivers license, and proof of insurance to the Attendance Office.



## Before school and after school supervision, please provide transportation.

Please ensure the safety of your student and others by not:

- dropping off in the faculty lot of GSMST
- dropping off in the faculty lot of Maxwell
- unloading your child in McElvaney Lane
- unloading your child in the serpentine lines
- picking up your child in any location above.



Only students taking a zero period can be dropped off in the front parking lot.

On Mondays, students must be out of the building by 3:15 PM since all teachers are in school-wide meetings. On Tuesdays-Fridays, students must leave the building as soon as the SRC closes (4 PM) or as soon as their activity ends. Please be at school, ready to pick up your child when the activity ends. Students will have to stand outside to wait for their ride and cooler weather will be coming soon. Students are not allowed to enter the building before 6:15 AM. Thanks for your help.

## MyPaymentsPlus

MyPaymentsPlus is a one stop shop for all your back to school needs. Visit the site [here](#) to pay for parking permits, lockers, lunches, etc. or you can pay for parking and lockers



in the Attendance Office.

## Infinity Cafe

[Click here](#) for free and reduced lunch information.  
You can find what is on our menus [here](#).  
For information on the GCPS charge policy, please [click here](#).



## School Spirit!

Order your spirit wear and accessories online at the [GSMST School Store](http://store.gsmst.org) 24/7 and pick up your order in the GSMST front office anytime between 7:00 AM-3:45 PM on school days.



## GSMST Important Reminders

- NO cost for breakfast for all students!
- Visitor badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.
- GCPS and GSMST Student/Parent [Handbooks](#)
- GSMST [Bell Schedule](#)

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