



GSMST Newsletter

December 11, 2017



Mark Your Calendars

December 12: Fall Awards Night at 7:00 PM

December 18-20: Early Release, *Student pickup at 12:15, No lunch or afternoon buses*

December 21, 2017 - January 3, 2018: Winter Break

January 4: First Day of Second Semester



Final Exams

Final Exam Schedule:

- 12/14: 0 period exam
- 12/15: 0 period exam, 1st period exam (8-10:00 AM)
- 12/18: 2nd period exam (8-10:00), 3rd period exam (10:15-12:15)
- 12/19: 4th period exam (8-10:00), 5th period exam (10:15-12:15)
- 12/20: 6th period exam (8-10:00), 7th period exam (10:15-12:15)



Important Information about December 18-20:

- School ends each day at 12:15.
- Free breakfast to all students will still be served each morning.
- No lunch will be served. Chick-fil-A biscuits will be sold during the break between exams each day.
- No exams can be given early.
- No checkouts.
- We have morning buses, but no afternoon buses; please make arrangements to pick up your child.
- Students can purchase a daily parking pass for \$2/day in the Attendance Office.
- Please check the portal to see if you have any overdue books or printing fees. You can return books and pay fees in the SRC. You can also pay fees online through [MyPaymentsPlus](#).
- January 3rd is the make up day for missed exams.

Carpooling During Final Exam Week

GSMST will be starting a carpooling initiative during final exam week (December 18-20th). If you are interested in driving your child and others to help the planet,

reduce traffic, and only have the need to pick up once, then please fill out this form:

<https://tinyurl.com/finalscarpool>. Student drivers can also sign up but will only be matched with one student. The due date for completing the form is **Tuesday, December 12th 8:00 AM**, and our EcoAmbassador Team will organize carpooling groups based on proximity, availability, and space by Thursday, December 14th. Carpooling parents will be allowed to park in the teacher parking lot if they arrive between 11:30-11:50 am.



If you have any questions, feel free to email gsmstecoambassadors@gmail.com.

Awards Information

In regards to our upcoming Awards Night this Tuesday, December 12, we have had several questions. We hope the following information will be helpful:



Honor Roll:

At the end of each semester, we post a list of Honor Roll students. These students have an average of all classes for that semester of a 90.0 or higher.

Academic Letter:

In fall each year, we give Academic Letters to 10th-12th graders who have earned a 95.0 or higher GPA for the previous school year (the average of all classes for both semesters). These Academic Letters are given in a ceremony during the school day.

Awards Night in the Fall:

At this ceremony, teachers honor students for hard work and good grades in specific classes. One winner is chosen for every 30 students taught in each course. (9th LA teachers, for example, will award 12 certificates this fall).

Awards Night in the Spring:

At this ceremony, teachers choose one "Best All Around" student per grade per subject (9th grade LA teachers will choose 1 student). We will also give many special Senior awards at this ceremony.

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.



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

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found boxes are starting to overflow.

If students are missing any clothing items or lunch boxes/water bottles, please have them check the Lost/Found boxes located in the cafeteria, next to the vending machines, and in the lower lobby of the Tower. Students should check in the Attendance Office for lost jewelry, graphing calculators, phones, etc.



At the end of the semester, all Lost and Found items not claimed are given to local charities.

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!



Parking Permit for Students

Student Parking is now \$40 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](#).



2017-2018 Information

GCPS and GSMST Student/Parent [Handbooks](#)
GSMST Bell [Schedule](#)



School Spirit!

Hoodies & Laptop Bags Now Available!

Order your spirit wear and accessories online at the [GSMST School Store](#) 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.

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