



GSMST Newsletter

February 12, 2018



Mark Your Calendars

February 17 - International Night (see info. below)

February 19 - Student Holiday

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

March 1 - Curriculum Night, 7:00 PM

March 2 - 5K Relay for Life Fundraiser, 3:30 PM (see info. below)

Congratulations Science Olympiad

GSMST's Science Olympiad Teams brought the 1st Place Trophy home from the Regional Tournament held at Georgia Tech this past Saturday. Our team now qualifies for the State Tournament to be held on Saturday, March 31st at Emory University. GSMST's two teams placed 1st and 3rd out of 20 competing teams. Of the 92 medals awarded for 1st through 4th place in 23 events, GSMST's two teams claimed 33 of them. Great job, SO!

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Congratulations GSMST Math Team

The GSMST Math Team placed 5th this past weekend at the St. Valentine's Day Mathacre. Way to go, Math Team!



International Night is This Saturday, February 17th!

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. Please [click here](#) to volunteer and/or donate food. Volunteers at the event receive priority parking. Food donation has never been easier with our Drop Off Concierge service. You don't even have to get out of your car to deliver your food! More details are included [here](#).

Please remind your student that T-Shirts to commemorate this event are on sale this week at lunch.

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

GSMST 5K Registration Now Open

Our annual GSMST 5K benefiting Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, March 2 at 3:30. The course is fast and flat, perfect for a PR or a first-timer. Come compete against friends or have fun walking! Register now on [MyPaymentsPlus](#)

or on a paper registration form with cash that can be found outside Mrs. Presten's room. The cost is \$10 for all participants.

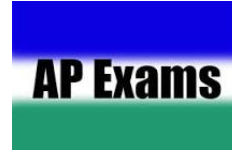
Come join us for this fun, low-key event and bring a friend! Please register no later than **this Friday**, February 16 to guarantee your t-shirt.



AP Exam Registration

February 20 - March 9, 2018

- All students must pay a \$10 registration fee, which covers the cost of the 1st AP exam. Each additional exam is \$94.
- Applications are available in the Attendance Office.
- Students can return forms and pay with cash or check in the Attendance Office or pay by credit card on [MyPaymentsPlus](#).
- Gwinnett County pays for all AP exams of students with Free/Reduced lunch. Students can still apply for free/reduced status.
- Students must be currently enrolled in a GCPS AP course to be allowed to register for the exam.
- Students not currently passing the course must get teacher approval to take the exam.
- There is a \$15 return fee per exam for any registered exam a student does not take.



Dual-Enrollment as JFE and/or SCE

Cohorts are formed each year for three distinct programs that may meet a student's JFE and/or SCE requirement. There are two professional certification pathways (Cybersecurity and Video Game Development) that begin in the summer, and a specifically structured bioscience research experience that is only offered in the fall. College courses taken in isolation will not be approved as a JFE or SCE.



Visit <http://gsmstgwinnettech.weebly.com/> for more information.

GSMST Yearbooks on Sale

GSMST yearbooks are currently on sale at balfour.com. Although it is past the deadline to ensure that your student will get a yearbook, they will remain on sale as long as supplies last.



Please contact [Adam Brown](#) with any questions.

Bilingual Volunteers Needed at Lilburn Elementary School

February 21st and 22nd

If you are fluent in Spanish/English or Vietnamese/English, Lilburn Elementary School needs your help interpreting during parent-teacher meetings and/or assisting parents in learning games to support student learning. [Click here for more information](#).



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.

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](#).



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!



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. 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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