



GSMST Newsletter

March 26, 2018



### Mark Your Calendars

April 2 - 6: Spring Break

April 21: Prom

April 23: Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Concert

May 10: Spring Honors Night, 7:00 PM

May 24: Graduation at 5:00 PM

### **10th Grade Gateway Testing**

All 10th graders will be taking the Social Studies Gateway during 1st-3rd periods tomorrow, March 27th. Please remind your child to eat a good breakfast on test day (and just a reminder, we serve free breakfast to all students every day)!

At the end of Gateway testing tomorrow, from 12:30-3:00 PM, all 10th grade students will be participating in GSMST's Junior Fellowship Experience Readiness Event. Students will attend three breakout sessions as preliminary planning for their 11th grade Junior Fellowship Experience. Click on the image below for more details.



### **GSMST's Spring Blood Drive**

Attention GSMST students, faculty, and staff: You can provide a vital service to humanity, serve the folks in Gwinnett county, and collect service hours by donating your blood. The Spring Blood Drive will occur in the main level lecture hall on Thursday, March 29, from 2:15-6:00.



You need to be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with a signed parent permission form), weigh at least 110 pounds, and have your valid Georgia driver's license with you in order to give blood.

Students donating blood will receive TWO service hours. Students who bring an adult to donate blood will receive an extra TWO hours per person! All donors will receive a free t-shirt!

This is a great way to earn much-needed service hours while providing a huge benefit to the local community. Please sign up during lunch Monday-Wednesday this week.

### **Congratulations, Math Team!**

Congratulations to the Math Team! After a year long competition, the GAME competition ended with many winners. Julius T., Shawn Z., Grace W., Carter S.,

Colton W., Daniel H., and Avi K. took home individual awards! The math team also won 2nd place for each grade level: Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, 1st place in oralist, and 2nd place OVERALL! Great work!



### **M3 Moody Challenge Team Advances to Round 2!**

Congratulations to this year's M3 Moody Challenge Team, comprised of Faris E., Shawn Z., Julius T., Ben B., and Peter A.. They have advanced to Round 2, beating out 700 different NATION-WIDE contenders!



### **Get Ready for End of Year: Textbooks, Fees**

GSMST Parents:

Now's the time to check in with your students to make sure they know where all their textbooks and library books are. Finals will be here before we know it, and lost textbooks and unpaid fines can keep a student from being able to take their final exams on time.



You can always see what a student has checked out, and what fees and fines they owe, on the [Parent Portal](#). Students can also check their status in [Student Portal](#) or in the SRC anytime during the school day.

### **PTSA Board Openings**

Attention all Parents: Our PTSA is looking for candidates to serve on next year's PTSA Board. Specific openings on the Executive Board include Co-President and Vice President of Hospitality. We sponsor a variety of events throughout the year to support students, teachers, and staff. We also work closely with Mr. Bray and his team to identify areas we can provide financial support to our school and its students in the form of technology, educational enhancements, and building improvements. If you are interested in serving, please email us at [gsmst.ptsa@gmail.com](mailto:gsmst.ptsa@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.



### **2018-2019 Course Information**

GSMST Spring Course Registration information is available on your student's eCLASS page. Summer Health and Personal Fitness information can be found in eCLASS as well.

Be sure to check it out!



### **Interested in Summer School?**

If you will need to take a summer school course this summer, [click here](#) for information about online course offerings through Gwinnett Online Campus. Students, please reach out to your counselor if you are unsure about the specific course(s) you need.



### **Women in Technology (WIT)**

WIT's mission is to serve as passionate advocates for women of all ages in Georgia's STEAM community—from the classroom to the boardroom. This takes place in a wide variety of formats—from educating middle and high school girls about the opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM), to providing networking and education for professionals. With over 2,500 professionals attending our programs and events, over 500 students, and over 250 volunteers, WIT has become the largest, most active organization of its kind in the region. [Check out their website](#). Students can register for a WIT Girls Account [here](#).



## Discovering STEM in Switzerland and Germany

GSMST's Summer Trip 2019

Interested in traveling to Switzerland and Germany? Consider [GSMST's Summer Trip 2019](#), where we'll visit one of Europe's most eco-friendly cities, experience precision German engineering firsthand with tours of the BMW factory and Siemens Forum, and ascend Mount Pilatus on the world's steepest railway. For more information, [contact Mr. Burse](#) and/or [click here](#).



Mr. Burse's next informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 3/29 at 5:30 in room 5.064.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Student Parking

The fee for students to park for the remainder of the year is \$15. Students can take their money, completed [form](#), drivers license, and proof of insurance to the Attendance Office.



## MyPaymentsPlus

MyPaymentsPlus is a one stop shop for all your back to school needs. Click on the image 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](#) 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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