



GSMST Newsletter January 23, 2017



Mark Your Calendars

January 24, 2017: Screenbreak during Guided Study
February 3, 2017: International Night - see info below
February 10, 2017: Student/Staff Holiday
February 20, 2017: President's Day - Student Holiday

Science Olympiad places in tournament

Science Olympiad placed 2nd among 56 teams from 28 schools in last Saturday's Brookwood High School Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament. Congratulations to all students!



Information on PSAT Scores

All 9th, 10th and 11th graders received a hard copy of their Fall 2016 PSAT Score Report last week, along with the actual test booklet. All students were told to create a College Board account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org>



Click [here](#) for an informative video: The 2016 PSAT- Understanding your Online Score Report

Students were also told to create a free Khan Academy account at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> . By granting permission for Khan to access their PSAT scores, students will receive a free, personalized SAT practice focusing on specific skills they need to strengthen.

AP Potential: Via this tab on the online report, students can see their predicted success in AP courses.

PSAT Max Score is 1520:

(760 Max on Evidence-Based Reading & Writing Section and 760 max on the Math Section). See the chart below for GSMST average scores.

2016	GSMST Mean PSAT Total	Mean ERW	Mean Math
9th	1115	553	563
10th	1238	612	626
11th	1297	648	649

International Night 2017 is coming SOON!

International Night 2017- February 3, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Join GSMST Students and PTSA for International Night, an evening filled with cultural food, activities and talent.



* T SHIRTS: PRE-Orders are now closed. Your child will be able to pick up their shirt Monday 1/30 during school lunch hour. The shirts are recorded based on the PayPal CC name when processed. (parent name) We will have some additional T Shirts available that week on a first come first serve basis for sale Wednesday 2/1 during lunches, \$8.

* VOLUNTEER; We NEED parents to serve food between the hours of 7:00 - 9:00 - please consider donating your time to this event. contact gsmst.ptsa@gmail.com with your availability.

* DONATE A REGIONAL

DISH: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaad2fa6ff2-2017>

Food Donations are still needed! Your student receives service hours!

* ADMISSION AT THE DOOR: \$5 for adults, \$2 non GSMST Students (13+), children & volunteers FREE!

* REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT: Attend one of two cultural talent shows: 6:30 pm or 8:00 pm, food available all evening. Please plan to attend early!

* SILENT AUCTION: Register for our Silent

Auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/GSMSTIN2017>

Silent Auction will be LIVE online from Wednesday Feb 1 - Friday Feb 3 at 8:00 PM. Interested in donating an item? Contact Nicky at jacobandnicky@bellsouth.net

For more information check: www.gsmstptsa.com

Congratulations Orchestra students

Congratulations to these 11 students: Brandon Cabigon Soliber, YuJin Kwak, Joseph Zhang, Jonathan Kim, Diane Moon, Julius Tao, Timothy Cho, Josh Chough, Joshua Yu, Judy Chong, Neha



Gregory for passing the second round audition to participate in the GMEA All-State Orchestra. These students will represent GSMST in Athens along side the best players from across Georgia the first weekend of March. Way to go Orchestra!

GSMST Science and Engineering Fair: Thursday, Jan 26th.

The GSMST Science and Engineering Fair is Thursday, January 26th, and is open to the public from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come see the result of all the hard work these students put into this demanding process!

Balfour is coming next week...

This is just a friendly reminder that Balfour will be at both lunches next week on Wednesday, 2/1 and Thursday, 2/2 for senior dues, graduation announcements, class ring, and letter jacket orders!

Attention Seniors: Final Exam Exemption Policy

Senior 2nd Semester Final Exam Exemption Policy:
Honor Graduates (90.0 GPA as of January 2017) are eligible to exempt the exam in any class with 3 or fewer absences - no matter the grade. Other seniors are eligible to exempt the exam in any class in which they have 90.0 average (after 10 points added to AP classes) as of 5/12/17 and they have 3 or fewer absences in that class period.
ALL absences count except those marked as School Activity (including a religious reason, illness, college visit, funeral, etc.).
Absences are accumulated in each class period separately.
Tardies do not count towards absences.
Seniors who have ISS or OSS during 2nd semester are not eligible to exempt.
Exam Exemption does not apply to performance exams.



Student Parking 2nd Semester

The cost for students wanting to park 2nd semester is \$30. Students must bring the money, drivers license, proof of Insurance, and the completed parking form to the Attendance Office. [Parking Form](#)



Inclement Weather Procedures

In case of inclement weather, please refer to our website gsmst.org, [gsmst 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 and After School Procedures

On Mondays, students must be out of the building by 3:15 since all teachers are in school-wide meetings.

On Tuesdays - Fridays, students must leave the building as soon as the SRC closes (4pm) 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 cold weather will be coming soon. Students are not allowed to enter the building before 6:15 a.m. Thanks for your help.



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