



GSMST Newsletter January 30, 2017



Mark Your Calendars

February 3, 2017: International Night - see info below

February 10, 2017: Student/Staff Holiday

February 20, 2017: President's Day - Student Holiday

International Night 2017 THIS FRIDAY!

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 are still available for purchase. A PTSA member will be in the cafeteria during both lunches this Wednesday if you'd like to purchase a shirt for \$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.gsmstpsa.com

Mock Trial Wins!

The Mock Trial competition took place on Friday and Saturday, and our second-year team came away with SIX individual awards! Congrats to the entire team and to outstanding lawyers Jyot Batra, Ama Asseh, and Christina Hitchcock as well as outstanding witnesses Soumya Khanna, Iris Galfas, and Preston Millerd. The team also thanks head coach Mrs. Rice for her tireless work and encouragement.



Scholastic Art Awards

Congratulations to Allison Chan, Anji Huynh, Sol Kim, Yujin Kwak, and Camtu Nguyen for winning scholastic art awards! 4 Gold Keys, 5 Silver Keys, and 7 Honorable Mentions.



Congratulations Band Students

Congratulations to the following GSMST students who have been selected to All-State band. Nick Fratto (firstchair), Jennifer Kim, Ray Li, Maya Spaulding, and Michael Roman (alternate). Way to go students!



Congratulations Orchestra!

Congratulations to the GSMST Honor Orchestra for their performance at the Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference this past Friday. The Honor Orchestra was one of only 2 orchestras in the state accepted to perform at the annual conference for Georgia's music educators. This was a huge honor and the orchestra performed exceptionally well.



Congratulations Red Robodragons

Congratulations to The Red Robodragons (Team 2981) who were the tournament Finalist Alliance Captain on Saturday. They placed 3rd in qualifying rounds before going on to the semifinals and finals and they have now qualified for the state First Tech Challenge tournament.



Congratulations Science Bowl

Congratulations to the GSMST Science Bowl team for winning their tournament at UGA on Saturday. The team earned the right to travel to Savannah for the regional tournament on February 25th. Please congratulate: Shruthi

Santhanam, Karthik Yadavalli, Jamil Kassam, Jason Fan, and Abigail Drun.



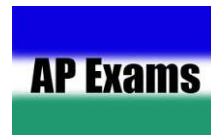
Balfour this week

Balfour will be at both lunches this week on Wednesday, 2/1 and Thursday, 2/2 for senior dues, graduation announcements, class ring, and letter jacket orders!

AP exam registration opens soon...

GSMST AP EXAM REGISTRATION: February 15 - March 9. The cost for the 1st AP exam is \$10. Each additional exam is \$93. Free/Reduced Lunch students do not have to pay for any exams after the initial \$10. Students must be currently enrolled in the class in order to take the exam.

You can pay for AP tests on line at www.mypaymentsplus.com; however, we are requesting that you please wait until we distribute our specific AP exam registration information on February 15. Teachers will be giving guidance to their classes and to individual students regarding the exam.



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

JFE and SCE opportunities are now posted

Parents, please encourage your student to check the eclass landing page regarding information about potential JFE and SCE opportunities for the 2017-2018 school year. Summer JFE opportunities were posted today!



A note from PTSA...

Please join us for a "Q&A with Mr. Bray" on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm in the Main Level Lecture Hall. Your PTSA has arranged for a special speaker, Dr. Darnyl Katzinger to conduct a wellness information session immediately prior to the Q&A. Dr. Katzinger has over 20 years of experience and specializes in working with children, teens, and families. This presentation promises to provide constructive resources to improve our understanding of the value of our students' wellness and success. Dr. Katzinger's talk will be from 6:00 -7:00 pm in the main level lecture hall, with the Q&A immediately following at 7:00 pm. Ms. Scheid, one of GSMST's counselors, will be at the Q&A to answer questions relating to the health and wellness of your child.



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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