



GSMST Newsletter

October 19, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

- October 19-23, 2015: Spirit Week
- October 23, 2015: Class vs Class Basketball
- October 24, 2015: Fall Dance
- November 3, 2015: Election Day
- November 23-27, 2015: Thanksgiving Break

GSMST Welcomes a Pixar Technical Director

Sanjay Bakshi spoke to GSMST students, Grayson Tech students, and Mill Creek students this past Thursday in GSMST's cafeteria. Sanjay has an extensive background in computer graphics. His skills were first applied in the studio's Tools department, where he worked on Academy Award (r)-winning films "Finding Nemo," "The Incredibles," and "Cars" as tools developer.



Bakshi previously worked as the groom lead on the Academy Award(r)-winning feature "Ratatouille," in which, his role can be described as a digital hairdresser who is responsible for the hair on humans and the fur on rat characters. Bakshi's role was to support the hair/fur technology and supervising the groom team. He most recently served as the Supervising Technical Director on "Monsters University," and is currently holding the same role for Disney*Pixar's upcoming feature "The Good Dinosaur," set to release November 25, 2015.

What a great experience for ALL students and faculty who attended! Thank you Pixar!

Student Council Spirit Week



Monday: America Monday - wear red/white/blue

Tuesday: Twin Tuesday

Wednesday: Aloha Wednesday

Thursday: Character Day

Friday: class colors - 9th white, 10th grey, 11th blue, 12th black

Class vs Class Basketball Game



Friday after school in the gym, there will be a class vs class basketball tournament. Come out and support your class and cheer them on to victory! \$2.00 entry fee and concessions will be sold.

November 3, 2015: Election Day

E-SPLOST election is November 3rd

Early voting began October 12th

Here is a [message](#) from Mr. Wilbanks regarding the election.

9th Grade Speaker Series - Huge Success!



GSMST hosted the first 9th Grade Speaker Series this year this past Friday. Thank you to all of our speakers. If you are professionally involved in a STEM field and interested in speaking at any future Series events, please email Ms. Kerri Napoleon at kerri_napoleon@gwinnett.k12.ga.us for more information!

Way to go Orchestra!



Congratulations to the following students on making it through to the second round auditions for the Georgia Music Educators All-State Orchestra. Brian Cabigon, Jesse Chen, Judy Chong, Josh Chough, Sabrina Edwards-Swart, Samantha Huang, Aska Hughes, Albert Kim, Christopher Kim, YuJin Kwak, Catherine Lee, David Liu, Lydia Nam, Alexander Sanabria, Juhee Shin, Ryan Tang, Dohyuk Yang, Dongjoo Yu, and Joseph Zhang. These orchestra students worked very hard to represent GSMST well among other players across our District and will audition with players from across the state to determine All-State Orchestra participation in January. Way to go orchestra!

Congratulations Model UN

Model UN students attended the Georgia Tech conference on

October 12th and 13th. Jacob Ward won Outstanding Delegate for his committee International Maritime Organization (IMO). Our delegates worked very hard to prepare for this conference and we would like to give a general congrats to all our delegates who went to the conference. Way to go students and Ms. Fowler!



From PTSA...

The Hospitality Committee would like the GSMST parents to contribute time and donate bags of candy to distribute to all of our students at lunch on Friday, October 30th. Parents and students; please drop off all items to the front office or attendance office. Deadline to send in the donations is Wednesday, October 28th. We appreciate your support. click [here](#)

NHS Tutoring available

The National Honor Society is providing tutoring opportunities for all grade levels. 9th grade: For all subjects will begin this week. If you are struggling in LA, Chem, Phys/Eng, or Math, you can come after school and receive help from NHS and Beta members.

What do you need to do to be able to come?

You must sign up every week you wish to attend a help session before that Wednesday at 4:00 PM. The help session will take place in Ms. Minton's room on Thursdays starting this week on 9/18/15 from 3:00 - 4:00.

You must leave after tutoring is over; you must arrange rides and leave campus at 4:00 PM. click [here](#) to register

10th/11th/12th grade: click [here](#) to register

GSMST School Store

Visit the store [here](#) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email laura_ridderhof@gwinnett.k12.ga.us and place your order with her today. The orders can be picked up in the front office once they've arrived.



GSMST Study Abroad Opportunities

Chinese: China Trip 2016 check out Ms. Houg's website for more details. [GSMST STUDY ABROAD CHINA 2016](#)



GSMST Parking Permits

The student parking cost for the 2015-2016 school year is \$45.00. All students who want to park on campus must return the form below to the Attendance Office along with the following three items:

1. \$45.00 - cash or check (payable to GSMST)
2. A copy of your current proof of insurance.
3. A copy of your driver's license.

[Parking Permit Form](#)

Before school and after school supervision, please provide transportation.



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.

GSMST Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Visit balfour.com to buy your yearbook today!
- Mondays are reserved for teacher professional development. Students are to leave campus by 3:00 p.m.
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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