



**GSMST Newsletter    October 24, 2016**



**Mark Your Calendars**

- October 24-28, 2016: Spirit Week
- October 28, 2016: Class vs Class Basketball Game
- October 29, 2016: Fall Dance
- November 8, 2016: Election Day - Student/Staff Holiday
- November 21-25, 2016: Thanksgiving Break

**Student Council sponsors: Spirit Week**

This week is Spirit Week: America Monday, Twin Tuesday, Character Day Wednesday, Neon Thursday, and Class t-shirt day on Friday. Student Council is selling class color shirts for this day. Visit [stuco.gsmst.org](http://stuco.gsmst.org) to purchase tickets and shirts today!



**Science Olympiad Competes**

GSMST Science Olympiad Team placed 2nd at the first invitational Science Olympiad tournament of the 2017 School Year at The Rockdale Magnet School of Science and Technology over the weekend. Congratulations to all students who participated.



**Reflections Winners**

Congratulations to our GSMST Reflections 1st Place Winners! These students will represent the school in the County Competition.

Music Composition: 9th grade Nitya Jella and 12th grade Satya Jella

Dance: 11th grade Trinity Hoffman and 12th grade David Bae

Photography: 9th grade Emily Mandujano, 10th grade Trent Johnson, and 12th grade Clarisse Matyczky



Literature: 9th grade Emily Mandujano, 11th grade Mohona Mandal, and 12th grade Nathaly Mandujano

Film: 11th grade Justice Bigot and 12th grade Clarisse Matyczuk

Visual Arts: 10th grade Yetunde Oluwadare, 11th grade Yujin Kwak, and 12th grade Allison Chan

## **Generation Nano: Small Science, Superheroes!**



The National Science Foundation and the National Nanotechnology Initiative are excited to continue Generation Nano: Small Science, Superheroes! This competition asks high school students to choose a societal area to focus on and then design nanotechnology-enabled gear for an original superhero. Students submit a short, written entry, as well as a short video and comic strip, that illustrates their superhero in action using nanotechnology. Winners will receive cash prizes. More information [here](#).

## **Check out....#gsmstreads**

#gsmstreads is now in full swing! You can read for fun, and earn a free lunch! To be eligible, you must read and write reviews for 5 books on the SRC website.



## **A note from PTSA...**

Parents are invited to join PTSA in casual and informative conversation on ways to share, help, laugh, listen, learn and support students and parents at GSMST. Get involved in PTSA. Learn about Community Resources & More. First meeting will be held tomorrow from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria. Meetings will be held every 4TH Tuesday. For more information click [here](#) or to RSVP please contact: Karen Foote, PTSA VP Outreach - drkfoote@gmail.com.



Please donate a bag of 100/ 200 count of individually wrapped candy to the meeting. We are in need of candy bags for the Halloween candy distribution to our students on Monday, Oct 31st during both lunch times. We still need help during distribution and encourage you to sign up [here](#):

## **Morning and Afternoon Car Safety Guidelines**

Parents, please take a moment to review the guidelines we have in place for the safety of our students as well as our faculty members for morning and afternoon dismissal. Click [here](#). Thank you.



## **From our Counselors**

We know how important it is for students to have internet access when they are away from school. Many students rely on free WiFi from libraries, restaurants, and other public spaces. Low-income families may also qualify for discounted rates on home internet service from AT&T and Comcast. You can visit the following links to learn more and to apply.



AT&T Access [Program](#) (based on qualification for SNAP benefits)  
Comcast Internet [Essentials](#) (based on Free/Reduced school lunch benefits)

## Study Abroad Information



[During Spring Break of 2017](#), Ms. Vega will be leading a school trip to Ecuador for a week study abroad! We will travel to several cities in Ecuador with a knowledgeable guide. This is a great opportunity to learn about culture, history and to practice Spanish! All students are invited; you do not have to be in Spanish course to go. Click [here](#) to learn more information. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vega at [jamie\\_vega@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:jamie_vega@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

[During Summer of 2017](#), Mr. Burse will be leading a school trip to Germany for a nine-day study abroad! We will travel to Berlin, Dresden, Prague and Munich with a knowledgeable guide. This is a great opportunity to personally discover German culture, history, music and modern art, and to practice your German! All students are invited; you do not have to be currently enrolled in a German course. Click [here](#) to learn more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Burse at [carlos.burse@gsmst.org](mailto:carlos.burse@gsmst.org) or [Carlos\\_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Carlos_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

## School Spirit!

Visit the GSMST School Store [here](#) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email [laura\\_ridderhof@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto: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.



## 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

- NO cost for breakfast for all students!
- Spirit Week this week: October 24-28.
- Purchase your yearbook today at [Balfour.com](http://Balfour.com)
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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