



GSMST Newsletter October 31, 2016



Mark Your Calendars

November 8, 2016: Election Day - Student/Staff Holiday

November 21-25, 2016: Thanksgiving Break

RoboDragons headed for State tournament

On Saturday, all six GSMST RoboDragons VEX teams competed at the Collins Hill state qualifying tournament as part of the thirty-four team event. After the opening qualification rounds, five teams progressed into the championship rounds. Both Team 675C and Team 675D made it to semi-final competitions. Team 675C progressed to the finals, and their Alliance team won the tournament Championship.



Congratulations to VEX team 675C, Bilin Joseph Team Leader, and Salome Birhanu Assistant Team Leader. With this win, Team 675C qualifies for the Georgia Championship Tournament. Way to go Teams!

GSMST hosting a book fair this weekend!

GSMST will be hosting a book fair at the Snellville Barnes and Noble this Saturday! Anything purchased at the store - from coffee to games- gives us credit to buy more books! All you need to do is show a copy of the [voucher](#) when you check out. Now is the perfect time to get your AP Test Prep book or SAT guide!



Fine Arts Awards and Recognitions

Sidney Oh was recognized as one of only 6 students in the world to make a perfect score on her AP Portfolio.
Chorus has 6 students who were accepted to the District 13 Honor Chorus for November 4th and 5th.



Governors Honors second round: Sean Yang and Joseph Zhang - orchestra
Sarah Pritchard - visual arts and Eric Pan - oboe
27 Orchestra students passed the first round All-State Audition
J.J. Choi made the second round audition for All-State Jazz Band. He had the
2nd highest score of any auditioner on all instruments in the county/district.

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 Matyczyk

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

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

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](#).

A note from PTSA...



Calling parent volunteers to help with GSMST's International
Night. The volunteer information meeting is held on November
9th at 7:00 p.m. We are meeting at GSMST in the lower lecture hall.
The International Night has seven regions namely, North America, Latin America,
Caribbean, Europe(Includes Russia), Africa, South Asia(Middle Eastern
countries, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.), East Asia(China, Korea,
Japan, Philippines, etc.)
Volunteers will assist one region and coordinate with students of that region.
More detailed information is presented in the meeting on November 9th.
Please bring your enthusiasm for this marquee event! If you have questions,
email us at gsmst.ptsa@gmail.com.

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)

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.



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.



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 or Carlos_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

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!
- Purchase your yearbook today at Balfour.com

- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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