



GSMST Newsletter December 5, 2016



Mark Your Calendars

December 5-9, 2016: JFE Presentation Showcase Week

December 6, 2016: Holiday Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

December 8, 2016: Awards Night @ 7:00 p.m.

December 19-21, 2016: Early Release @ 12:15

December 22, 2016 - January 4, 2017: Winter Break



State Superintendent of Schools, Richard Woods visits GSMST today honoring GSMST as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Students Anna Qian and Madison Greer, Principal Bray, State Superintendent Woods, Mike Royal, GaBOE official, students Jacob Ward, and Kyle Patel.

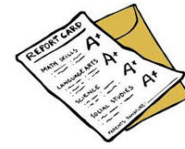
JFE Presentations

This week during Guided Study is Summer & Fall 2016 JFE Showcase Week. All 09th and 10th graders will be presiding as an audience through their Guided Study class for 11th grade JFE presentations from the summer and fall cohorts. If 9th or 10th graders are in a



mixed-level guided study class, their teacher will tell them to which classroom they need to report for presentations.

Final Exams



Final Exams are approaching:

12-15: 0 period exam

12-16: 0 period exam, 1st period exam (8:00-10:00 a.m.)

12-19: 2nd period exam (8-10), 3rd period exam (10:15-12:15)

12-20: 4th period exam (8-10), 5th period exam (10:15-12:15)

12-21: 6th period exam (8-10), 7th period exam (10:15-12:15)

December 19-21 are Early Release Days. Students are released at 12:15. There will be no lunches served and no afternoon buses.

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.

A note from PTSA...



There will be no coffee and conversation meeting in November and December 2016. We will resume meeting monthly in January 2017. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 @ 7:30 am. Please contact: Karen Foote, PTSA Vice President @ drkfoote@gmail.com for additional information on Coffee & Conversation.

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

- Early Release 12/19-12/21: No lunch or afternoon buses. Please plan to pick up your child at 12:15.
- 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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