



GSMST Newsletter February 13, 2017



Mark Your Calendars

- February 17, 2017: 9th grade Speaker Series
- February 20, 2017: President's Day - Student Holiday
- March 3, 2017: GSMST 5K after school
- March 4, 2017: Spring Dance
- March 25, 2017: PROM (more information to come)

World Quest wins Tennessee competition

Congratulations to the World Quest team on winning the Tennessee World Quest competition. The team is made up of Sebastian Williams, Theodora Abah, Sahana Shridhar, and Nondi Walters. The World Quest will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C. Congrats, World Quest!



GSMST 5k is coming. Register today!

GSMST 5k is upon us! It will be held on March 3rd after school but signups are available now! It is \$10 to participate, and your signup fee includes a t-shirt! Sign-ups are available either outside of Mrs. Presten's room or on MyPaymentsPlus.com. This event is a great time to be active and have fun with your friends so come on out!



International Night preview

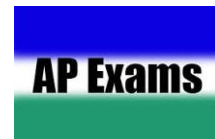
If you missed the biggest event of the year, [here](#) is a preview of what you missed. Make sure to mark your calendars for next years International Night!



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.



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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