



GSMST Newsletter

February 23, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

February 25-26, 2015: eCLASS Days

February 27, 2015: Student/Teacher Basketball Game after school

February 28, 2015: Student Council Winter Dance; cafeteria 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

March 13, 2015: Inclement weather make up day

March 27, 2015: Relay for Life 5K after school

March 27, 2015: Talent Show; cafeteria @ 6:30 p.m.

Georgia Parent Survey

The [Georgia Parent Survey](#) can be completed using personal computers, smartphones or iPADS. For parents that do not have access to the Internet, please come to GSMST to complete the Georgia Parent Survey at school. All parents are encouraged to participate in the Georgia Parent Survey because the data will be used to calculate the School Climate Star Rating. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis.



Orchestra receives straight SUPERIOR!

Congratulations to all the GSMST orchestras for receiving straight superior ratings from all judges at the G.M.E.A. Large Group Performance Evaluation this past Thursday and Saturday. A superior rating is the best possible rating. Way to go orchestra!

GSMST Student Council recognized at conference



This past weekend GSMST's Student Council attended the Georgia Association of Student Council's 74th Annual Convention at Rock Eagle. GSMST was elected to the 2015-2016 GASC Executive Board as Journal School with Jennie Nguyen and John You to serve as our representatives alongside faculty advisors Mrs. Robbins and Ms. D'Antonio. With 41 councils in attendance from all over the state of Georgia, GSMST was recognized for the following awards.

- Runner-Up Most Outstanding Faculty & Staff Appreciation Project
Custodial Appreciation Luncheon & Program
- Runner-Up Most Outstanding Student Recognition Project
InfiniTEAM
- Winner Most Outstanding School Spirit & Pride Project
Class-on-Class Basketball Tournament
- Winner Most Outstanding Community Service Project_Outreach
Covered With Care

GSMST Winter Dance this weekend

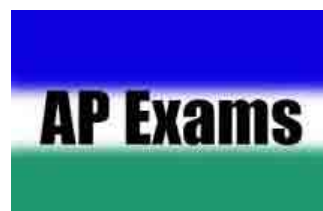
Come join us for Student Council's winter dance!! The dance will take place from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale Tuesday and Friday in the cafeteria for \$8. Students may also purchase tickets at the door the night of the dance for \$10.

Attention 10th Graders

The first round of summer 2015 JFE internship opportunities has been posted in eclass. Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities! Deadlines are quickly approaching for some fun, local opportunities and some really unique, academic experiences with our university partners. Contact Ms. D'Antonio if you have any questions.

AP Exam registration

Students must pre-register to participate in AP exams. All students pay a \$10 non-refundable registration fee. For students enrolled in an AP course, GCPS pays for the first exam. The cost of each additional exam is \$91. GCPS pays for all exams for students who are currently a recipient of



free/reduced lunches. There is a \$15 return fee per exam for any registered exam a student does not take. Students NOT currently enrolled in the Gwinnett County Public Schools AP Course must pay \$91.00 per exam (including students with free/reduced lunches). You may charge these fees at [My Payment Plus](#).

GSMST Relay for Life events Student/Teacher Basketball Game & 2nd annual 5K run



Relay for Life will be hosting the Teachers vs. Students basketball game after school this Friday, February 27th. Admission tickets to attend this exciting event are being sold during both lunches.

GSMST is holding its 2nd annual 5K on Friday, March 27th after school. Registration is now open on My Payments Plus. Please see Mrs. Waters's calendar [page](#) for a link to register as well as additional information about the 5K. Come improve your fitness, enjoy being outside with your friends and get a T-shirt when you finish the 5K! Your participation will also help GSMST's Relay for Life team reach it's \$10,000 goal!

Soccer Intramurals is coming

Students interested in playing soccer need to have a physical on file and passing all classes before playing. See the attendance office for more information. Soccer intramurals will begin Friday, March 6th after school from 3:15-5:00.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

GSMST is holding a free tax service called the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Anyone who makes \$53,00 or less a year may be eligible for this free tax filing service! To make an appointment, please visit [VITA](#).



GSMST Study Abroad Opportunities

Spanish: The itinerary for GSMST's 2015 Study Abroad trip has recently changed! Our trip will now include MORE Spanish history, art, and language as it will highlight Spain's capital city, Madrid and the former capital, Toledo. Today, Toledo is considered by many to be the most medieval city of Europe. Check out our trip website to register and find out more information [GSMST STUDY ABROAD BARCELONA/PARIS 2015](#)



German: Students can also participate in a June 2015 trip to Germany. There is

still time to sign up. Our trip is called Prussia, Bohemia, Bavaria. [GSMST STUDY ABROAD GERMANY 2015](#). There is also the opportunity to stay with a German family and attend a German high school for two weeks in addition to the nine-day tour.

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

Tutoring Opportunities

NHS and Beta Club

National Honor Society and Beta Club provide tutoring to all GSMST students for a wide variety of subjects. If you would like help, go to the GSMST eCLASS homepage and sign up on the document available. A tutor will contact you to set up when and where to meet. Tutoring can be done around your schedule, but Ms. Covin's and Mr. Hersch's rooms will be available most days after school for a quiet place to tutor if needed.

GSMST Final Exam Exemption Policy

Honor Graduates (cumulative GPA of 90.0 as of January 2015) are eligible to exempt the exam in any class period with 3 or fewer absences (no matter the grade.) Other seniors are eligible to exempt the exam in any class period in which they have 90.0 average (after 10 points added to AP classes) as of 5/1/15 and they have 3 or fewer absences. Click [here](#) to review the document.

GSMST Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- The inclement weather day taken on February 17th will be made up on the next allocated date Friday, March 13th.
- Soccer Intramurals begins Friday, March 6th.
- Purchase your yearbook today at balfour.com.
- Monday's 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.