



GSMST Newsletter February 27, 2017



#### Mark Your Calendars

March 3, 2017: GSMST 5K after school

March 4, 2017: Spring Dance

March 25, 2017: PROM (more information to come)

### GSMST NAHS wins BIG at Columbus State



The GSMST NAHS were at Columbus State University this weekend to take part in the All State Art Symposium, The State Art Throwdown, and the National Art Honor Society Conference. On Friday we received several awards:

- 1st place figure sketch - Feifei Gao
- 2nd place figure drawing - Feifei Gao
- 2nd place graphic design - Angi Huynh
- 3rd place plein air painting - Allison Chan
- 3rd place portrait drawing - Mohonna Mandal
- 4th place collaborative painting - Jonathan Gomez, Sarah Pritchard, Cheyenne Trauger, and Allison Chan

On Saturday GSMST took the top NAHS honor for the second year in a row with Allison Chan winning the prestigious Helen Flemming Stone Scholarship.

### GSMST Student Council attends conference



This past weekend 16 student council members attended the annual Georgia Association of Councils' conference at Rock Eagle, GA. With over 60 middle and high schools participating from all over the state, GSMST students immersed themselves in two days of leadership development and student council focus. GSMST brought back several awards for the events that Student Council sponsored this past school year. These included:

2017 Council of Excellence Award

1st place for Outstanding Citizenship/Patriotism Project - Mock Presidential Election/Debate

1st place for Outstanding Website - GSMST Student Council Website

1st place for Outstanding Community Service - Candy Cane Grams (Relay for Life donation)

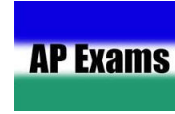
Award for being the 2017 Executive Board Journal School for the GASC (Georgia Association of Student Councils)

### GSMST Science Bowl competes

Congratulations to the GSMST Science Bowl team. On Saturday the team traveled to Savannah to face the best teams from Georgia and South Carolina at the Southeast Regional Tournament. The GSMST team was undefeated going into to the finals, and came away with second place. Team members included: Vaishu Merugu, Karthik Yadavalli, Joseph Zhang, Jason Fan, and Albert Kim.



## AP exam registration



GSMST AP EXAM REGISTRATION: February 15 - March 9.  
All students must pay a \$10 registration fee, which covers the cost of the 1st AP exam.

- \$93 for every exam after the 1st exam.
- Students can pay with cash, check, or credit card.
- Pay by credit card at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- All money/paperwork comes to the Attendance Office (even if you pay with credit card, we need a copy of the receipt).
- Gwinnett County pays for all AP exams of students with Free/Reduced lunch. Students can still apply for free/reduced status at: <http://gwinnett.school lunchapp.com>.
- Students must be currently enrolled in a GCPS AP course to be allowed to register for the exam.
- Students not currently passing the course must get teacher approval to take the exam.
- There is a \$15 return fee per exam for any registered exam a student does not take.
- Registration deadline: March 9, 2017.

## A note from PTSA...



Calling all parents, grandparents and guardians to nominate a volunteer to the open positions in the 2017-2018 PTSA Board. Secretary, Treasurer and three Vice Presidents positions are open. For more information, click [here](#).

## 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!



## Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful contest for High School Students

T-shirt design contest for Gwinnett County high school students.  
Deadline: March 26, 2017

One chosen design will be printed on volunteer T-shirts for the upcoming event, "Great Gwinnett Wetlands." This contest is sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, in partnership with Gwinnett County Water Resources. The event promotes awareness of the wetlands that funnel into our streams, rivers, and lakes. The winner will receive \$100 and a free shirt with their design! See attached flyer for complete contest rules. Actual event date is April 29, 2017 from 9:00-1:00. For more details and to volunteer click [here](#).



## 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!



## 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!



## 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.



## 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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