



GSMST Newsletter February 6, 2017



Mark Your Calendars

February 10, 2017: Student/Staff Holiday

February 20, 2017: President's Day - Student Holiday



International Night was a HUGE evening!

PTSA would like to extend a huge thanks to all the volunteers for all your hard work and dedication to a wonderful evening. Fun and excitement was had by everyone!

Model UN competes at UGA conference

Congratulations to the Model UN delegates who participated in the UGA conference this past weekend in Athens. All delegates did a great job representing the policies and positions of their respective country. With over 500 high school students in attendance, GSMST walked away with a number of honorable awards. These included:



General Assembly 3 Committee:

Outstanding position paper for the country of Norway
Madison Greer and Francine Kibwana

General Assembly 4 Committee:

Outstanding position paper for the USA
Dawei Gao and Alice Szymkiewicz

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Committee:

Distinguished Delegates Award for South Africa
Arnav Jain and Ammar Panjwani

Outstanding Delegates Award for USA

Ram and Isabella
Crisis Committee- KGB
Distinguished Delegate Award
Judson Baker
Crisis Committee- Dr. Who's Entourage
Outstanding Position Paper
Frank Hu

Art Award

Congratulations to Noelle No for having a submitted piece selected as a District Finalist for All-State. Way to go Noelle!



Science & Engineering Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following GSMST students who placed in the GSMST Science and Engineering Fair. Click [here](#) for a complete listing.



Congratulations Robodragons 675A

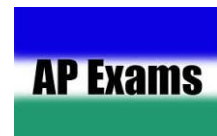
Congratulations to the RoboDragons 675A VEX robotics team competed at the North Forsyth High School Tournament. They won the Design award for the tournament. By winning that award they qualified for registration to the Georgia State VEX tournament to be held March 4th at Ola High School. Congratulations to all team members of RoboDragons 675A.



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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