



GSMST Newsletter

February 9, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

February 9, 2015: AP Exam Registration available MyPaymentsPlus

February 16, 2015: President's Day; Student Holiday

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

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.



Model UN wins big in Athens!

In the General Assembly 1st Committee on Disarmament and International Security, partners Angela Jiang and Rida Shams placed 1st out of 44 member states, and were awarded the Outstanding Delegate award for representing the People's Republic of China.



In the General Assembly 3rd Committee on Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Affairs, partners Nikita Deng and Simran Rajput placed 1st out of 44 member states, and were also awarded the Outstanding Delegate award for representing the People's Republic of China.

As a result of the combined team efforts of all the delegates representing China at UGA this weekend, GSMST was awarded the Best Overall Large Delegation Award, placing 1st out of all the other schools. Please congratulate the hard work of our Model UN team and their efforts at the UGA Model UN conference.

Young Georgia Authors' Writing Competition

GSMST's grade level winners include: ninth grade - Evonie Harris; eleventh grade - Noor Hillou; twelfth grade - Devin Le. Congratulations to these talented writers and good luck competing at the county level.

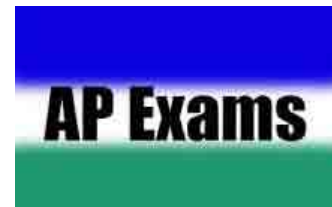
World Quest Winners

GSMST had eight students (two teams) participate in the Metro-Atlanta World Quest Competition this past Saturday. Team A--made up of Naren Dikkala, Kdsan Habtemariam, Theodora Abah, and Mariam Akbar--came in 3rd place. Team B--Vibhor Khanna, Khadar Harour, Aditya Santoki, and Sebastian Williams--came in 1st place. The first place team will now compete at the national competition in D.C. (all expenses paid). Way to go students!

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](#).



Gwinnett Student Leadership Team (GSLT) Interested Sophomores

Any sophomore interested in applying to be a part of the GSLT can download an application from the Guidance Counseling home page. Applicants should possess outstanding leadership and communication skills and must be prepared to serve as a member of our team for two years. More information can be found with the application on the GSMST website. Applications are due to the Counseling Office by Wednesday, February 11th.



PhysEng students work with Mason Elementary

The 5th grade students from Mason Elementary visited GSMST today. Students were able to see a project based learning class in action. Mason students helped build furniture, finish up circuitry, and test insulation for electric houses in our 9th grade PhysEng classes. The 5th graders also visited our robotics team where they were able to drive some of our robots.



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](#)

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 on Friday, February 27th. The deadline to register your team is Friday, February 20th. Admission tickets to attend this exciting event will be sold during both lunches beginning February 13th.



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!

FREE Movie Screening

Sugarloaf Mills AMC Theater invites GSMST students to have a preview screening of "The Duff."
Click [here](#) to sign up and reserve your tickets today.
Tickets are on a first come first serve basis.
Enter Code: GSMST



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:

- Pi's Supplies is selling carnations through Wednesday of this week during both lunches.
- Running Club begins this Thursday after school. You must have a physical on file to participate.
- Talent Show auditions will be February 18th and 19th in Ms. Prince's room in the West Wing.
- 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.

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