



GSMST Newsletter

March 14, 2016



Mark Your Calendars

March 18, 2016: Faculty vs Student Basketball Game

March 25, 2016: 9th Grade Speaker Series

March 25, 2016: Talent Show

April 1, 2016: Student/Teacher Holiday

April 4-8, 2016: Spring Break

April 16, 2016: PROM

GSMST Orchestra wins at Disney!

Congratulations to the GSMST Honor Orchestra for receiving a superior rating, being named Best in Class for Double-A school orchestras, and taking 2nd place OVERALL in the entire Orchestra Division at the Festival Disney Competition in Orlando this past weekend. The orchestra represented GSMST extremely well competing against schools from all across the country, coming in only 1 point behind a Four-A school from Houston, TX. Great job orchestra!



Brian Ball named 2015-2016 Youth of the Year for the State of Georgia

Brian Ball of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta was recently named the 2015/2016 Youth of the Year for Georgia. Competing with more than 25 teens from Boys & Girls Clubs across the state, Brian was chosen for his strong leadership and unwavering efforts to make a difference in his school, Club, and community. The prestigious Youth of the Year award is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's highest honor, recognizing teens from Clubs across the country who are working hard,



investing in themselves, and demonstrating leadership. Click [here](#) for the complete article. Way to go Brian. We are so proud of you!

GSMST 5K in April



The GSMST 5k will be "run" (or walked!) on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. \$5 for students, \$10 for adults. Your entry fee gets you a super, amazing, fantastic t-shirt that you can wear for years to come! Overall male and female prizes for both students and adults will be awarded. All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life.

Robotics News

The FRC team 3318 performed at the Columbus, Georgia State qualifier competition over the weekend. 40 teams competed, and after 80 alliance qualification rounds on Friday and Saturday team 3318 ranked 16th. The team was chosen to compete in the championship rounds. As a part of the 5th seed alliance, team 3318 was unfortunately eliminated in the quarterfinals round. Team 3318 will continue its season this weekend at the Dalton State qualifier. We wish them success as they attempt to gain a spot in the Georgia state FRC championship tournament.

Attention: Important Senior Information



The last day to pay senior dues is Thursday, March 31st. The cost is currently \$150 but will increase to \$170 after 3/31. You may pay online at www.gabalfour.com. Graduation will be held at the Infinite Energy Center. The date and time for graduation will be announced by the middle of March and posted online. Seniors will receive instructions for ordering graduation tickets by the end of April. Graduation yard signs can be ordered from Dr. Lockert; an order form is posted on the senior class web page. Check the senior web page regularly for important information and updates. Contact Steve Kuninsky, the senior class sponsor with questions - steve_kuninsky@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

AP Exam Registration: Deadline is March 15th



All students must pay a \$10 registration fee, which covers the cost of the 1st AP exam.

- \$92 for every exam after the 1st exam.
- Students can pay with cash, check, or credit card.
- Pay by credit card at www.mypaymentsplus.com
- All money/paperwork comes to the Attendance Office (even if they pay with credit card, we need a copy of the receipt).

- GCPS pays for all AP exams of students with Free/Reduced lunch as long as they are currently taking the AP class (students' registration forms will be marked if they are on Free/Reduced status). Students can still apply for free/reduced status. Applications are available in the Attendance Office.
- **Registration deadline: March 15**

From GSMST's Partnership Program

Are you involved with any non-denominational, non-profit organization that would benefit from youth volunteer efforts? We would love any contact information you might have to invite organizations to a Community Outreach_Service Learning Event which will be held the morning of GSMST's 10th Grade Job Shadow Day. See the eflyer [here](#). Contact Ms. D'Antonio for more information
Nicole_DAntonio@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

GSMST's VITA program

GSMST's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is an IRS-sponsored initiative offering free tax return preparation services to any GSMST families making \$54,000 or less. This is a beneficial opportunity to receive tax refunds without having to pay for tax-filing services. The site will be open every Saturday from March 19th to April 16th from 9 AM - 1 PM at Hebron Baptist Church, with no appointment necessary. Please visit our website at tinyurl.com/VITAGSMST or email us at vita.gsmst@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Attention Seniors: Final Exam Exemption

2nd Semester Exam Exemption Information for Seniors click [here](#)

GSMST School Store

Visit the store [here](#) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email laura_ridderhof@gwinnett.k12.ga.us and place your order with her today. The orders can be picked up in the front office once they've arrived.



Before school and after school supervision, please provide transportation.

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.

GSMST Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Blood Drive March 22nd 2:00-6:00 p.m. Please donate!
- Tomorrow is the last day to pay for AP Exams.
- Student Parking: the cost to park for the remainder of the year is \$15
- April 16th is PROM at 550 Trackside
- Visit balfour.com to buy your yearbook today!
- Mondays 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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