



GSMST Newsletter

March 2, 2015



### Mark Your Calendars

March 5, 2015: Curriculum Night see information below

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.



## Curriculum Night this Thursday

6:30 p.m.

9th grade students and parents - cafeteria; Dr. Funk will be discussing AP information

11th grade students and parents - Main Level Lecture Hall; Mrs. Scheid will be discussing college application process

7:00 p.m.

9th grade students and parents - cafeteria for Curriculum Night

10th grade students and parents - SRC for Curriculum Night

11th grade students and parents - Main Level Lecture Hall for Curriculum Night

Seniors do not need to report.

## Science Olympiad WINS!

GSMST's Science Olympiad Team won FIRST place and qualified for the State Tournament to be held March 21st at Emory University. Of the 92 medals awarded to teams in 23 different events, 30 were awarded to GSMST's three competing Science Olympiad teams. Almost 3/4 of GSMST's competitors returned after a grueling 14 hour day with at least one medal. The team would like to thank the members who pitched in to cover events when other team members were forced to withdraw from competition because of the weather or other school-related activities.

## VEX Robotics State Tournament Results: Another State Championship Team for GSMST



On Saturday three GSMST RoboDragons VEX Robotics teams (675 Bravo, 675 Delta, and 675 Echo) competed alongside sixty-three other teams at the 2015 State Championship tournament at Ola High School.

After the qualification rounds team 675D was selected for the tournament championship rounds. Team 675E had an undefeated qualifier record and ranked 5th in scoring. They led the number three seed alliance team into the championship rounds.

Unfortunately team 675D was eliminated in the quarter-finals. But, team 675E triumphed through the quarter-finals and semi-finals to compete in the tournament final match.

In a tie-breaking third match the team 675E alliance was out scored by the tournament winning alliance. Congratulations to team 675E for winning the State Tournament Runner-up award. With this win they qualify for the World VEX Robotics tournament in Louisville, Kentucky in April.

But, the awards for this team did not end with match play. The tournament judging interviews, presentations, and match play earned 675E the highest award of the State Tournament. Team 675E won the State Excellence Award. This award recognizes overall team excellence in design, engineering documentation, presentation, and community service promoting STEM education.

The RoboDragons robotics club and coaches would like to congratulate team leader Richie Adams, assistant team leader Manik Dutta and members of the 675E team on this fantastic accomplishment.

## Georgia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Athens, GA

Last week GSMST had 3 students present their science research at the symposium in Athens, GA. All 3 were selected to be 1 of 12 finalists. They presented their research again to all the judges and the students did a superb job. The three students are Lucy Wang(junior), Ram Akella(sophomore), and Se Rin "Julie" Kim(senior). Julie Kim was awarded 7th overall and is an alternate for the national symposium. Congratulations students!



## Gwinnett Regional Science and Engineering Fair Results

GSMST sent 30 students with 18 projects. 5 projects and 6 students will be advancing to the State Fair.

The 1st place winners are:

Julie Kim

Jeffrey Yang

Simran Modi

Satya Jella

Ryan Han / Aditya Santoki

The following students earned 2nd place:

Keval Bollavaram / Rizaan Kamruddin / Hussain Charania

Ram Akella

Zaki Hafeez / Vaishvik Patel / Ryan Tang

Devneet Singh

The following students earned 3rd place:

Amy Jasani / Vaishnvi Merugu

Ivy Yoo

Special Awards from Intel for Excellence in Computer Science went to

Ryan Han / Aditya Santoki

Satya Jella

Ram Akella won the Scana Energy Prize

**\*SATYA JELLA EARNED A DIRECT SPOT AT THE INTEL INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR TO BE HELD IN PITTSBURGH, PA IN MAY.** Congratulations to ALL students!

Science Bowl Team finishes 3rd in the state!

Congratulations to the GSMST Science Bowl team which journeyed to Savannah

for Georgia Regional Tournament this past weekend. GSMST was ranked first after the round-robin portion of the tournament, but lost in the championship playoff and finished with third in the state. Way to go students we are very proud!

## National German Winners

Thousands of students all over the United States take this exam every year. 46 GSMST students in 2nd and 3rd year German took the 2015 exam, seventeen of those won the Gold Award, placing in the 90th to 99th percentile for the entire state of Georgia. Students winning the Gold Award can apply to win a free study trip to Germany. Fourteen students won the Silver Award for placing in the 80th to 89th percentile, and eight students received the Bronze award for the 70th to the 79th percentile. Six students received recognition for achievement in the 54%-69% percentiles. Gold and silver award winners will be honored at the Atlanta Goethe Institute/German Cultural center in early May. We are very proud of our students!

## Congratulations National Spanish Honor Society Students

GSMST's National Spanish Honor Society students attended the Conference this past weekend. Our students won the Jeopardy competition and walked away with a great experience from attending the conference!



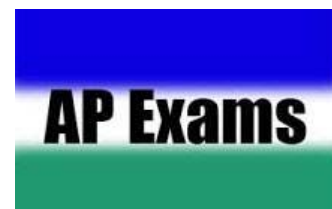
## Attention 10th Graders

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.
- Club pictures will be Thursday, March 5th.
- Soccer Intramurals begins Friday, March 6th.
- Purchase your yearbook today at [balfour.com](http://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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