



GSMST Newsletter

March 28, 2016



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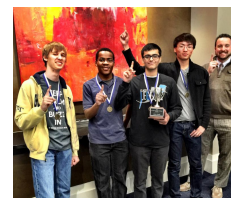
April 1, 2016: Student/Teacher Holiday

April 4-8, 2016: Spring Break

April 16, 2016: PROM

Georgia Economics Challenge competition

On Monday, March 21, 2016 four students of GSMST attended the Georgia Economics Challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and competed with a total of 15 teams. Our team had superb ratings in the academic rounds of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and International Trade - receiving the highest scores in two out of the three areas. In the quiz bowl, which is the decisive round between first and second place, the team was able to conquer Chattahoochee High School. The GSMST team will move on to the National Semi-Finals which will be held on April 26, 2016.



Please congratulate the four team members - Timothy Giesecking, Jonathan Jeffrey, Alhad Daftardar, and Thienkhanh Nguyen - to their accomplishments and wish them luck on their future endeavors. Special CUDOS go to Jonathon Jeffrey who was recognized by the Georgia Council for the highest individual score in the Adam Smith division which is tailored for students in AP and IB programs. Way to go students!

American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad winners!

The U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad is a multi-tiered competition designed to stimulate and promote high achievement in high school chemistry. More than 900 students in the greater Atlanta area representing 30 local high schools completed the 2016 local exam.

13 high school students in the Georgia Section have been chosen to participate in the national exam on Saturday April 23 based on their scores on the qualifying exam that students completed two weeks ago.

Jonathan Jeffrey and Timothy Giesecking have are two of these 13 students moving on to the next level -- a laboratory practical and written exam at Kennesaw State University on Saturday, April 23rd.

No more than 2 students can qualify from any area high school. So it is significant that Satya Jella and Alhad Daftardar were qualified as alternates if neither Jonathan nor Timothy could participate.

In the six years that GSMST has been participating in this competition, two students have qualified each year for this elite group of 13, but this is the first year that two other students have achieved a high ranking that would automatically qualify them as alternates for our school's two candidates.

Scholars Bowl Competes

On March 12th, GSMST's Scholars Bowl team competed at Kennesaw Mountain High School's Tournament and won 3rd place. The team also competed at the GATA Varsity State competition on March 19th, placing 2nd in the preliminaries and winning the 3rd place trophy overall. Congratulations to team members Alhad Daftardar, Sebastian Williams, Jacob Hales, Vaishnavi Merugu, Praful Gade, Apurva Routhu, Abhinav Routhu, David Stewart, and Martin Still!

The Scholar's Bowl placed 3rd at the GATA state tournament hosted at Flowery Branch this past weekend. The team included Alhad Daftar, Praful Gade, Jacob Hales, Sebastian Williams, David Stewart, Abhinav Routhi, Apurva Routhi, and Martin Still. Great job guys!

Winners from the Talent Competition

The GSMST Talent Competition was held Friday night. Congratulations to the winners and all students who participated:

People's Choice: Trinity Hoffman and Alex Park

Third Place: Clarisse Matczyk

Second Place: Henry Nguyen

First Place: Marion Cassim



Model UN places over the weekend

Model UN had an outstanding performance this past weekend at the Kennesaw

State University Model UN conference. Students discussed, debated, and made motions for resolutions throughout the two day conference. The club brought home six awards. These awards included:

Maria Olifer- outstanding delegate representing Brazil

Eyosias Gebremeskel- honorable mention delegate representing Brazil

Bilin Joseph- outstanding delegate representing Brazil

Jacob Ward-honorable mention delgate representing Iraq

Dhaivat Mehta- outstanding delegate representing Mexico

Ram Akella- outstanding delegate representing Mexico

Spring College Fair

Students and Parents are invited to the Spring College Fair on April 26th at 3:00 p.m. Visit with college representatives from 3:00 - 4:45 p.m. then stay for a special presentation from Stephanie Espy, expert in the application process for highly competitive colleges. She will speak from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Colleges represented include Georgia Tech, UGA, Florida State, Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, and more! All students are invited to attend. We hope to see you on April 26th!

Lost and Found items

Missing any jackets or lunch boxes or notebooks?

"Lost & Found" items are located on tables in the lower lobby. Please check those tables this week. Any items left after Thursday will be donated to charity. See the Attendance Office for any lost electronics or jewelry.

Internship Opportunities

Applications for the AME Internship Program are due this Thursday, March 31st by 3:00pm. This program offers students who are interested in Mechanical Engineering the opportunity to partake in project-based college courses while fulfilling the requirements of our JFE and SCE programs at GSMST.

This program is part of a national project initiated by the National Science Foundation through the STEM Guitar Program. As part of this program, students will get to build their own guitar while learning advanced STEM concepts and earning Move On When Ready College Credit. To watch a short video about the benefits of learning STEM concepts through this type of program, click [here](#). For more information about this national initiative and the Guitar Builder program, click [here](#).

If students opt to complete the full program (2-year sequence), they will leave GSMST having earned an Associate's Degree through Athens Technical College. In addition, through partnership between ATC and Kennesaw State University, students will also receive automatic acceptance into Kennesaw State University to continue their studies at that institution. Although many students may apply to other colleges also, this automatic acceptance provides a

guaranteed backup acceptance while students continue to pursue college options.

For the information packet specific to GSMST's AME Internship Program, including application, click [here](#).

Attention 10th Grade Students

Make sure that students are checking their gsmst accounts for emails regarding JFE! Round 2 of summer opportunities has been posted that includes a NEW, more exclusive summer program with CISCO. Students need to be checking eclass for details and email Ms. D'Antonio at Nicole_DAntonio@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

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 on Wednesday, May 25th at 5:00 p.m. 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.



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.



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

- April 1, 2016: Student/Staff Holiday
- 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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