



GSMST Newsletter

March 9, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

March 13, 2015: Inclement weather make up school day

March 13, 2015: AP exam money due; see below for more information

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.



GSMST Debate Team Competes at Marist High School

The best debaters in the state of Georgia gathered this past weekend at Marist High School for the state championships. In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, sophomore Jacob Ward made it to the octofinals placing him in the top sixteen in the entire state. Also in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, senior Nikita Deng made it to the championship round where she lost a very close contest to bring home the 2nd place trophy for the entire state of Georgia! Congratulations to Jacob and Nikita

and to all debaters for their successes throughout the year.

Seniors: Area II PTSA Scholarships

Area II is proud to present eight (8) \$750.00 Scholarships to deserving high school seniors who have successfully met or exceeded the State of Georgia graduation requirements, and plan to attend an accredited two or four year college or university. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students who have successfully completed high school and are interested in furthering their education in a college or university to prepare themselves for careers of their choice with the goal of having these individuals maintain their support and commitment to the advancement of education. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. Only students in Parent Teacher and Student Associations (PTSA) within Area II are eligible to apply. The Eight Area II Cluster High Schools are: Collins Hill, Duluth, Mountain View, Norcross, North Gwinnett, Peachtree Ridge, Lanier, and Gwinnett School of Math, Science, and Technology. The Deadline for Submission is March 14th! Please check out the detailed information on how to submit your application. Click here: [scholarship](#)

LitMag hosting a FREE movie!

This Friday, March 13th the GSMST Literary Magazine will be hosting a FREE movie night. The movie is MegaMind. Concessions will be available for purchase. The movie night will begin after school at 3:15 in the cafeteria. Come out and support LitMag and hang with your friends!

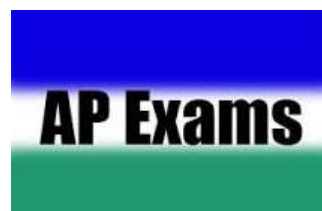


Rising Juniors and Seniors: Emory University internship

If you are interested in interning with Emory University Department of Chemistry, please RSVP to Ms. D'Antonio for an information session on March 26th during Guided Study; please RSVP no later than March 19th at 3:00 p.m. Students will be asked to bring their resume and letter of intent to the meeting. Limited positions are available. Only students with high achievement in Chemistry and strong interests in research should apply. Transportation is not provided. You will need to provide your own transportation to the Emory University campus.

AP Exam registration: due this Friday!

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](#).

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.

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 Relay for Life 2nd annual 5K run

GSMST is holding its 2nd annual 5K on Friday, March 27th after school. Registration is now closed, but plan to come out and support the 5K participants.



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.
- AP exam money due this Friday
- Seniors - Your final community service hour logs are due to the counseling office by this Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
- 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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