



GSMST Newsletter

April 20, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

April 22, 2015: Pixar Guest Speaker during 6th period

April 30, 2015: Spring JFE Symposium @ 6:30 p.m.

May 2, 2015: GSMST Prom; see below for details

May 5, 2015: Band and Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

May 12, 2015: Honors Night @ 7:00 p.m.

May 20, 2015: Last day of school for GSMST students

May 21, 2015: Class of 2015 Graduation @ 5:00 p.m.

GSMST Class of 2015 Graduation

GSMST graduation will be held May 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Gwinnett Center Exhibit Hall A/B. Seniors, please check the Senior information page found on the gsmst.org website for important upcoming events and reminders. The last day to request graduation tickets is this Wednesday. Please click [here](#) to secure your graduation tickets.



GSMST Prom: "Bright Lights, Big City" May 2, 2015

PROM 2015

The Junior Class Officers formally invite junior and senior class members to the GSMST PROM 2015: Bright Lights, Big City. Prom will be held in the Blue Room at the Environmental & Heritage Center on Saturday, May 2, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale during lunches for

the next two weeks for \$50. In order to purchase a ticket, students must not owe any school fines (i.e. example cafeteria, printing, SRC). We're so excited about an amazing evening of dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and formal fun! SO, be sure to get your tickets asap! click [here](#) for a PROM promo announcement

Pixar animator coming to GSMST

Wednesday, April 22nd at 1:30 in the cafeteria, GSMST welcomes Fran Kalal, an Ohio State University graduate who works for Pixar as a Cloth and Simulation Technical Director. Disney is putting together a college marketing tour for the film "Inside Out," and we're the only high school stop in the entire country. She's worked on such films as Up, Brave and the new Pixar feature, "Inside Out," scheduled to be released this June. Click [here](#) for a preview of her presentation.



VEX Robotics Team competes in Louisville

GSMST Robotics Team finished off the competition season by competing this past weekend at the VEX Robotics World Championship in Louisville, KY. There were 450 teams from all over the world competing for the title. Our team, 675E led by Richie Adams, competed hard to earn a 16th place spot at the end of 3 days of qualifier matches. With a record of 7-3, they were selected as a team alliance to compete in the quarterfinals. Their alliance did really well but was ultimately defeated. Team members that represented GSMST at Worlds were Richie Adams, Devneet Singh, Sandy Aguilera, Manik Dutta, and Nick Kindle. These students did a great job all year long and their hard work was evident.



Sean wins Outstanding Performance Recitalist Award!

Congratulations to Sean Yang who participated in the Music Teachers National Association Conference Competition this past weekend. He competed against 13 students from across the state performing 2 pieces and won the Outstanding Performance Conference Recitalist Award. Way to go Sean!

National Chinese Language Conference participants visit GSMST

GSMST was proud to host 2 groups on Thursday, April 16th from the National Chinese Language Conference held in downtown Atlanta this past weekend. The participants observed Dr. Houg's Chinese classes as well as tour the facility.



Attention Seniors: GSMST PTSA Scholarships due today

This year, the GSMST PTSA is proud to offer four (4) \$500.00 scholarships to its seniors! Please print and completely fill out the scholarship [application](#). Applicants MUST be a PTSA member in order to apply. If you are not a member, you can still join the PTSA. The membership fee is \$10.00. All components of the application are due in the PTSA drop box located in the attendance office by 3:30 PM on Monday, April 20th, 2015. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015.

GSMST receives donation

Thank you to the Society for Marketing Professional Services, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia, and the Atlanta Post of the Society of American Military Engineers for their kind donation to GSMST! The donation was presented on Wednesday, April 15th, during a Client Roundtable Program at the Dunwoody Country Club.



Great Gwinnett Wetlands Event: Saturday, April 25th - Celebrate Earth Week

If you would like to earn service hours and help our environment in celebration of Earth Day, please click [here](#) to sign-up.

When: Saturday April 25th, 2015

What: Great Gwinnett Wetlands Event -to celebrate Earth Week!

Time: 9:00-am-1:00 pm

Location: Bromolow Creek/Wetlands Area at Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's facility, Duluth, GA

Volunteers will pick-up litter, remove invasive plants, and other activities that protect the health of Bromolow Creek and Wetland!



Progress Reports

Progress reports were sent home this past Friday, April 17, 2015. Please check the parent portal for your students grades.



Purchase your yearbook today!

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook at balfour.com.

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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 Study Abroad Opportunities

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 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.

Internship Intel: New Partnership

Kids4Coding will be hosting JFE interns this summer. For more information about k-8 summer tech and coding camps and to see how this company is helping create the next generation of innovators, visit Kids4Coding.com.



Lost and Found Items

Many winter coats/misc items have been left at school. Please have your

students look at the table in the lower lobby, near the Attendance Office. All unclaimed items will be given to a charity at the end of April.

GSMST Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Last day of school for GSMST students is May 20th.
- April 17th Progress Reports were sent home: parents please check parent portal for updates on grades.
- 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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