



GSMST Newsletter

April 27, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

- 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.



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

GSMST places at State Math Tournament

Macon, GA - A team of four students from the Gwinnett School of Math, Science, and Technology (GSMST) in Lawrenceville won second place in the 39th annual state mathematics tournament on Saturday, April 25, in



Macon. The team placed second over all other teams in all classifications. Team members Albert Kim, Jason Fan, Josh Brunner, and Timothy Giesecking, were coached by GSMST mathematics teacher Robin Miles. Way to go students!

GSMST students are TOP qualifiers in the Chemistry Olympiad National Exam

Chemistry 2015
Olympiad

The Georgia Local Section (GLS) of the American Chemical Society administers the Chemistry Olympiad exam every spring. This year, thirteen students from throughout the Atlanta area earned qualifying scores to take the National Exam. Only two students from each school can qualify to take this test. This year, both Mitesh Bhalani and Josh Brunner were qualifiers from GSMST. Although only two students from each school can qualify to take the National Test, the GLS is recognizing the top 50 students in the local Chemistry Olympiad competition this year. Congratulations to thirteen of those fifty students from GSMST: Mitesh Bhalani, Josh Brunner, Samuel Zinga, Grayson Noah, Aaron Wubshet, Alice Shen, Julie Kim, Vibhor Khanna, Damon Griffin, Hitesh Honkanadavar, Mindy Huynh, Quinton Tran, Nazeef Vasaya. Congratulations students!

Fran Kalal: Pixar Animator speaks to GSMST students

On Wednesday, April 22nd, GSMST welcomed Fran Kalal, an Ohio State University graduate who works for Pixar as a Cloth and Simulation Technical Director. She spoke to 300 students about a college marketing tour for the Disney's film "Inside Out." GSMST was the only high school stop in the entire country. Ms. Kalal has 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.



Junior Fellowship Experience Spring 2015 Symposium

The 2015 spring semester JFE Symposium is this Thursday, April 30th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We cordially invite you to the evening showcase of this semester's eleventh grade internship experiences.

GSMST AP Art on display

The GSMST AP Art Show is in the gallery space behind the Counseling office. Six AP art students will have their Concentration Series on display through May 8th. Stop by today!



Laptop Pickup Schedule

Rising 10th grade students will be asked to turn in their laptops and ac power supply on Thursday, May 14th (Time TBD)

Rising 11th grade students will be asked to turn in their laptops and ac power supply on Thursday, May 14th (Time TBD)

Rising 12th grade students will be asked to turn in their laptops and ac power supply on Thursday, May 14th (Time TBD)

Graduating Seniors will be asked to turn in their laptops and ac power supply on Tuesday, May 12th (After Senior Breakfast)

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. Houng'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.

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**. May 18th, 19th, and 20th are Early Release days. No lunch or afternoon buses. Please make arrangements.
- 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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