

# GSMST Newsletter

## GSMST Newsletter: September 15, 2014



**Congratulations**  
**2014-2015**  
**Teacher of the Year**  
**Kristin Roberts**



**Internship Intel**  
Thank you for being a summer  
2014 internship partner!



**Congratulations**  
**James and John!**

**97 Academic**  
**Letter Winners**  
Congratulations to the 10th,

### Mark Your Calendars

September 24-25, 2014: eCLASS Days - all day  
September 24, 2014: Juniors - GA Writing Test 8:00-10:30 a.m.  
September 26, 2014: Progress Reports  
October 1, 2014: Blood Drive; 2:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Main Lecture Hall  
October 2, 2014: National Beta Club induction ceremony

### September 24-25: eCLASS Days

We announced at Open House (8/28) that GSMST students would complete two "online only" school days this semester using the eCLASS portal. These days are September 24th (W) and 25th (Th) and they are the "early release" days for grades K-8. Veteran GSMST families know that afternoon buses have not been available on these days in the past making afternoon dismissal very cluttered which minimized the margin for student safety. On these two upcoming days, students will not attend campus at all as they will have the flexibility to work online using their school issued laptop and connecting to class through their eCLASS portal. Students must access each class and complete their assigned work, but they need not do that at the exact time of their class period. Student attendance will be taken by each teacher for both days and it will be based on participation and eCLASS access. In addition, teachers will be available to help students, the details of which will be published in the next two weeks. The one exception to this "online only" plan involves juniors (11th grade students) who will need to attend on the morning of September 24th for the Georgia High School Writing Test (see details below).

### September 24th: ALL Juniors - GA Writing Test

All juniors will need to be at GSMST on Wednesday, September 24 from 8-10:30 a.m. to take the Georgia High School Writing Test. Students are required to pass this test as part of their graduation requirements. Students need to bring a pencil and a blue or black pen. Buses will run that morning, but please make arrangements for your 11th grader to leave campus at 10:30 a.m.

11th, and 12th grade students who earned Academic letters.

Letters are given to students who earn a 95.0 or greater GPA for the previous school year. The students will receive a letter of recognition for his/her first year and will receive a pin for each subsequent year of recognition. Click [here](#) for a complete listing of winners. Way to go students! We are very proud of your accomplishments!



### Parents and Students

access important school information through the portal by selecting eCLASS.



### Enjoy playing sports?

GSMST Intramurals  
Thursday right after school.  
Physical forms must be on file in order to participate.

### Tech Triage Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:00 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.  
Monday - Friday  
12:00 - 12:25  
Tuesday - Friday  
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### NAHS Applications

The National Art Honor Society is now accepting applications. All prospective 2014-2015 members must turn in an application to Ms. Prince by Tuesday, September 23rd. There are separate applications of new members and previous members. Click [here](#) to download the application.

### Mondays Reserved

Mondays are reserved for teacher professional development days. Students are to leave campus at 3:00. Thank you!

### Environmental Facts

The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000

## Congratulations Orchestra

Congratulations to Catherine Lee, David Liu, Kevin Shelton, Sean Yang, and DJ Yu for their selection to participate in the Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra. This Atlanta area honor orchestra is comprised of many of the best student musicians in the State and has performed on NPR's "From the Top" and at Lincoln Center in New York. Way to go orchestra students!

## Reflections: "The world would be a better place if..."

It's Reflections time again and the theme is "The world would be a better place if..." Reflections is a national competition. The categories are Dance, Film/Video, Musical Composition, Literature, Photography and Visual Arts. All entries must be turned in to the Main Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29th, 2014. Forms can be obtained by emailing [reflections@gsmsst.com](mailto:reflections@gsmsst.com) or from the front office. Rules can be found at [tinyurl.com/gsmstreflections](http://tinyurl.com/gsmstreflections).

## Parents of Seniors

The Fall Senior Breakfast will be held on October 15, and we need your help. If you would like to help by donating food or supplies, or volunteering your time during the event, please [fill out this form](#). If you have any questions, contact Mr. Kuninsky.

## National Beta Club ceremony

GSMST's chapter of National Beta Club will hold its fall induction ceremony on Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Qualifying juniors and seniors have already received invitations and information about dues. Please plan on attending the ceremony and let Ms. Covin know if you will not be able to attend.

## 2014-2015 Study Abroad to Barcelona and Paris

Come take part in this unique experience as we explore the soccer stadium and the impressive art of Gaudi that defines Barcelona. In France, join us as we take cooking lessons, soak in the beauty of medieval towns, and finally experience modern, exuberant Paris. For more information, please visit Senorita Roberts' [calendar](#) and click on the link for GSMST Study Abroad Barcelona/Paris 2015. You can also email [kristin\\_roberts@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:kristin_roberts@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) for any questions.

## VERY Important: students being dropped off

For parents choosing to provide their own transportation, students must be dropped off in the back of the West Wing building. Students can be dropped off beginning at 6:45 a.m. Dropping students off in the front of school, at Maxwell HS or across the street from GSMST is NOT ALLOWED! Parents, please help as we are trying to keep our students safe!

## Mock Election at GSMST

GSMST will hold a mock election during the guided study period on Monday, November 3rd. Students must register to vote in order to participate in the actual election. Registration will be conducted during both lunches as well as in Mr. Cafarella's classroom during seventh period. In addition, there will also be opportunities to register before school. Students will need some form of identification in order to register to vote. Three offices will be contested: Georgia State

homes for 20 years!



GCPS school calendar for the 2014-2015 school [year](#).

### Yearbooks on Sale!

Yearbooks can be purchased at [balfour.com](http://balfour.com). Don't delay and purchase yours today!

School's Superintendent; Georgia State Governor; and one of Georgia's seats in the United States Senate. In addition to simulating the registration and voting process, students will be exposed to the positions of each of the candidates so that they can make informed voter decisions. This effort is sponsored by the GSMST social studies department and is spearheaded by Tony Cafarella and Seth Hersch.

### 4th Annual GSMST Student Leadership Summit

On Saturday, September 20th, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Student Council and GSLT will be hosting the 4th Annual GSMST Student Leadership Summit. Registration forms can be picked up in the counseling office and are due Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Our aim is to tap into and develop the leadership potential of our students and to foster inter-organization rapport. The day will include an inspirational address from a guest speaker, activities, and workshop sessions which address: Overcoming Adversity \*Persona, Not Position \*Interpersonal Communication Skills \*Transformational and Servant Leadership \*Culture, Climate, and Club Community. Click [here](#) to see a video of our past leadership summit.

### Internship Intel

Within 1 year of hire, nearly 86% of those that have taken part in an internship at the hiring organization are still on the job, compared to 81% of those who didn't do an internship.

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