

# GSMST Newsletter

## GSMST Newsletter: September 29, 2014



### Internship Intel

Thank you to the Gwinnett Humane Society for hosting 11th grade JFE students this semester.



**Parents and Students** access important school information through the portal by selecting eCLASS.



### Fall 2014 Parent Perception Survey

The Parent Perception Survey is now available to parents thru September 24th - December 12th on the Parent Portal. Please take this opportunity to complete the survey for GSMST. Thank you.

### Mark Your Calendars

October 1, 2014: Blood Drive; 2:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Main Lecture Hall  
October 2, 2014: National Beta Club induction ceremony  
October 15, 2014: PSAT - information below  
October 17, 2014: Class vs Class Basketball Tournament

### Congratulations Debate Team!

At this past weekend's Chatahoochee Debate Tournament, the following students received awards:

In Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Shobhit Srivastava and Nathan Cherukuri were named quarter-finalists and Nikita Deng was a semi-finalist. Competing in their very first debate tournament against schools from three states, the Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debaters swept the top four positions: Frank Hu and Satya Jella were semi-finalists.

Aly Asani won 2nd place, and Shruthi Santhanam was crowned champion! Way to go students!

### German exchange program: HUGE success!

Nine students and their teacher, Mr. Jürgen Januszewski, from the Wilhelm-Ostwald-Gymnasium have been here at GSMST for the past two weeks as part of our exchange program, which began with emails and video conferences last year. In addition to attending various classes at GSMST, they have visited Atlanta, including the Coca-Cola Museum and the Martin Luther King Center. On the weekends, they have toured much of Georgia with their host families and have experienced a Southern style barbecue complete with S'mores around the fire. The WOG students have stayed with nine different GSMST students, many of whom will travel to Leipzig in June, 2015 for a return two week-visit and a tour of Berlin, Munich and Prague. It has been a great exchange, and we will miss seeing "our Germans" every day! (If you are interested in going on the trip too, contact Frau Ingrid Crook, room 5.064 for information)

### Congratulations Samuel Zinga

Samuel Zinga was a recipient of the Boxtroll Innovator Award from Laika Entertainment and Allied Integrated Marketing. He was presented the award last week during his lunch. Way to go Samuel!



## 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.

## Environmental Facts

The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years!



German students meet with Mr. Bray!



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



## Class vs Class Basketball Tournament

The class v class basketball tournament will be on October 17th and order forms for your class t-shirt are now available on eclass home page. White shirts are \$15 with an additional \$1.00 to dye.

## Yearbooks on Sale!

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

## Mondays Reserved

Mondays are reserved for teacher professional

## 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. today. Forms can be obtained by emailing [reflectionsgsmst@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionsgsmst@gmail.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.

## PSAT: October 15th

All GSMST 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15 during 1st - 3rd periods. Students received an Official PSAT Informational Guide, with practice test included. Please encourage your child to look through this booklet before the test. Students will receive their results and valuable feedback in December.

## 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.

## 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 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

development days. Students  
are to leave campus at 3:00.  
Thank you!

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.

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