



GSMST Newsletter

October 29, 2018



Mark Your Calendars

October 29-November 2: Spirit Week (more information below)

October 31: 12-week Progress Reports in Advisement

November 2: Class vs. Class Basketball Tournament

November 3: Fall Dance

November 6: Student/Teacher Holiday

November 7: Summer 2019 Switzerland & Germany Trip Meeting (details below)

November 19-23: Thanksgiving Break

Congratulations to Science Olympiad!

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GSMST's Science Olympiad Team recently competed in two invitational tournaments: the Forsyth Central High School Tournament and the UGA

Invitational, team trophies were awarded. GSMST Team A placed 3rd in the tournament with the best performance from a participating Gwinnett County High School.

Congratulations to the following students who received medals:

Forsyth Central Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament		
Student	Medal 1	Medal 2
Anne W.	1st - Fossils	2nd - Write It / Do It
Cynthia L.	1st - Fossils	2nd - Write It / Do It
Joseph Z.	3rd - Herpetology	
Arya P.	3rd - Herpetology	
Jun Ho Y.	2nd - Protein Modeling	
Emily X.	2nd - Protein Modeling	
UGA Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament		
Anne W.	2nd - Write It / Do It	
Cynthia L.	2nd - Write It / Do It	
Joseph Z.	1st - Sounds of Music	
Leo W.	1st - Sounds of Music	
Nicholas C.	2nd - Anatomy & Physiology	
Juan-Pablo A.	2nd - Anatomy & Physiology	2nd - Geologic Mapping
Jennifer O.	2nd - Geologic Mapping	
Emily W.	2nd - Forensic Science	
Minkhoi M.	2nd - Forensic Science	

This Week is Spirit Week!

- **Baby Boomers v. Millennials Monday:** Have you ever wanted to be a 90's kid? Here's your chance! Dress up as your favorite generation to kick off Spirit Week.
- **Twin Tuesday:** Pair up with one (or more) of your friends and confuse everyone with matching outfits.
- **Character Day Wednesday:** It's Halloween! Dress up in your favorite school appropriate costume.
- **Tacky Tourist Thursday:** Whether it be with Hawaiian shirts, fanny packs, or sandals with socks, do your best to be the tackiest tourist of them all.
- **Class Pride Friday:** Dress up according to your class colors to support your team during the Class v. Class Basketball Tournament. Freshmen wear white, sophomores wear gray, juniors wear blue, and seniors wear black.



Parent Perception Survey Now Available in Portal

The Parent Perception Survey is currently available to take via the [GCPS Parent Portal](#). We also have computers available in our counseling office where this can be completed.



Thank you, GSMST parents, for submitting your responses to this important survey.

Discovering STEM in Switzerland and Germany GSMST's Summer Trip 2019

Interested in traveling to Switzerland and Germany?

Consider [GSMST's Summer Trip 2019](#) , where we'll visit one of Europe's most eco-friendly cities, experience precision German engineering firsthand with tours of the BMW factory and Siemens Forum, and ascend Mount Pilatus on the world's steepest railway. For more information, [contact Mr. Burse](#) and/or [click here](#).



Students and parents are invited to an informational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th at 5:30 PM in Sra. Santana's room, 5.056. Please [RSVP to Herr Burse](#) no later than Monday, November 5th.

Attendance Office Reminders

This is a reminder that students must check in and out of school in the Attendance Office on the ground floor. Parents are not required to accompany students when checking in, but should send a note stating the reason why the student is checking in late. Parents are asked to come to the Attendance Office when checking a student out, and the process does require the presentation of acceptable picture identification (e.g. driver's license).



Due to the bus and car traffic at the end of the school day, students will not be permitted to check-out after 2:40 PM. Please plan accordingly.

Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know that you can earn money for the GSMST PTSA just by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card? All you need to do is [sign in to your Kroger Plus account](#) and link your card to The Gwinnett School of Mathematics under the Community Rewards tab. You can search for GSMST using the code FD422.



Publix Partner Program

GSMST is enrolled in the Publix Partners program. You can earn money for our school just by shopping for groceries. Once you create an account at [Publix.com](#), you can select Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Tech as your Publix Partner. All you need to do at checkout is enter your phone number.



Infinity Cafe

[Click here](#) for free and reduced lunch information. You can find what is on our menus [here](#). For information on the GCPS charge policy, please [click here](#).



School Spirit!

Visit the [GSMST School Store](http://store.gsmst.org) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email [Laura Ridderhof](mailto:laura_ridderhof@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) and place your order with her today. The orders can be picked up in the front office once they've arrived.



School Safety Improvements

In addition to the new sidewalk at the front of our school and modified car-rider procedures in the back of our school ([click here for additional information](#)), please see two more safety improvements that are in effect as of October 15:



1) Visitor Management System -- the exterior doors to GSMST are now regularly locked during normal school hours. Visitors, including parents dropping off items or checking out students, must "buzz in" at the front (right) door or the back (Attendance Office | right) door of the building.

2) After-School Expectations -- students who remain on campus after the normal car-rider, car-driver, and school bus dismissals will notice a new 3:15 PM bell ring each day. This bell is the signal to all students on campus that after-school supervision is required. The SRC is open and staffed until 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. In addition, many extra-curricular groups, teams, and activities meet on a pre-determined schedule. All students who remain on campus for meetings, practice, tutoring, service projects, or academic study, must be under the direct supervision of a staff member. We have several benches outside the back of the school for individual students who are awaiting a ride. However, as we approach the cool of winter, families will need to coordinate pick-ups to coincide with the end of specific supervised activities. As always, students are free to leave campus in the afternoon and walk to a convenient establishment off campus for pick-up there as well.

GSMST Important Reminders

- [GSMST Bell Schedule](#)
- There is NO cost for breakfast for all students!
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.
- [GCPS and GSMST Student/Parent Handbooks](#)

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