



GSMST Newsletter

January 14, 2019



Mark Your Calendars

January 16: Ga Tech Music Technology Degree Info. Meeting (details below)

January 21: MLK Jr. Holiday

January 24: Dual Enrollment Info. Meeting (more info. below)

February 2: International Night

February 15: Student/Teacher Holiday

February 18: Student Holiday

February 20, 21: GSMST Cyber Days (GCPS K-8 Early Release)

February 28: Curriculum Night at 7:00 PM

Spring 2019 Testing Dates are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

Congratulations, JFE Service-Learning Program!

Congratulations to GSMST's JFE Service-Learning program for being awarded a grant from Learning to Give of the Council of Michigan Foundations. The spring Service-Learning cohort will be using funds to deliver a GSMSTutu Capers 2 event this semester! Details will follow closer to this event date.



Georgia Tech Music Technology Degree Informational Meeting

Music Technology is an ever-changing and rapidly expanding field. The Georgia Institute of Technology offers Bachelor, Masters, and even PHD degrees in Music Technology that develop musicians in the technologies necessary to meet the demands of the industry. With specializations including acoustics and vibration, controls and robotics, electrical and computer engineering, computer science, industrial design, and business and technology, the Georgia Tech Music Technology degree program is uniquely designed for students who are passionate about music and the technologies behind it.

Want to learn more? Please attend our informational session open to teachers,

students, and parents on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 beginning at 7:00 PM at GSMST in the Main Level Lecture Hall. If you are unable to attend in person, this meeting will be also available via Facebook Live through the GSMST Music Program's page.

For more information, please contact [Laurie Duke](#).



Dual Enrollment Information Meeting

Students and Parents interested in participating in Dual Enrollment are invited to attend. A representative from Gwinnett Tech will be present to share information. Participants will learn about Dual Enrollment options and the application process. Information will be made available through the GSMST Counseling eCLASS Page for those unable to attend.



We will meet on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 PM in the Main Level Lecture Hall.

Silent Auction for International Night

Donations Needed

Many items will be up for bid in our silent auction. Do you have a service to auction or would you like to donate an item? If you have a business and would like to donate items or services that would be appropriate for a silent auction, please complete and submit this [form](#) at your earliest convenience. Gift Baskets with a theme will also be accepted.



All items will need to be received by Tuesday, January 29th, 2019.

GSMST PTSA Leadership

GSMST PTSA is preparing for next year's leadership. If you would like to be a parent leader in the GSMST PTSA, please [email us](#). You must be a GSMST PTSA member. If you would like to become a member, you can sign up on [My Payments Plus](#).



2018-19 Georgia Parent Survey

GSMST Parents, We humbly ask you to take a few minutes and complete [this survey from the Georgia Department of Education](#).



Thank you in advance for your valuable input.

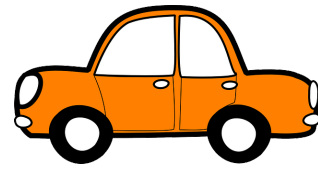
Drivers Ed Course Now Offered at GSMST

Cost: \$345

This course consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction followed by 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction.

Classes meet from 3:15-6:15 PM at GSMST on the following dates:

- Feb 26-March 1 (Tu-F)
- March 5-7 (Tu-Th)
- March 12-14 (Tu-Th)



We will also offer the Drivers Ed Course again June 3-7 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have learner's permit.
- Must attend all 30 hours of class.

You can use a credit card on [My Payments Plus](#) or pay cash/check to Ms. Hawkins. Complete and submit [this DE Contract](#) with payment. Please contact [Hope Hawkins](#) with any questions.

Junior Fellowship Experience

Attention 10th Grade Students and Parents

[Here](#) is preliminary information regarding GSMST's Junior Fellowship Experience. You will find brief information regarding JFE options and mandatory attendance dates for those interested in a summer internship. Please plan on attending the JFE Information Session on Curriculum Night on February 28th and be advised that Ms. D'Antonio is presently working with the current juniors through that time.



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](#).



Yearbooks on Sale!

Yearbooks are now on sale at [balfour.com](#). Tribute ads for seniors only are also available for purchase. There is limited space for senior ads, so reserve your space soon at [balfour.com](#). Buy yours today!



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](#).



GCPS Inclement Weather Procedures

Please [click here](#) for the district's procedures for inclement weather and school cancellations. GSMST will communicate with our students and families as well

through announcements on our website, Facebook page, and in eCLASS.



GSMST Spirit Wear!

Visit the [GSMST School Store](#) today and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. online.

Orders can be picked up in the front office once they've arrived.



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.



GSMST Exam Exemption Policy

Attention Seniors and Families of Seniors

- Honor Graduates (90.0 GPA as of January 2019) are eligible to exempt the exam in any class with 4 or fewer absences - no matter the grade. (We will send out the Honor Grad list as soon as we get it, which will probably be the end of next week.)
- Other seniors are eligible to exempt the exam in any class in which they have a 90.0 average (after 10 points added to AP classes) as of 5/10/18 and they have 4 or fewer absences in that class period.
- ALL absences count (including religious reasons, illnesses, car accidents, college visits, funerals, etc...) except those marked as School Activity (ACT).
- Absences are accumulated in each class period separately.
- Tardies do not count towards absences.
- Seniors who have ISS or OSS during 2nd semester are not eligible to exempt.
- Exam Exemption does NOT apply to performance exams, SPG, and DA's.



Planning Ahead: Spring 2019 Testing Dates



March

March 7-15.....Mid-term Exams

March 12.....Gateway Field Test for US History (11th g.)

March 25 & 26..Gateway Science test and World History test (10th g.)

April

April 23 & 24...GA Milestones ELA (9th g.)

April 25 & 26...GA Milestones ELA (11th g.)

April 30.....GA Milestones Alg I (some 9th g.)

May

May 7 & 8.....GA Milestones Biology (10th g.)

May 9.....GA Milestones US Hist (11th g.)

May 6-17.....AP Testing (Registration forms to be sent home before registration begins on Feb. 11th.)

May 10-22.....GCPS DA/SPG Post-tests

May 20-22.....Final Exams

For a list of this spring's AP Exam schedule, [please click here](#).

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