



**GSMST Newsletter**

**January 22, 2019**



### **Mark Your Calendars**

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

February 2: International Night (additional details below)

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.*

### **Congrats, VEX Robotics Teams!**

This past weekend, the GSMST's VEX Robotics Club hosted a robotics tournament. Team 675 Delta won First Place in the Competition event. They are the 5th GSMST team to win an invitation to the VEX Georgia State Finals. The freshmen team, Team 675 Gamma, won the prestigious DESIGN award.



### **2018 PSAT Score Reports Have Arrived!**

9th-11th Graders received their PSAT Score Reports and original test booklets last Wednesday during advisement. We encourage you to look at this very informative report with your student!

Students can view/download their PSAT score report [here](#). A student account with the College Board is required if one has not already been created. The score report shows the Total Score, a breakdown of subscores and cross sections, and a listing of all problems. Students can see which problems they missed, the level of difficulty, and an explanation of how to get the correct answer. Students should look at their percentiles to see how they performed compared with other test takers in their grade level.

The VIEW DETAILS button on the report shows students in which areas they need

to strengthen their skills to be ready for college. If students don't see their scores after logging in, they should click the "Add Scores" button and provide the Access Code from the front cover of their PSAT Score Report. Make sure the year of administration is set at 2018. If students still cannot access their 2018 scores, they need to contact the College Board at 866-433-7728 or [psathelp@info.collegeboard.org](mailto:psathelp@info.collegeboard.org).

[Click here for a short video about Understanding your PSAT Score Report.](#)

### GSMST PSAT Average Scores

<u>PSAT Grade</u>	<u>2018 GSMST Mean Total</u>	<u>GCPS Mean Score</u>	<u>GSMST Mean ERW</u>	<u>GSMST Mean Math</u>
<u>9th</u>	<u>1170</u>	<u>1060</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>597</u>
<u>10th</u>	<u>1246</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>631</u>
<u>11th</u>	<u>1315</u>	<u>1061</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>663</u>

The max PSAT score is 1520 with a 760 max score for Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score (ERW) and a 760 max Math score.

### Dual Enrollment Information Meeting

Thursday, 1/24 at 7:00 PM, Main Level Lecture Hall

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.



### Intramurals Start Back This Week!

Students are invited to participate in open gym on Tuesdays, volleyball on Wednesdays, and basketball on Thursdays. **Please remember that students must have a physical on file in order to participate.**



### International Night is Coming Soon

Saturday, February 2, 3-7:00 PM



### Donations Needed for Silent Auction

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.

### Food and Parent Volunteers Needed

[Please click here](#) for food and parent volunteer sign up. Food is organized into regions. Each region has a tab underneath the title. If you click on the tab, you will be

see the sign up for that region. If you are accessing the link from a mobile device, use the scroll tab at the top of the page to find the region and after selecting the region, press go.

There are also parent volunteer needs for set up, serving, and clean up in each region. It is a fun event to get involved in! Please volunteer or donate.

### **Official IN Shirts Now Available!**

The official IN shirts are now available for sale! If you would like to purchase one, you can do so at [in.gsmst.org](http://in.gsmst.org). Payments for the shirt will be taken all this week during lunch. Swing buy and get the trendiest apparel of the season!

### **Yearbooks on Sale Through January 31st!**

Yearbooks are on sale at [balfour.com](http://balfour.com) through Thursday, January 31 at midnight. The order with the yearbook company will be placed on Friday, February 1. After February 2, yearbooks will be sold while supplies last.

Reserve your copy today!

The logo for Balfour, featuring the word "balfour" in a lowercase, bold, black sans-serif font.

### **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.

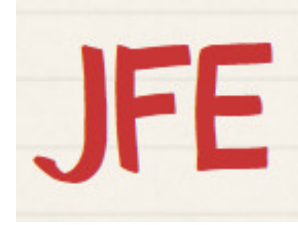
- Must attend all 30 hours of class.

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](#).



## 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** (11<sup>th</sup> g.)

March 25 & 26..**Gateway Science test and World History test** (10<sup>th</sup> g.)

### **April**

April 23 & 24....**GA Milestones ELA** (9<sup>th</sup> g.)

April 25 & 26....**GA Milestones ELA** (11<sup>th</sup> g.)

April 30.....**GA Milestones Alg I** (some 9<sup>th</sup> g.)

### **May**

May 7 & 8.....**GA Milestones Biology** (10<sup>th</sup> g.)

May 9.....**GA Milestones US Hist** (11<sup>th</sup> g.)

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

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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