



**GSMST Newsletter**

**January 28, 2019**



### **Mark Your Calendars**

- January 31: Science and Engineering Fair at GSMST (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.*

### **Way to Go, Science Bowl Team!**

Congratulations to our Science Bowl Team for taking 1st and 2nd place at the SubRegional Competition at UGA this past weekend. The team now advances to the Regional Competition! Participating students include Joseph Z., Julius T., Frank T., Eyosias G., Leo W., Chirayu S., Nihar S., Jun Ho Y., Nayel T., and Gautam D.



### **Science and Engineering Fair**

This Thursday!

Parents, please join us at GSMST from 7-7:30 PM this Thursday, January 31st to view submissions to our Science and Engineering Fair.



We hope you can join us!

### **International Night is THIS 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.

## Atlanta Tech Park's Tech Community Expo

GSMST students, staff, and families are invited to Atlanta Tech Park's Tech Community Expo happening during STEM night at the Georgia Swarm game at Infinite Energy Center in Duluth on Friday, Feb. 1.



Over 20 tech companies will showcase their innovative tech products and services in expo format during the Georgia Swarm game.

This is a great opportunity to not only learn about emerging technologies and the people who are behind them, but also to experience a lacrosse game for half-off the regular price.

Tickets can be purchased at [bit.ly/swarmthepark](http://bit.ly/swarmthepark) now.

## 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.

## 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.

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Reserve your copy today!

## 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](#).

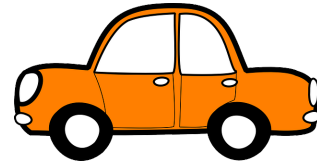
## Drivers Ed Course Now Offered at GSMST

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.



## 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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