



GSMST Newsletter

January 7, 2019



Mark Your Calendars

January 21: MLK Jr. Holiday

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

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.

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.

Please contact [Laurie Duke](#) for more information.



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.

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](#).

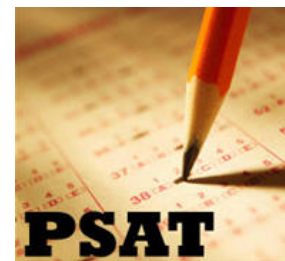
You must be a GSMST PTSA member. If you would like to become a member, you can sign up on [My Payments Plus](#).



Fall 2018 PSAT Scores Released!

9th - 11th graders are now be able to access their PSAT scores online, via the [College Board account](#) they created.

We will provide hard copies of the PSAT scores during Advisement on January 16 for students who are not able to access their scores.



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.

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](#).



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 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.



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.



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