

# GSMST Newsletter

## GSMST Newsletter: April 14, 2014



### **Congratulations Hyunjin Son STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST!**

Ms. Son was named one of 10 educators named as a 2015 Georgia Teacher of the Year Finalist, the Georgia Department of Education announced. Click this [link](#) for more information.

### **Student Council Elections**

All students interested in running for Student Council next year MUST attend one of the following election informational meetings this week in SRA Robbins; room: Tuesday 3:45-4:15, Wednesday 3:45-4:15 or Thursday 7:15-7:45.



**GSMST Graduation**

### **Mark Your Calendars**

April 29, 2014: JFE Symposium @ 6:30 p.m.  
May 1, 2014: Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 p.m.  
May 3, 2014: Prom - see GSMST website for more information  
May 5, 2014: AP Exams begin - schedule to follow  
May 13, 2014: Honors Night @ 7:00 p.m.  
May 16, 2014: Senior Movie Night

### **GSMST ranked most-challenging high school in GA**

GSMST was ranked No. 17 in the country, and the top school in Georgia on The Washington Post list. Click [here](#) for the complete article.

### **Congratulations Chinese Student Winners**

FLAG Chinese Spoken Language Contest participants all received a "superior" level award:  
Chinese I: Ju Kim and Sebastian Williams  
Chinese II: Aska Hughes  
Chinese III: Damon Griffin  
Chinese IV: Ryan Clark

### **Gwinnett Student Leadership Team (GSLT)**

Each year, the GSLT hosts a Leadership Summit for Gwinnett County students who are interested in gaining leadership skills and knowledge. This year, the Summit will be held on Thursday, May 29th at Peachtree Ridge HS. This day-long event will give attendees the opportunity to participate in presentations by many important leaders in Gwinnett County. GSMST students will also have time to meet as a group with school administrators to brainstorm ideas to improve our own school community and culture. There is a cost of \$50 to attend the summit - lunch and materials are included in this fee. If you are interested in attending this year's summit, please come to the counseling office for registration materials. Deadline to register is Monday, April 28th. All fees must be paid by this date.

### **Senior Graduation Speeches and Graduation Tickets**

May 22, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
Gwinnett Center  
Exhibit Hall A



### GCPS: On Course for Continued Success?

In 2014, GCPS is revisiting its vision, mission, and strategic goals. Please take this online [survey](#) and be a part of our work to ensure GCPS continues to be on course for future success.

### Summer Internship Opportunities

Applications for summer internships such as NCR, TagEd, Yerkes, etc. are now available on the [gsmst.org](http://gsmst.org) site under Summer Internship Opportunities. Keep checking this [page](#) as new programs will be added.



GCPS school calendar for the 2014-2015 school [year](#).

### Mondays Reserved

Mondays are reserved for teacher professional development days. Students are to leave campus at 3:00 p.m. Thank you!

### Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook today at [balfour.com](http://balfour.com).

### Final Exam Exemption Policy

Please be aware of GSMST's policy for Seniors exempting finals. Click the [link](#) to access the document.



If you would like to speak during this year's graduation ceremony, submit the text of your speech to Mr. Kuninsky by this Friday, April 18. The speech should be typed and e-mailed to Mr. Kuninsky in a word document. The senior speaker will be given about 3 minutes to speak. Also, your request for graduation tickets must be submitted by this Friday. The link to the form is on the senior web page. You may request up to seven tickets. If you do not submit a request by Friday, you will only be given three tickets. If there are extra tickets after this Friday, you will be notified on how to request additional tickets if they are needed

### Attention German Students and Parents

There is a great opportunity for your German student to participate in GSMST's German Study Abroad Program, which includes a trip to Germany in June 2015 and the exchange program in Leipzig. Please go to the website below to learn all about the proposed trip, which will go to Berlin, Prague, Munich and then on to Leipzig, where our sister school is located. This will be a fantastic opportunity for your student to experience Germany first-hand.

- 1) Go to the website: [www.acis.com](http://www.acis.com)
- 2) Scroll down to the "Find Your Trip" section
- 3) Group Leader ID: 96863
- 4) Group Leader Last Name: Crook

Interested in hosting a German student in your home for two weeks? The students from Leipzig, Germany will come to GSMST in late September-early October 2014. Students who travel to Germany will automatically be part of the exchange program, but we need additional host families.

If you are interested, please contact Frau Crook at [Ingrid\\_crook@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Ingrid_crook@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)

### Study Abroad Spring Break 2015: Barcelona & Paris

Through Educational Travel, students: Experience firsthand and enrich their knowledge of places and practices they have learned about in the classroom. Gain a deeper understanding of history and culture than a book or lecture can ever convey. Build independence and confidence as they explore new places and local customs.

Perhaps most important of all, students gain new insights into their own culture, and a more global perspective-so important in today's interconnected world. This trip is open to current 9th-11th grade students ONLY. Online registration is so easy! Please review the following information which includes registration steps: [Parent Letter](#), [Itinerary](#)

### Attention Rising Juniors: JFE Summer School

The JFE Summer School dates have been changed! Due to the snow make-up policy and the new GCPS calendar, JFE summer school will now be held on May 28th, 29th, and 30th and July 23rd, 24th, 25th and 28th. All students participating in a JFE summer internship will be required to report to GSMST from 8 AM to 1 PM on those dates. Please see the Summer Internship page for more information.

### Summer School Registration

Summer school registration is now open for both Gwinnett Online Campus and GCPS face-to-face classes. For information, please visit:

click [here](#) for  
GSMST  
Environmental Club

Face-to-face (registration ends 6/2): <http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/summerschoolweb01.nsf>  
GOC (registration ends 6/3): <http://www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com/>  
Register online at: [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com). Please contact your student's counselor if you have questions about which course(s) your student needs.

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