



GSMST Newsletter October 17, 2016

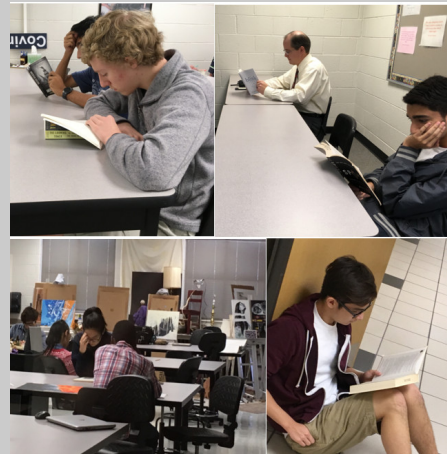


Mark Your Calendars

- October 17, 2016: School-Wide Reading
- October 18, 2016: Band/Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 19, 2016: PSAT for 9th - 11th graders @ 8:00 a.m.
- October 29, 2016: Fall Dance
- November 8, 2016: Election Day - Student/Staff Holiday

GSMST SCREEN BREAK.

GSMST had our first ever Screen Break event at Noon today - everyone in the building took a break from laptops and mobile devices and settled in with a book for 20 minutes. We have three more Screen Break days this year.



October 19th: PSAT and other school-wide activities

8:00 a.m.: All 9th-11th graders take the PSAT. Bring a pencil and calculator. Senior activities in the cafeteria.



After the PSAT/Sr Activities (around 11:15am)
11th and 12th graders passing all classes are allowed to leave campus.

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
11th and 12th graders not passing all classes will be assigned mandatory

intervention.

10th graders will attend Job Readiness sessions

9th graders will attend the Speaker Series and then the "wellness program".

Attention 10th Grade Students and Parents

All 10th grade students will take part in a JFE Readiness event on October 19th. Click [here](#) to see more information.



GSMST Pink Week: this week

GSMST Relay for Life Team is kicking off PINK WEEK this week. Click [here](#) to see how your student can be involved and support the fight against cancer.



Orchestra: GMEA first round auditions

Congratulations to: Brandon Cabigon, Jesse Chen, Timothy Cho, Judy Chong, Josh Chough, Chloe Deunsing, Sabrina Edwards-Swart, Neha Gregory, Samantha Huang, Irene Jerish, Jonathan Joseph, Francine Kibwana, Albert Kim, Christopher Kim, Jonathan Kim, YuJin Kwak, Diane Moon, John Moreno Vasquez, Tarun Naren, Gabby Jones, Alexander Shin, Martin Still, Julius Tao, Olivia Wang, Sean Yang, Joshua Yu, Joseph Zhang. These 27 orchestra students passed the first round auditions for the Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra and will take place in the final auditions in January. Way to go orchestra!



Math Team Competes

GSMST students compete at Luella Math Tournament. Harry Dai won 10th place Individual JV division and Jason Fan won 10th place Individual Varsity division. Congratulations to the Math Team!



Model UN competes at conference

Congratulations to the 35 GSMST Model UN delegates who did a great job representing the countries of Russia, Iraq, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the annual Georgia Tech Model United Nations Conference. Outstanding delegate awards were given to Ram Akella and Judson Baker for their performances at the conference.



Check out....#gsmstreads

#gsmstreads is now in full swing! You can read for fun, and earn a free lunch! To

be eligible, you must read and write reviews for 5 books on the SRC website.



A note from PTSA...

Parents are invited to join PTSA in casual and informative conversation on ways to share, help, laugh, listen, learn and support students and parents at GSMST. Get involved in PTSA. Learn about Community Resources & More. First Meeting will be held Tuesday, 10/25 from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria. Meetings will be held every 4TH TUESDAY. For more information click [here](#) or to RSVP Please contact: Karen Foote, PTSA VP Outreach - drkfoote@gmail.com.



GSMST PTSA Hospitality Committee will be collecting candy donations starting tomorrow, for Halloween candy distribution to our students. Candy bags will be distributed by parent volunteers on Monday, October 31st, during both lunches. Please sign up to volunteer at this [link](#). We greatly appreciate your support to make this event fun and memorable for our students.

Morning and Afternoon Car Safety Guidelines

Parents, please take a moment to review the guidelines we have in place for the safety of our students as well as our faculty members for morning and afternoon dismissal. Click [here](#). Thank you.



From our Counselors

We know how important it is for students to have internet access when they are away from school. Many students rely on free WiFi from libraries, restaurants, and other public spaces. Low-income families may also qualify for discounted rates on home internet service from AT&T and Comcast. You can visit the following links to learn more and to apply.



AT&T Access [Program](#) (based on qualification for SNAP benefits)
Comcast Internet [Essentials](#) (based on Free/Reduced school lunch benefits)

Study Abroad Information

[During Spring Break of 2017](#), Ms. Vega will be leading a school trip to Ecuador for a week study abroad! We will travel to several cities in Ecuador with a knowledgeable guide. This is a great opportunity to learn about culture, history and to practice Spanish! All students are invited; you do not have to be in Spanish course to go. Click [here](#) to learn more information. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vega at



jamie_vega@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

During Summer of 2017, Mr. Burse will be leading a school trip to Germany for a nine-day study abroad! We will travel to Berlin, Dresden, Prague and Munich with a knowledgeable guide. This is a great opportunity to personally discover German culture, history, music and modern art, and to practice your German! All students are invited; you do not have to be currently enrolled in a German course. Click [here](#) to learn more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Burse at carlos.burse@gsmst.org or Carlos_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

School Spirit!

Visit the GSMST School Store [here](#) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email laura_ridderhof@gwinnett.k12.ga.us and place your order with her today. The orders can be picked up in the front office once they've arrived.



Before school and after school supervision, please provide transportation.

On Mondays, students must be out of the building by 3:15 since all teachers are in school-wide meetings.

On Tuesdays - Fridays, students must leave the building as soon as the SRC closes (4pm) or as soon as their activity ends. Please be at school, ready to pick up your child when the activity ends. Students will have to stand outside to wait for their ride and cold weather will be coming soon.

Students are not allowed to enter the building before 6:15 a.m. Thanks for your help.



GSMST Upcoming Events and Reminders

- NO cost for breakfast for all students!
- Pink Week this week: October 17-21
- Purchase your yearbook today at Balfour.com
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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