



GSMST Newsletter October 3, 2016



### Mark Your Calendars

October 7, 2016: Student Performance Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.

October 10, 2016: Student Holiday

October 19, 2016: PSAT for 9th - 11th graders

November 8, 2016: Election Day - Student/Staff Holiday

## GSMST is a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Congratulations to GSMST. Click this [link](#) to see more information about this excellent award!



## PSAT October 19th

All GSMST 9th -11th graders will take the practice SAT (PSAT) on October 19, starting at 8:00 a.m.

PSAT Student Guide & Practice Tests were distributed to students this past week.



## A note from PTSA...

[Attention 10th -12th Grade Parents: Q & A with Mr. Bray and Counselor Amy Burke](#)

When: Thursday, October 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: GSMST Lower Level Lecture Hall.

Please RSVP (weblink address for RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/GSMSTPTSA>) if you plan to attend and submit your questions in advance. Seating is limited! This event is sponsored by your PTSA! Please partner with us to bring more programs like this event. Membership is \$10. We take cash or check. If you are already a member, subscribe to News, Updates & Events from GSMST PTSA weblink address: [here](#)



## [Kroger Community Rewards Program](#)

RE-ENROLL NOW!! Kroger Community Rewards Program requires that each year you enroll your card and link it to the charity of your choice. Please choose GSMST-PTSA (#59484) as this year's charity. Just sign in at this [link](#) and select GSMST (#59484). The school receives a check once a quarter which will fund our PTSA programs. If you do not have a Kroger card, you can pick up a new key tag at any Kroger counter and link your school to it or sign up online for an account. This is a free and simple way to earn money for our school. Thanks for supporting our school.

## **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. For more information, please visit:  
<http://gsmstsrcenter.weebly.com/submitting-book-reviews.html>



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:carlos.burse@gsmst.org) or [Carlos\\_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto: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](mailto: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!
- SPN: Student Performance Night 5-7 in the cafeteria
- Student Holiday Monday, 10/10
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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