



GSMST Newsletter

November 16, 2015



### Mark Your Calendars

November 23-27, 2015: Thanksgiving Break

December 15-18, 2015: Final Exams

December 22 - January 5: Winter Break

January 6, 2016: Second Semester Begins

## Model UN Wins

GSMST's Model United Nations participated in the Georgia State University Model UN Conference. The school represented North Korea, India, Senegal, and Mauritania. Jennie Nguyen and Tina Makkanal won the Position Paper award for General Assembly Plenary. Maria Olifer and Micaiah Cowart won Position Paper award and Distinguished Delegate award in their committee World Health Organization. Bilin Joseph won the Honorable Mention award in his committee UN Development Program. Amy Jasani and Kyle Patel won the Position Paper award and Outstanding Delegate award in their committee World Health Organization. Lastly, the school placed number one overall as North Korea and received the highest award as the Most Outstanding Delegation. Good job GSMST Model UN.



## Reflection Winners

Congratulations to the following students for winning Reflections competition at school level:

Musical Composition - 10th grade, Dhaivat Mehta; 11th grade, Satya Jella

Literature -11th grade, Nathaly Mandujano

Photography -11th grade, Clarisse Matyczyk

Film -11th grade, Clarisse Matyczyk

The following students won at county level and have entered the state level competition:

Photography -11th grade, Clarisse Matyczyk

Film - 11th grade, Clarisse Matyczyk

Musical Composition -11th grade, Satya Jella

## **Congratulations Brian Ball**

Senior, Brian Ball is the winner of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta's 2015-2016 Youth of the Year. Click [here](#) to see more information about the award and Brian. Way to go Brian. We are so proud of you!



## **UGA Scholastic Press Association Winners**

Congratulations to Aiman Shaahab (art piece) and Frank Hu (short story) who received SUPERIOR ratings from the University of Georgia's Scholastic Press Association. Both works appeared in last semester's Literary Magazine.

## **A note from PTSA**

'Tis the season to give thanks. GSMST PTSA will be collecting desserts during morning carpool for the Thanksgiving dessert giveaway on Friday, November 20th, for our wonderful faculty and staff. Please follow the link below to sign up. We are looking forward to receiving your delicious desserts. [Sign Up](#)

## **A note from our Counselors**

Now is the time of year when many students and families begin getting information from colleges and other college-planning services. While we encourage you to read over any college material you may receive (you may discover a hidden jewel you never knew about!), we caution families to read carefully any information they receive from other companies. There are legitimate companies offering help with preparing for college and financial aid, however, there are also many companies that seek to prey on those who may be feeling anxious or may not know as much about the college application process. If you have any doubts about a letter you receive, a quick google search on the company name can often give insight into the nature of that company. If you are still not sure, please feel free to contact your counselor and ask. Beware of any companies that offer "guarantees" of scholarship money or who want you to pay "processing fees."

All GSMST students will have the opportunity for an individual meeting with their

counselor in the spring of their Junior year to discuss college processes and prospects. This year, we will also be holding a college fair and college workshop on April 26. This event will be open to all 9-11 graders, so mark your calendars now!

## NHS Tutoring available

The National Honor Society is providing tutoring opportunities for all grade levels. 9th grade: For all subjects will begin this week. If you are struggling in LA, Chem, Phys/Eng, or Math, you can come after school and receive help from NHS and Beta members.

What do you need to do to be able to come?

You must sign up every week you wish to attend a help session before that Wednesday at 4:00 PM. The help session will take place in Ms. Minton's room on Thursdays starting this week on 9/18/15 from 3:00 - 4:00.

You must leave after tutoring is over; you must arrange rides and leave campus at 4:00 PM. click [here](#) to register

10th/11th/12th grade: click [here](#) to register

## GSMST School Store

Visit the 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.



## GSMST Study Abroad Opportunities

Chinese: China Trip 2016 check out Ms. Houg's website for more details. [GSMST STUDY ABROAD CHINA 2016](#)



## GSMST Parking Permits

The student parking cost for the 2015-2016 school year is \$45.00. All students who want to park on campus must return the form below to the Attendance Office along with the following three items:

1. \$45.00 - cash or check (payable to GSMST)
2. A copy of your current proof of insurance.
3. A copy of your driver's license.

[Parking Permit Form](#)

**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

- Visit [balfour.com](http://balfour.com) to buy your yearbook today!
- Mondays are reserved for teacher professional development. Students are to leave campus by 3:00 p.m.
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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