



GSMST Newsletter

February 2, 2015



Mark Your Calendars

February 7, 2015: VEX Robotics Competition

February 9, 2015: AP Exam Registration available MyPaymentsPlus

February 16, 2015: President's Day; Student Holiday

Georgia Parent Survey

The [Georgia Parent Survey](#) can be completed using personal computers, smartphones or iPADS. For parents that do not have access to the Internet, please come to GSMST to complete the Georgia Parent Survey at school. All parents are encouraged to participate in the Georgia Parent Survey because the data will be used to calculate the School Climate Star Rating. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis.



GSMST Study Abroad Opportunities

[Spanish](#): The itinerary for GSMST's 2015 Study Abroad trip has recently changed! Our trip will now include MORE Spanish history, art, and language as it will highlight Spain's capital city, Madrid and the former capital, Toledo. Today, Toledo is considered by many to be the most medieval city of Europe. Check out our trip website to register and find out more information [GSMST STUDY ABROAD BARCELONA/PARIS 2015](#)



German: Students can also participate in a June 2015 trip to Germany. There is still time to sign up. Our trip is called Prussia, Bohemia, Bavaria. [GSMST STUDY ABROAD GERMANY 2015](#). There is also the opportunity to stay with a German family and attend a German high school for two weeks in addition to the nine-day tour.

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

Congratulations German Students

GSMST's team of German students won many prizes again for the third year competing at the state level. With 18 competitors in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year German, we amassed a total of 19 prizes: six 1st place, eight 2nd place and four 3rd place finishes. We performed very well in a field of approximately 350 avid, enthusiastic and well-prepared German students from all over Georgia this weekend in a variety of competitions, both academic and artistic: click [here](#) to see a listing of our winners.

VEX Robotics State Qualifier Competition 6th Annual Event

The GSMST Engineering Booster Club would like to invite you to the 6th Annual GSMST VEX Robotics State Qualifier Competition this Saturday, February 7th. Forty-three teams from Georgia and South Carolina regions will be competing in the Skyrise Robotics game. Teams will also be competing for Engineering Design, Driving Skills, Tournament Champions, and the Overall Excellence Awards.



There is no cost to attend. The doors open at 7:00 AM with Qualifying rounds beginning at 10:00 AM. The Championship Alliance elimination rounds will start at 3:00 PM. The Awards Ceremony will take place around 5:00 PM. Support the PTSA by visiting the concession stand during the event.

Join us and help cheer for the students as they display STEM learning in action with gracious professionalism.

Gwinnett Student Leadership Team (GSLT) Interested Sophomores

Any sophomore interested in applying to be a part of the GSLT can download an application from the Guidance Counseling home page. Applicants should possess outstanding leadership and communication skills and must be prepared

to serve as a member of our team for two years. More information can be found with the application on the GSMST website. Applications are due to the Counseling Office by Wednesday, February 11th.



Parents of Seniors

A representative from Balfour will be in the cafeteria during both lunches Wednesday and Thursday this week. Seniors may pay senior dues and order graduation announcements at this time. Send your student with cash or a check made out to Balfour. Senior dues are \$140; if seniors pay in person on these dates, you will avoid the extra fee charged when you pay online. Contact Mr. Kuninsky if you have any questions.



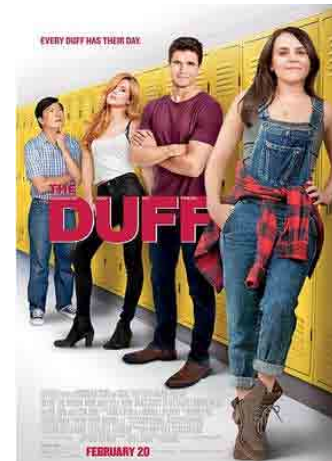
International Night: a huge success

This was another great year to showcase the diversity at GSMST. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers, students, and staff for making this an amazing night for everyone! Here are a few [photos](#) from the night. Enjoy!



FREE Movie Screening

Sugarloaf Mills AMC Theater invites GSMST students to have a preview screening of "The Duff." Click [here](#) to sign up and reserve your tickets today. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis.



Tutoring Opportunities

NHS and Beta Club

National Honor Society and Beta Club provide tutoring to all GSMST students for a wide variety of subjects. If you would like help, go to the GSMST eCLASS homepage and sign up on the document available. A tutor will contact you to set

up when and where to meet. Tutoring can be done around your schedule, but Ms. Covin's and Mr. Hersch's rooms will be available most days after school for a quiet place to tutor if needed.

GSMST Final Exam Exemption Policy

Honor Graduates (cumulative GPA of 90.0 as of January 2015) are eligible to exempt the exam in any class period with 3 or fewer absences (no matter the grade.) Other seniors are eligible to exempt the exam in any class period in which they have 90.0 average (after 10 points added to AP classes) as of 5/1/15 and they have 3 or fewer absences. Click [here](#) to review the document.

Hi Hope Talent Show Information

Click [here](#) for an opportunity in our community.

GSMST Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- Pi's Supplies is selling carnations this week during both lunches.
- Talent Show audition sign-ups begin tomorrow in Ms. Prince's room in the West Wing.
- Purchase your yearbook today at balfour.com.
- Monday's 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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