



GSMST Newsletter February 20, 2017



Mark Your Calendars

- February 20, 2017: President's Day - Student Holiday
- March 3, 2017: GSMST 5K after school
- March 4, 2017: Spring Dance
- March 25, 2017: PROM (more information to come)

Congratulations Ms. Vega

Congratulations to Jamie Vega who was chosen as The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Teacher of the Year for the Georgia chapter!



AP exam registration

GSMST AP EXAM REGISTRATION: February 15 - March 9.
All students must pay a \$10 registration fee, which covers the cost of the 1st AP exam.

- \$93 for every exam after the 1st exam.
- Students can pay with cash, check, or credit card.
- Pay by credit card at www.mypaymentsplus.com
- All money/paperwork comes to the Attendance Office (even if you pay with credit card, we need a copy of the receipt).
- Gwinnett County pays for all AP exams of students with Free/Reduced lunch. Students can still apply for free/reduced status at: <http://gwinnett.school lunchapp.com>.
- Students must be currently enrolled in a GCPS AP course to be allowed to register for the exam.
- Students not currently passing the course must get teacher approval to take the exam.
- There is a \$15 return fee per exam for any registered exam a student does not

AP Exams

take.

· Registration deadline: March 9, 2017.

Red Robodragons compete

Congratulations to Team 2981 "Red Robodragons" who competed very professionally at Clayton State University on Saturday 2/18. After qualifying matches, they had a record of 4 wins and 1 loss and were ranked in 8th place out of 36 teams. They were chosen to be in an alliance. During the semi-final rounds they lost to the 1st alliance grouping, but they represented the school graciously.



Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful contest for High School Students

T-shirt design contest for Gwinnett County high school students.
Deadline: March 26, 2017

One chosen design will be printed on volunteer T-shirts for the upcoming event, "Great Gwinnett Wetlands." This contest is sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, in partnership with Gwinnett County Water Resources. The event promotes awareness of the wetlands that funnel into our streams, rivers, and lakes. The winner will receive \$100 and a free shirt with their design! See attached flyer for complete contest rules. Actual event date is April 29, 2017 from 9:00-1:00. For more details and to volunteer click [here](#).



GSMST 5k is coming. Register today!

GSMST 5k is upon us! It will be held on March 3rd after school but signups are available now! It is \$10 to participate, and your signup fee includes a t-shirt! Sign-ups are available either outside of Mrs. Presten's room or on MyPaymentsPlus.com. This event is a great time to be active and have fun with your friends so come on out!



International Night preview

If you missed the biggest event of the year, [here](#) is a preview of what you missed. Make sure to mark your calendars for next years International Night!



JFE and SCE opportunities are now posted

Parents, please encourage your student to check the eclass landing page regarding information about potential JFE and SCE opportunities for the 2017-2018 school year. Summer JFE opportunities were posted today!



Attention Seniors: Final Exam Exemption Policy

Senior 2nd Semester Final Exam Exemption Policy:
Honor Graduates (90.0 GPA as of January 2017) are eligible to exempt the exam in any class with 3 or fewer absences - no matter the grade.

Other seniors are eligible to exempt the exam in any class in which they have 90.0 average (after 10 points added to AP classes) as of 5/12/17 and they have 3 or fewer absences in that class period.

ALL absences count except those marked as School Activity (including a religious reason, illness, college visit, funeral, etc.).

Absences are accumulated in each class period separately.

Tardies do not count towards absences.

Seniors who have ISS or OSS during 2nd semester are not eligible to exempt.

Exam Exemption does not apply to performance exams.



Student Parking 2nd Semester

The cost for students wanting to park 2nd semester is \$30. Students must bring the money, drivers license, proof of Insurance, and the completed parking form to the Attendance Office. [Parking Form](#)



Before and After School Procedures

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.



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