



GSMST Newsletter

February 29, 2016



Mark Your Calendars

March 3, 2016: Curriculum Night - details below

March 5, 2016: Spring Dance - 7:00 p.m.

March 11, 2016: Student/Staff Holiday

GSMST RoboDragons Win VEX Robotics State Championship and Dominate State Awards

On Saturday three GCPS high school robotics teams were invited to compete at the 2016 State Championship of the VEX Robotics league as a part of the 60 team field at OLA High School in McDonough, GA.

Five GSMST, Two Parkview, and a Team from Grayson Technical competed in the State championship, vying for 19 slots to the World Championship in Louisville, KY.

GSMST and Parkview teams ranked in the top ten after the 90 qualification rounds. Four GSMST and two Parkview teams advanced into the Championship rounds. All four GSMST teams progressed into the semi-finals, and all secured an invitation to the World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. Congratulations to teams 675D and 675C for advancing to the World Finals.

Team 675E and 675B were allied in the final rounds, and won the State Tournament Championship. Congratulations to team captains Richie Adams and Manik Dutta for this outstanding award.

For the second year in a row team 675E was awarded the State Excellence award. An unprecedented accomplishment for this Team. Congratulations to all the team members and the VEX robotics league for this accomplishment. With these wins the GSMST robotics club has won a VEX Georgia State

Championship for the past three consecutive years.



Science and Engineering Fair results



GWINNETT
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING + INNOVATION FAIR

At the Gwinnett Regional Science and Engineering Fair on Friday, 12 projects earned 1st place prizes and will continue on to the State Fair. The students are:

Bryan Gomez
Jonathan Gomez
Jeffery Yang
Benjamin Breer
Dhaivat Mehta
Myra Khushbakht
Simin Savani
Braxton Baynard
Ju Kim
Kyra Solomon
Srisurya Yadavalli
Karim Asani
Ryan Han
Faris El-Katri
Kimberly Luviano-Garcia
Jayvon Nougaisse
Sarah Fluit
Cindy Phan
Satya Jella
Simran Modi

2 students earned Grand Prizes and a direct acceptance to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona. They are Ryan Han and Simran Modi. Congratulations to all students! Click [here](#) to see a listing of all winners!

National Art Honor Society students receive honors

This weekend 400 National Art Honor Society students from all over the state

converged at Piedmont College for Workshops, Art Competitions, and Portfolio Scholarship reviews. GSMST walked away with 4 of the 16 Artlympic medals. Zahra Hakani, Mallory Sakmar, Isabella Lungu, and Lucy Wang

Sidney Oh will receive \$200 as the 2-D Superior Winner. Sidney is also the sole recipient of the \$1000 Helen Flemming Stone Scholarship. The highest scholarship offered by the GAEA/NAHS organization. Way to go students!



Attention Parents and Students: Curriculum Night this Thursday

GSMST will be hosting Curriculum Night on Thursday, March 3rd. Details for students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 are as follows:

Current juniors will meet in the Main Level Lecture Hall at 7:00 p.m. A pre-meeting will occur at 6:00 p.m. where Ms. Scheid will discuss the college application process. The email version of this announcement contains a link to a video to watch in preparation for Ms. Scheid's session which will allow parents to ask specific questions.

Current sophomores will meet in the Student Research Center (SRC) at 7:00 p.m. A pre-meeting will occur at 6:00 p.m. where Ms. D'Antonio will discuss the Junior Fellowship Experience that is required next year.

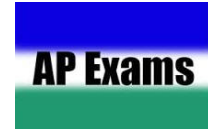
Current freshmen will meet in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. A pre-meeting will occur at 6:00 p.m. where Dr. Funk will discuss all of the College Board resources available to help students prepare for the SAT and future AP exams.

Current seniors do not need to report.

Prior to attending Thursday night, please view the following presentation for Ms. Scheid's session:

<https://youtu.be/QybKedu6caA>

AP Exam Registration: Deadline is March 15th



All students must pay a \$10 registration fee, which covers the cost of the 1st AP exam.

- \$92 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 they pay with credit card, we need a copy of the receipt).
- GCPS pays for all AP exams of students with Free/Reduced lunch as long as they are currently taking the AP class (students' registration forms will be marked if they are on Free/Reduced status). Students can still apply for free/reduced status. Applications are available in the Attendance Office.
- **Registration deadline: March 15**

From GSMST's Partnership Program

Are you involved with any non-denominational, non-profit organization that would benefit from youth volunteer efforts? We would love any contact information you might have to invite organizations to a Community Outreach_Service Learning Event which will be held the morning of GSMST's 10th Grade Job Shadow Day. See the eflyer [here](#). Contact Ms. D'Antonio for more information Nicole_DAntonio@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Attention Seniors: Final Exam Exemption

2nd Semester Exam Exemption Information for Seniors click [here](#)

GSMST School Store

Visit the 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

- March 3rd Curriculum Night.
- March 7-11: National School Breakfast Week
- Visit 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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