



GSMST Newsletter

March 7, 2016



Mark Your Calendars

- March 8, 2016: Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- March 11, 2016: Student/Staff Holiday
- March 25, 2016: 9th Grade Speaker Series
- March 25, 2016: Talent Show

Brian Ball named 2015-2016 Youth of the Year for the State of Georgia

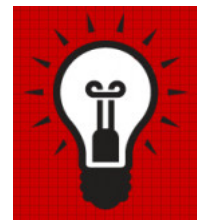
Brian Ball of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta was recently named the 2015/2016 Youth of the Year for Georgia. Competing with more than 25 teens from Boys & Girls Clubs across the state, Brian was chosen for his strong leadership and unwavering efforts to make a difference in his school, Club, and community. The prestigious Youth of the Year award is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's highest honor, recognizing teens from Clubs across the country who are working hard, investing in themselves, and demonstrating leadership. Click [here](#) for the complete article. Way to go Brian. We are so proud of you!



GSMST wins at the GA Junior Science and Humanities Symposium

The following students represented GSMST at the Georgia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium:

- Simran Modi
- Aashna Sethi
- Braxton Baynard
- Anushka Saxena



Juhee Shin

Simran won 3rd place in the presentation contest, which means she will attend the National Competition and receive a \$1000 scholarship. The poster contest awarded 2 first place winners and GSMST received BOTH of them: Congratulations to Anushka and Juhee!

GSMST Orchestra receives Superior



Congratulations to the GSMST Orchestras for their success at the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation held at Lanier High School. The Symphonic, Philharmonic, and Honor Orchestra all received the highest rating of "Superior" for their performances. Also the Concert, Symphonic, and Honor Orchestra received a "Superior" in sightreading and Concert Orchestra received the second highest rating of "Excellent" for their performance. Congratulations to all the Orchestra students on a job well done.

Attention: Important Senior Information



The last day to pay senior dues is Thursday, March 31st. The cost is currently \$150 but will increase to \$170 after 3/31. You may pay online at www.gabalfour.com. Final community service hours documentation forms are due to the Counseling Office by 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 10th. This deadline must be met in order to receive a community service cord for graduation. Graduation will be held at the Infinite Energy Center. The date and time for graduation will be announced by the middle of March and posted online. Seniors will receive instructions for ordering graduation tickets by the end of April. Graduation yard signs can be ordered from Dr. Lockert; an order form is posted on the senior class web page. Check the senior web page regularly for important information and updates. Contact Steve Kuninsky, the senior class sponsor with questions - steve_kuninsky@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Curriculum Night Information

The information presented at Curriculum Night this past Thursday is uploaded to the gsmst.org website. Click the Curriculum tab > General Information. Students also have access to the Elective videos on their eclass page.

Nick Fratto selected to perform

Congratulations to Nick Fratto who was selected as the winner of the GSMST Concerto Competition. Nick was chosen from a group of truly amazing performers and will be featured at the Spring Concert playing with the Honor

Orchestra April 28th. Thanks to everyone for auditioning, and congratulations Nick!

Internship Information



1) Applied Mechanical Engineering JFE/SCE Internship Information: For either rising juniors or rising seniors, we are offering for the first time a JFE/SCE partnership opportunity with Athens Technical College in the field of Applied Mechanical Engineering. Students will get hands on experience with machine tool technology, programming, and manufacturing in project-based courses that earn both GSMST school credit for JFE, SCE, and electives and Athens Technical College Course credit towards the completion of an Associate's Degree in Machine Tool Technology or Certificate Programs within the Machine Tool Program. If your child is a rising junior or senior and is interested in Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing, or just learning new Machine Tool Technology skills, this internship opportunity would be a great chance for your child to gain exposure to and experience in this field! There will be an information session for students during Guided Study on Monday, March 14th in the SRC. If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Napoleon, SCE Coordinator, at Kerri_Napoleon@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

2) QUEST Internship Information: Rising seniors who are interested in a Medical Internship and who are identified gifted are eligible to apply for QUEST internship placements coordinated through Gwinnett County. If you would like more information about the QUEST options, or to see if QUEST is the right choice for your child's SCE, tell you child to attend the information session during Guided Study on Tuesday, March 15th. The information session will be held in the Career Lab (on the counselor's hall). If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Napoleon, SCE Coordinator, at Kerri_Napoleon@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

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

GSMST's VITA program

GSMST's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is an IRS-sponsored initiative offering free tax return preparation services to any GSMST families making \$54,000 or less. This is a beneficial opportunity to receive tax refunds without having to pay for tax-filing services. The site will be open every Saturday from March 19th to April 16th from 9 AM - 1 PM at Hebron Baptist Church, with no appointment necessary. Please visit our website at tinyurl.com/VITAGSMST or email us at vita.gsmst@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 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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