

GSMST Newsletter

GSMST Newsletter: September 2, 2014

Internship Intel



Thank you for being a summer 2014 internship partner!



**Congratulations
James and John!**



Parents and Students
access important school
information through the
portal by selecting eCLASS.



Enjoy playing sports?

Mark Your Calendars

September 19, 2014: End of 6 weeks
September 24-25, 2014: eCLASS Days - all day
September 24, 2014: Juniors - GA Writing Test 8:00-10:30 a.m.

September 24-25: eCLASS Days

We announced at Open House (8/28) that GSMST students would complete two "online only" school days this semester using the eCLASS portal. These days are September 24th (W) and 25th (Th) and they are the "early release" days for grades K-8. Veteran GSMST families know that afternoon buses have not been available on these days in the past making afternoon dismissal very cluttered which minimized the margin for student safety. On these two upcoming days, students will not attend campus at all as they will have the flexibility to work online using their school issued laptop and connecting to class through their eCLASS portal. Students must access each class and complete their assigned work, but they need not do that at the exact time of their class period. Student attendance will be taken by each teacher for both days and it will be based on participation and eCLASS access. In addition, teachers will be available to help students, the details of which will be published in the next two weeks. The one exception to this "online only" plan involves juniors (11th grade students) who will need to attend on the morning of September 24th for the Georgia High School Writing Test (see details below).

September 24th: ALL Juniors - GA Writing Test

All juniors will need to be at GSMST on Wednesday, September 24 from 8-10:30 a.m. to take the Georgia High School Writing Test. Students are required to pass this test as part of their graduation requirements. Students need to bring a pencil and a blue or black pen. Buses will run that morning, but please make arrangements for your 11th grader to leave campus at 10:30 a.m.

GSMST Intramurals begins this Thursday right after school. Physical forms must be on file in order to participate.

Mondays Reserved

Mondays are reserved for teacher professional development days. Students are to leave campus at 3:00. Thank you!

Environmental Facts

The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years!

Open Gym

Starting September 2nd, students must be passing ALL classes in order to participate in Open Gym.



GCPS school calendar for the 2014-2015 school [year](#).

Yearbooks on Sale!

Yearbooks can be purchased at balfour.com. Don't delay and purchase yours today!

Congratulations James and John

James Hauth and John Yeo were recently recognized by Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent honoring their Excellence in Achievement with GSMST's Technology Student Association (TSA).

James and John placed 2nd Nationally with their entry in the Manufacturing Prototype competition. The awards ceremony was held at the Department of Education Building in downtown Atlanta earlier this month. The reception after the ceremony allowed James and John to meet with Dr. Barge and discuss their accomplishments in more detail. The Gwinnett County School Board will also be recognizing James and John for their accomplishments at the upcoming September 18th Board meeting. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcomed to attend.

James and John designed a plastic clip that allows for an iPhone to be clipped into a Garmin dashboard mount. Thus allowing the iPhone to replace the Garmin unit for navigation information without the need to purchase new expensive mounts. The adaptor clip prototype was printed on the school's thermoplastic 3D printer which represented an alternative manufacturing technique not typically found in industry.

Parents of Seniors

The Fall Senior Breakfast will be held on October 15, and we need your help. If you would like to help by donating food or supplies, or volunteering your time during the event, please [fill out this form](#). If you have any questions, contact Mr. Kuninsky.

2014-2015 Study Abroad to Barcelona and Paris

Come take part in this unique experience as we explore the soccer stadium and the impressive art of Gaudi that defines Barcelona. In France, join us as we take cooking lessons, soak in the beauty of medieval towns, and finally experience modern, exuberant Paris. For more information, please visit Senorita Roberts' [calendar](#) and click on the link for GSMST Study Abroad Barcelona/Paris 2015. You can also email kristin_roberts@gwinnett.k12.ga.us for any questions.

VERY Important: students being dropped off

For parents choosing to provide their own transportation, students must be dropped off in the back of the West Wing building. Students can be dropped off beginning at 6:45 a.m. Dropping students off in the front of school, at Maxwell HS or across the street from GSMST is NOT ALLOWED! Parents, please help as we are trying to keep our students safe!

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