



GSMST Newsletter

September 6, 2016



### Mark Your Calendars

September 7, 2016: 9th-11th Grade Pictures

September 8, 2016: Blood Drive; 2:00-6:00 p.m. in Main Lecture Hall



**2016-2017 Teacher of the Year  
Dr. Elfi Funk**

### Congratulations Orchestra

Congratulations to the following Orchestra students for being selected to the Gwinnett County Honor Orchestras.

Kara Kim for being selected to the Kendall Honor Orchestra,

and Vicky Chung, John Moreno-Vasquez, Chan Park, Michelle Wang, Timothy Cho, Jonathan Kim, Olivia Wang, Gabby Nguena-



Jones, Tarun Naren, and Joshua Yu for being selected to the Gwinnett County Youth Symphony. Great job orchestra students.

## **GSMST Blood Drive this Thursday**

Thursday, September 8th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall. Students must be at least 16 years old. Donor registration will be held in the cafeteria before school and during lunches this week.



## **Morning and Afternoon Car Safety Guidelines**

Parents, please take a moment to review the guidelines we have in place for the safety of our students as well as our faculty members for morning and afternoon dismissal. Click [here](#). Thank you.



## **A note from PTSA...**

GSMST PTSA is excited to announce the start of the annual Reflections Program. Reflections is a National PTA program that provides students with the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition.

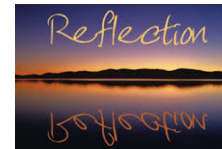
This year's theme: "What Is Your Story"

Deadline for Entries: October 3, 2016

There are six categories in the Reflections program:

- Dance
- Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts

Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, mastery of the medium, and interpretation of the theme. Entries can be found on the GSMST PTSA website or in the attendance office. For questions, please contact Alison Johnson at [reflectgsmst@gmail.com](mailto:reflectgsmst@gmail.com).



## **Intramurals are in full swing...**

Intramurals are off to a great start. If your child would like to participate, they must have a physical on file.

See Mr. McAuliffe for more information. Intramural schedules are announced daily on morning announcements. Have your child check it out!



## **Parking Permit for students**

1. Complete the GSMST parking [form](#).
2. Copy of Drivers License
3. Copy of current insurance
4. \$60 cash or check

Please visit the Attendance Office with all paperwork and money, or you can visit [MyPaymentPlus.com](#).



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MyPaymentsPlus is a one stop shop for all your back to school needs. Visit the site [here](#) to pay for parking permits, lockers, lunches, etc. or you can pay for parking and lockers in the Attendance Office.

## From our Counselors

We know how important it is for students to have internet access when they are away from school. Many students rely on free WiFi from libraries, restaurants, and other public spaces. Low-income families may also qualify for discounted rates on home internet service from AT&T and Comcast. You can visit the following links to learn more and to apply.



AT&T Access [Program](#) (based on qualification for SNAP benefits)

Comcast Internet [Essentials](#) (based on Free/Reduced school lunch benefits)

## Study Abroad Information



During Spring Break of 2017, Ms. Vega will be leading a school trip to Ecuador for a week study abroad! We will travel to several cities in Ecuador with a knowledgeable guide. This is a great opportunity to learn about culture, history and to practice Spanish! All students are invited; you do not have to be in Spanish course to go. Click [here](#) to learn more information. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vega at [jamie\\_vega@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:jamie_vega@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

During Summer of 2017, Mr. Burse will be leading a school trip to Germany for a nine-day study abroad! We will travel to Berlin, Dresden, Prague and Munich with a knowledgeable guide. This is a great opportunity to personally discover German culture, history, music and modern art, and to practice your German! All students are invited; you do not have to be currently enrolled in a German course. Click [here](#) to learn more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Burse at [carlos.burse@gsmst.org](mailto:carlos.burse@gsmst.org) or [Carlos\\_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Carlos_Burse@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

## School Spirit!

Visit the GSMST School Store [here](#) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email [laura\\_ridderhof@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto: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

- NO cost for breakfast for all students!
- Cyber Days are coming soon! 9/28 and 9/29: no afternoon buses
- 9th-11th grade pictures taken during foreign language classes 9/7.
- Visitor Badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.

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