



GSMST Newsletter

January 29, 2018



Mark Your Calendars

- February 9 - Student/Teacher Holiday
- February 17 - International Night (see info. below)
- February 21, 22 - GSMST Cyber Days (K-8 Early Release)
- March 1 - Curriculum Night, 7:00 PM
- March 2 - 5K Relay for Life Fundraiser, 3:30 PM (see info. below)

GSMST Yearbooks on Sale

GSMST yearbooks are currently on sale at balfour.com. February 1st is the deadline to ensure that your student gets a yearbook. After this, yearbooks will be on sale as long as supplies last.



Attention parents of seniors: senior ads can also be purchased at balfour.com. The deadline to purchase a senior ad is February 5th.

Please contact [Adam Brown](#) with any questions.

International Night Coming Soon

SATURDAY, February 17, 5:00-9:00 PM

Join GSMST students and PTSA for International Night, an evening filled with cultural food, activities and talent. We look forward to your participation in volunteering, donating food, decorations etc.



Parents, without your cooperation this event cannot be successful. Each region will have samples of food for you to munch on throughout the evening. Prepare your favorite regional dish to share, [sign up online](#) and your student can receive volunteer hours for each donation.

Thank you in advance for helping make GSMST's biggest event a huge success!

GSMST 5K Registration Now Open

Our annual GSMST 5K benefiting Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, March 2 at 3:30. The course is fast and flat, perfect for a PR or a first-timer. Come compete against friends or have fun walking! Register now on [MyPaymentsPlus](#) or on a paper registration form with cash that can be found outside Mrs. Presten's room. The cost is \$10 for all participants.



Come join us for this fun, low-key event and bring a friend! Please register no later than February 16 to guarantee your t-shirt.

Bilingual Volunteers Needed at Lilburn Elementary School

February 21st and 22nd

If you are fluent in Spanish/English or Vietnamese/English, Lilburn Elementary School needs your help interpreting during parent-teacher meetings and/or assisting parents in learning games to support student learning. [Click here for more information.](#)

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Mock Trial Wins!

Mock Trial won their competition this weekend and will now advance to the regional competition on Tuesday. The following students won individual awards for excellence: Ama A., Janice C., Soumya K., Frank L., Preston M., and Cindy P.



Congratulations Science Bowl!

Congratulations to the GSMST Science Bowl team for winning their tournament at UGA on Saturday. The team will now travel to Savannah for the regional tournament on February 24th. Please congratulate Team A (Shruthi S., Jamil K., Julius T., Jun Ho Y., and Joseph Z.) and Team B (Lydia C., Faris E-K., Ben B., Frank T., and Elly R.).



Parent Health Survey

The state DOE calculates our annual climate rating based on survey results and we humbly ask you to take a few minutes and complete the 24 ratings in [this survey](#).



GSMST Speaker Series

Call for Speakers!

As a parent of a GSMST student, you know that part of our unique curriculum includes student participation in a multi-tiered career readiness and internship program that spans all four years of the GSMST high school experience. That program begins in the 9th grade with our quarter-annual Speaker Series.



Do you work in a STEM field? Do you have a unique or interesting career story? Did your college experience teach you many lessons that you would like to pass on to our students? Then, maybe you would you be interested in being a speaker at one or more of the events!

The dates for the remaining Speaker Series events this year are Thursday, February 15th and Friday, March 30th. The event itself lasts for approximately an hour and a half on each of these dates (from 12:00-1:30pm). The full schedule, as well as other important information and details about the events, is explained in the Speaker Series Executive Summary on [our website](#).

If you are interested in one, many, or all of these series' dates, or know someone who may be, simply write to kerri.napoleon@gsmst.org to find out more!

Summer 2018 Junior Fellowship Experience

Mandatory Attendance Dates: May 29-June 1 and July 23-July 26
Approximate Summer School Enrollment \$100

- Summer JFE is by choice and through approval. Students must be in good academic standing to participate in a summer JFE. It will otherwise be scheduled for 7th period either fall or spring semester.

- If more students apply than there is space available, grades and attendance will be used in the acceptance process.
- Opportunity postings with application directives will be available through eCLASS beginning in February.
- Students will need reliable internet access to submit work through eCLASS throughout the summer.
- ALL summer JFE students are required to attend the mandatory attendance dates listed above. Only students who are participating in a residential academic program will be excused from one of those weeks and these students will still be required to submit work on time. Other absences will result in the student being dropped from the summer roster. No refunds will be disbursed for students dropped due to non-attendance on a mandatory date.
- A list of excellent summer programs that could potentially meet the internship requirement is now posted in eCLASS.



There will be a JFE information session for students and parents on Curriculum Night, Thursday, March 1st.

BYOD for Your Student

If you are considering purchasing a laptop or tablet for your student as part of the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative, GCPS has information to help guide your purchasing plans. This information can be found [here](#).



Inclement Weather Procedures

In case of inclement weather, please refer to [our website](#), Facebook page, eCLASS page, and WSB channel 2 news. GCPS will also post something on their main website as well. As soon as any type of cancellation or early release is communicated with the local schools, we'll be sure to let you know!



Before School and After School Supervision, Please Provide Transportation.

Please ensure the safety of your student and others by not:

- dropping off in the faculty lot of GSMST
- dropping off in the faculty lot of Maxwell
- unloading your child in McElvaney Lane
- unloading your child in the serpentine lines
- picking up your child in any location above.



Only students taking a zero period can be dropped off in the front parking lot.

On Mondays, students must be out of the building by 3:15 PM since all teachers are in school-wide meetings. On Tuesdays-Fridays, students must leave the building as soon as the SRC closes (4 PM) 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. Students are not allowed to enter the building before 6:15 AM. Thanks for your help.

MyPaymentsPlus

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.

Infinity Cafe

[Click here](#) for free and reduced lunch information.
You can find what is on our menus [here](#).
For information on the GCPS charge policy, please [click here](#).



School Spirit!

Order your spirit wear and accessories online at the [GSMST School Store](http://store.gsmst.org) 24/7 and pick up your order in the GSMST front office anytime between 7:00 AM-3:45 PM on school days.



GSMST Important Reminders

- NO cost for breakfast for all students!
- Visitor badges must be worn while visiting, volunteering, etc. This is to keep our school safe.
- GCPS and GSMST Student/Parent [Handbooks](#)
- GSMST [Bell Schedule](#)

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