



GSMST Newsletter

October 30, 2017



### **Mark Your Calendars**

November 1: 12-Week Progress Reports

November 10: Student Performance Night

November 16: 9th Grade Speaker Series and Covered with Care

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

### **Reflections Winners**

Congratulations to our 2017-18 National PTA Reflections winners! Good luck to you all as your entries move on to the county level!



Literature: 9th grade Mariam D., 10th grade Huy D. and Emily M., and 11th grade Hannah J.

Photography: 9th grade Sierra F., 10th grade Suruchi C. and Emily M., and 11th grade Sophia K. and Trent J.

Visual Arts: 10th grade Ashley K. and Ashleigh M., 11th grade Hanna B. and Yetunde O., and 12th grade Yujin K. and Angela H.

Musical Composition: 10th grade Nitya J.

Dance Choreography: 12th grade Trinity H.

### **Parent Perception Survey**

The Parent Perception Survey is currently available to take via the parent portal. We also have computers available in our counseling office where this can be completed. Thank you, GSMST parents, for submitting your responses to this important survey.

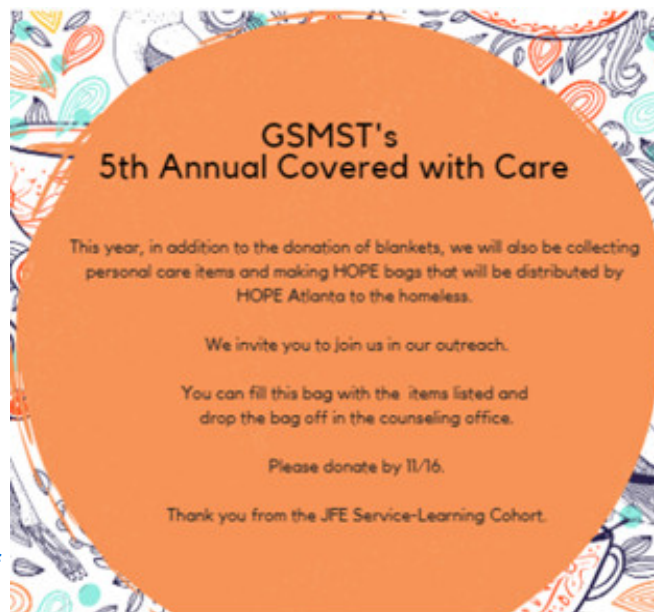


### **5th Annual Covered with Care**

The JFE Service-Learning cohort is glad to be continuing our school's fall tradition of this social service event. On Thursday, November 16th, the cohort will be sponsoring an after school service session to make no-sew fleece blankets. Students can earn community service hours for both making the blankets during the event and donating a HOPE bag for the cohort's HOPE bag campaign. This year, HOPE Atlanta, an organization that provides a most comprehensive

approach to tackling homelessness in metro Atlanta, is the recipient of the blankets and bags. Thank you to our PTSA who will once again be serving milk and cookies to the event participants.

The cohort will be accepting donations of gift cards to either Walmart or Joann's, where they can purchase the blanket kits with the greatest discount. Please turn in any donations to the Counseling Office in care of Ms. D'Antonio and indicate your name so that the cohort can properly thank you! [Here is a recap video from last year's Covered with Care](#), previously sponsored by Student Council. What a fantastic event and impactful school tradition!



## 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 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, November 16th; 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](mailto:kerri.napoleon@gsmst.org) to find out more!

## Attention Current MOWR/Dual-Enrollment Students

In order to take any spring semester classes at Gwinnett Technical College, you MUST complete a new admissions packet by the deadline. This includes a new GTC application online, a new funding application screenshot from GAFutures, and a new Student Participation Agreement Form for Spring 2018. Dual Enrollment students can register for Spring classes as early as October 19th, but must be accepted for the Spring 2018 term in order to do so. Check your email from Ms. Morse for details.



## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found boxes are starting to overflow.

If students are missing any clothing items or lunch boxes/water bottles, please have them check the Lost/Found boxes located in the cafeteria, next to the vending machines, and in the lower lobby of the Tower. Students should check in the Attendance Office for lost jewelry, graphing calculators, phones, etc.



At the end of the semester, all Lost and Found items not claimed are given to local charities.

## Bilingual Volunteers Needed at Lilburn Elementary School November 14th and 15th

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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## Study Abroad Information

Costa Rican Animal Sanctuary

Ms. D'Antonio and Ms. Santana will be leading a school trip to Costa Rica for a week of study abroad from 3/31/18-4/7/18. [Click here](#) to learn more information about this wonderful opportunity!



## Parking Permit for Students

Student Parking is now \$40 for the remainder of the year. Students must bring the money along with [this completed form](#), drivers license, and proof of insurance to the Attendance Office.



## 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 and cooler weather will be coming soon. 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](#).



## 2017-2018 Information

GCPS and GSMST Student/Parent [Handbooks](#)  
GSMST Bell [Schedule](#)



## School Spirit!

### Hoodies & Laptop Bags Now Available!

Order your spirit wear and accessories online at the [GSMST School Store](#) 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.

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