



GSMST Newsletter

December 14, 2015

Mark Your Calendars

December 15-18, 2015: Final Exam schedule below

December 16-18, 2015: Early Release @ 12:15, no afternoon buses

December 22-January 5: Winter Break

January 6, 2016: Second Semester Begins

Happy Holidays from GSMST!

The faculty and staff at GSMST hope you all have a wonderful, restful, and safe holiday season. Students will return to school for 2nd semester on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Click [here](#) for our holiday message.

Final Exam Schedule

December 15th: Zero Period and 1st Period 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

December 16th: 2nd and 3rd Period - no afternoon buses - early release at 12:15

December 17th: 4th and 5th Period - no afternoon buses - early release at 12:15

December 18th: 6th and 7th Period - no afternoon buses - early release at 12:15

*No student check-outs are allowed on these days.

*No exams can be given early. January 5th is the make up day for missed exams. Click [here](#) for a detailed daily schedule.



GSMST hosted 32 teams on Saturday



On Saturday, GSMST played host to 32 First Technology Challenge Robotics Teams, in an all day State qualifying tournament.

Team 3819 qualified for the State tournament as the competition host. Team 3820, FTC Gold RoboDragons, advanced beyond the qualifying rounds, and into the semi-final championship rounds. Unfortunately they were eliminated by a finalist alliance. Congratulation to Evan Weiss and the entire 3820 team.

The GSMST Engineering Robotics Booster Club would like to thank the many student, teacher, and community volunteers that helped make this robotics event a success. These volunteers helped to prove that no matter how challenging, GSMST will accomplish the task!

Math Team Winners

The Math Team competed at Kennesaw State University Math Competition. Congratulations to those who will move on to the second round of Kennesaw State! Ram Akella, Sabrina Edwards-Swart, Jason Fan, Timothy Giesecking, Albert Kim, Alex Kim, Sabarish Sainathan, Anushka Saxena, Julius Tao, and Max Xu. Way to go students!

Georgia Parent Survey

The Georgia Parent Survey is modeled after the student survey and contains 24 questions. Parents are encouraged to complete the survey because the data will be used as part of the calculation of the School Climate Star Rating. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis. Click [here](#) to complete the survey. Thank you!

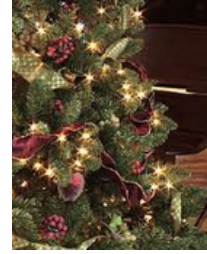
Final Exam: Chick-fil-A biscuits



GSMST PTSA in conjunction with Chick-fil-A will be selling biscuits during final exams. Biscuits are \$2.50. Please bring exact change to speed up the process. Starbucks Frappuccinos will be sold for \$2.00 and bottled water for \$1.00 in the cafeteria only. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up [here](#).

Festival of Trees and Lights winners

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Festival of Trees and Lights such a huge success. Thanks to your support and generosity, we raised over \$1500. Your support will directly effect our community by funding the efforts of Street Grace.

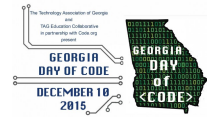


Thank you to the PTSA for judging this year's tree decorations. The PTSA chose 3 honorable mentions; Student Council, Math Team, and Music. The winners were National Art Honor Society and Lit-Mag. In January, these clubs will enjoy a pizza party.

Thank you again, and Happy Holidays from Ms. Prince and National Art Honor Society.

GSMST celebrates GA Day of Code 12/11/15

WELCOME TO GSMST'S HOUR OF CODE! Whether you are a novice just beginning, an experienced coder, or a wiz-bang Pro, you can have fun learning to develop your computer science skills and programming techniques. During guided study on December 10 and 11 all juniors and seniors spent an hour celebrating the Georgia Day of Code! Thanks to Mr. Parsons for making this day successful!



Lost and Found

Lost & Found: we have accumulated quite a bit of clothing and other odds/ends students have left around the building. If your child has misplaced anything, please have them check the Lost/Found bins located in the cafe and in the ground floor lobby or in the Attendance office. All items still left as of this Friday the 18th will be donated to a charity.

PSAT scores available January 7th

Students will be able to access their scores and AP Potential information at StudentScores

A note from PTSA

Once again, the GSMST PTSA will be sponsoring International Night on Friday, February 5th, 2016. This is going to be a fabulous event! There will be food tastings, crafts, entertainment, etc. There will be over 1,000 people in attendance! Because of the great success last year, we are once again holding a Silent Auction at the event. The proceeds from this event will go towards school improvements, support for various clubs, support for teachers, staff, and students, PTSA programs, and student scholarships.

We are asking for donations such as sporting event tickets, golf foursomes, merchandise, electronics, gift cards, vacation home usage, other event tickets, services, or any other items you think would be appropriate. All donations are fully tax deductible.

If you are a business owner, work for a business, or have family and friends who would be willing to donate, or have any questions, please contact Helen Loyd at loyd3314@charter.net. We will provide a donation receipt for tax purposes.

A note from the SRC

Are you interested in winning a FREE graphic novel? All you have to do is visit the SRC website and write 5 book reviews. The reviews should be at least 5 sentences or more, give a short summary of the book, and your thoughts - no spoilers! These reviews will be posted on the SRC website for others to see. Once you have completed 5 reviews - you get to select a FREE graphic novel from our cart. Good luck and happy reading! <http://gsmstsrcenter.weebly.com/>

A note from our Counselors

Now is the time of year when many students and families begin getting information from colleges and other college-planning services. While we encourage you to read over any college material you may receive (you may discover a hidden jewel you never knew about!), we caution families to read carefully any information they receive from other companies. There are legitimate companies offering help with preparing for college and financial aid, however, there are also many companies that seek to prey on those who may be feeling anxious or may not know as much about the college application process. If you have any doubts about a letter you receive, a quick google search on the company name can often give insight into the nature of that company. If you are still not sure, please feel free to contact your counselor and ask. Beware of any companies that offer "guarantees" of scholarship money or who want you to pay "processing fees."

All GSMST students will have the opportunity for an individual meeting with their counselor in the spring of their Junior year to discuss college processes and prospects. This year, we will also be holding a college fair and college workshop on April 26. This event will be open to all 9-11 graders, so mark your calendars now!

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.



NHS Tutoring available

The National Honor Society is providing tutoring opportunities for all grade levels. 9th grade: For all subjects will begin this week. If you are struggling in LA, Chem, Phys/Eng, or Math, you can come after school and receive help from NHS and Beta members.

What do you need to do to be able to come?

You must sign up every week you wish to attend a help session before that Wednesday at 4:00 PM. The help session will take place in Ms. Minton's room on Thursdays starting this week on 9/18/15 from 3:00 - 4:00.

You must leave after tutoring is over; you must arrange rides and leave campus at 4:00 PM. click [here](#) to register

10th/11th/12th grade: click [here](#) to register

GSMST Parking Permits

The student parking cost for 2nd Semester is \$30.00. All students who want to park on campus must return the form below to the Attendance Office along with the following three items:

1. \$30.00 - cash or check (payable to GSMST)
2. A copy of your current proof of insurance.
3. A copy of your driver's license.

[Parking Permit Form](#)

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

- Early Release: 12/16, 12/17, 12/18 - no lunches served, no afternoon buses, no student check-outs
- 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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