



GSMST Newsletter

October 22, 2018



Mark Your Calendars

October 23: GSMST Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A (more info. below)
October 23: Band and Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM
October 24, 25: GSMST Cyber Days
October 25: 10th & 11th Grade Parent Q & A with Mr. Bray (more info. below)
November 2: Class vs. Class Basketball Tournament
November 3: Fall Dance
November 6: Student/Teacher Holiday
November 19-23: Thanksgiving Break

School Safety Improvements

In addition to the new sidewalk at the front of our school and modified car-rider procedures in the back of our school ([click here for additional information](#)), please see two more safety improvements that are in effect as of October 15:



1) Visitor Management System -- the exterior doors to GSMST are now regularly locked during normal school hours. Visitors, including parents dropping off items or checking out students, must "buzz in" at the front (right) door or the back (Attendance Office | right) door of the building.

2) After-School Expectations -- students who remain on campus after the normal car-rider, car-driver, and school bus dismissals will notice a new 3:15 PM bell ring each day. This bell is the signal to all students on campus that after-school supervision is required. The SRC is open and staffed until 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. In addition, many extra-curricular groups, teams, and activities meet on a pre-determined schedule. All students who remain on campus for meetings, practice, tutoring, service projects, or academic study, must be under the direct supervision of a staff member. We have several benches outside the back of the school for individual students who are awaiting a ride. However, as we approach the cool of winter, families will need to coordinate pick-ups to coincide with the end of specific supervised activities. As always, students are free to leave campus in the

afternoon and walk to a convenient establishment off campus for pick-up there as well.

2018-19 Reflections Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as GSMST's 2018-19 Reflections Winners:

- 1st Place Photography: Emily M. (11th grade)
- 1st Place Dance Choreography: Gabriela J. (11th grade)
- 1st Place Film: Sierra F. (10th grade)
- Literature:
 - 1st Place: Bhavana K. (10th grade)
 - 2nd Place: Theodora A. (10th grade)
 - 1st Place: Suruchi S. (11th grade)
 - 2nd Place: Kathryn S. (11th grade)
 - 1st Place: Edric O. (12th grade)
 - 2nd Place: Lois O. (12th grade)
- Music Composition:
 - 1st Place: Kaylyn M. (11th grade)
 - 2nd Place: Nitya J. (11th grade)
- Visual Arts:
 - 1st Place: Hana H. (9th grade)
 - 2nd Place: Olivi C. (9th grade)
 - 1st Place: Jennifer O. (10th grade)
 - 1st Place: Frances D. (11th grade)
 - 2nd Place: Joycelin L. (11th grade)



Parent Perception Survey Now Available in Portal

The Parent Perception Survey is currently available to take via the [GCPS 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.

GSMST Spirit Night

Spirit Night

Tuesday, Oct 23, 2018 • 3:00 pm – 6:00pm



Join us for food and fun! Come support Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology and 10% of sales will be donated to the school!

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Q & A with Mr. Bray: 10th and 11th Grade Parents

Please join us for a PTSA sponsored Question and Answer session on Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 PM in the main level lecture hall. This event is primarily for 10th and 11th grade parents with content focused specifically on the college planning process. [Please email the GSMST PTSA to RSVP](#) if you plan to attend this informative event.



Note for 10th Grade Parents

All 10th graders attended an information session after the PSAT regarding the 10th Grade STEM Site Visit that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th.

[Please click here](#) for more information about this week's event.



Halloween Candy Donations Needed

We need candy!! Yes, our GSMST high schoolers like candy. PTSA would like to distribute lots of candy to our students on Halloween Day and would like every family to please donate a bag of candy to support our children. Please send any kind of candy to the front office now through Monday October 29th.



Discovering STEM in Switzerland and Germany

GSMST's Summer Trip 2019

Interested in traveling to Switzerland and Germany? Consider [GSMST's Summer Trip 2019](#), where we'll visit one of Europe's most eco-friendly cities, experience precision German engineering firsthand with tours of the BMW factory and Siemens Forum, and ascend Mount Pilatus on the world's steepest railway.

For more information, [contact Mr. Burse](#) and/or [click here](#).



PTSA Seeking Donations

The PTSA Fundraising Committee is looking for parents to donate items to sell at various school sponsored events this year. The money raised from these sales goes directly back into supporting GSMST and the staff. Please sign up [using this link](#) if you are able to donate needed items. Thank you!



Attendance Office Reminders

This is a reminder that students must check in and out of school in the Attendance Office on the ground floor. Parents are not required to accompany students when checking in, but should send a note stating the reason why the student is checking in late. Parents are asked to come to the Attendance Office when checking a student out, and the process does require the presentation of acceptable picture identification (e.g. driver's license).



Due to the bus and car traffic at the end of the school day, students will not be permitted to check-out after 2:40 PM. Please plan accordingly.

Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know that you can earn money for the GSMST PTSA just by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card? All you need to do is [sign in to your Kroger Plus account](#) and link your card to The Gwinnett School of Mathematics under the Community Rewards tab. You can search for GSMST using the code FD422.



Publix Partner Program

GSMST is enrolled in the Publix Partners program. You can earn money for our school just by shopping for groceries. Once you create an account at [Publix.com](#), you can select Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Tech as your Publix Partner. All you need to do at checkout is enter your phone number.



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!

Visit the [GSMST School Store](#) and order your spirit wear, school supplies, etc. today. Please email [Laura Ridderhof](#) and place your order with her today. The orders can be picked up in the front office once they've arrived.



GSMST Important Reminders

- [GSMST Bell Schedule](#)
- There is 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](#)

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