



INFINITE INSIGHT

GSMST FAMILY NEWSLETTER



GSMST Back to School 2023-2024

Dear GSMST Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year! I hope you and your family had a relaxing summer and that students found time to rest and recharge. We are looking forward to our best year yet, and all that our students will accomplish. The GSMST faculty and staff are eager to kick off a successful school year, especially with our new bell schedule flexibility and the continued focus on innovative STEM instruction.

To ensure a smooth start, please make sure to read this newsletter in its entirety. Pay particular attention to schedule pick up and beginning of the school year information. Our primary sources of communication throughout the year will be the monthly *Infinite Insight* newsletter, our website, and social media.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

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GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS!

Important Back to School Dates:

MyPaymentsPlus Available

Saturday, July 15th

Schedule Pick-up Days

Friday, July 28th

10th graders from 8:00am-10:00am

11th graders from 10:00am-11:00am

12th graders from 11:00am-12:00pm

Monday, July 31st

9th graders from 2:00pm-4:00pm

First Day of School

August 2nd

Open House Events for Families

August 24th at 7pm

Schedule Pick-up Days

Plan to attend schedule pick up day during the day/time of your child's grade level. Please see the grade level times above. Students will be able to receive a printed copy of their class schedule, complete beginning of the year paperwork, purchase a parking pass, rent a locker, buy school merchandise, and visit the PTSA booth to become a member.



MyPaymentsPlus

Beginning July 15th, parents will have access to review and acknowledge important GCPS electronic documents through MyPaymentsPlus. In addition, families will be able to make school contributions, add money to lunch accounts, purchase a locker and/or a parking pass.



To find MyPaymentsPlus fees related to our school, type **GSMST** in the search bar! School contributions on MPP help us ensure sustainability of our programs at a high level.



Students worked during summer to welcome the Class of 2027!

Open House

Join us on August 24th at 7pm for this once-a-year opportunity for parents or guardians to walk through their student's schedule, meet teachers, and learn more about what to expect for the upcoming year.

Is your student participating in Athletics?

If your student is going to participate in their zoned high school athletic program, please plan to attend our student athletics information meeting before Open House on August 24th at 6:30pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECK LIST FOR STUDENTS

School Supplies

Supply lists will be available on each eCLASS course page as soon as students gain access on August 1st. Some teachers may provide an advanced copy of their list on Schedule Pick-up Day.

Student Parking

Parking on campus is available for students holding a valid Georgia driver's license. Annual parking permits may be purchased for \$70. To apply, please follow the instructions posted on our website under Forms.

Lockers

Students can purchase a locker for the upcoming school year for \$3.00 on MyPaymentsPlus. The payment can also be made on Schedule Pick-up Day (cash only).

Student Laptops

10th-12th grade students will receive their laptops during the Schedule Pick-up Day. Distribution of laptops for 9th graders will begin after the first two weeks of school, once students receive training and complete their acceptable use of electronic media (AUEM) form.



Rising 11th graders

Students 16 years of age and older (who are entering the 11th grade) must receive one dose of the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) administered on or after their 16th birthday. Upon receiving the 3231 immunization form, send us a copy by US postal mail, email it to Stacey.McNiel@gcpsk12.org, or bring it on Schedule Pick-up Day.



Need a Proof of School Enrollment?
Access your MPP account and pay the GSMST Certificate of Enrollment fee. We'll mail a notarized form to your home address.

MEET YOUR COUNSELOR



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BACK TO SCHOOL CHECK LIST FOR PARENTS

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Families that need to complete or renew the 2023-24 application for Free & Reduced Lunch can access it online at www.gwinnett.schoolslunchapp.com, or by using the QR code to the right.



ParentVUE APP

Download the ParentVUE app to have all the Parent Portal information available on your mobile device. The app is available on Google Play and on the App Store. Once downloaded, choose Gwinnett as the District, type in the student's zip code, and log in with the same email and password you use to access the portal website.



Parent Portal

Some of the information parents or guardians can access via the Parent Portal are: teacher contact information, grades, attendance, discipline, class schedule, clinic visits, and even student's bus number and route (under Student Information). Parents can also access the portal to update their phone number and the student's emergency contact list. Follow the QR Code to sign up!



PTSA

All families are encouraged to join our PTSA! Parent support is critical for student academic achievement, and the PTSA is a great way to connect with families and volunteer at GSMST events. Information can be found on our school website under "Parents".



Questions about school bus numbers and route? Check the Parent Portal under Student Information!

CLINIC & MEDICATIONS

If a student needs to take prescribed or over-the-counter medications during the school day, a parent/guardian must complete an "Administration of Medication Request Form" and return it with the prescribed labeled medicine or over-the-counter medication to the clinic.

Over The Counter (OTC) and Prescription (Rx) Medications:

- Must be in date and in original container (please prove the smallest bottle/container)
- Maximum number of pills: 30
- For Prescription meds: Student's name and dosage must be on label in original container
- The school cannot give a student any medication unless a parent brings it to the school clinic with the signed form(s). This includes cough drops, Neosporin, peroxide, ibuprofen, eye drops, or other over-the-counter medications.

All medications must be brought to the clinic by a parent/guardian. Students cannot transport medication to or from school. Authorized medications will be administered in the clinic only. Students may not possess prescription OR over-the-counter medications and may not share medications with other students.

Health Management Plans (HMP):

Students with conditions which require monitoring during the school day (i.e. asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, severe allergies, seizures, etc.) will need a "Health Management Plan" completed by a parent/guardian. These forms need to be turned in the first week of school. Please note if a student self-carries an inhaler or epi-pen, a doctor's signature is required on the Allergy or Asthma HMP. Please contact the clinic for forms.

2023 - 2024 **NEW** BELL SCHEDULE

GSMST Bell Schedule 23-24

Monday Anchor Day	Tuesday Blue Day	Wednesday Silver Day	Thursday Blue Day	Friday Silver Day
1st Period 8:00 - 8:51	1st Period 8:00-9:32	2nd Period 8:00-9:32	1st Period 8:00-9:32	2nd Period 8:00-9:32
2nd Period 8:57-9:44				
3rd Period 9:50-10:37	3rd Period 9:38-11:10	4th Period 9:38-11:10	3rd Period 9:38-11:10	4th Period 9:38-11:10
4th Period/Lunch 10:43-11:55				
Advisement 12:01-12:21	5th Period/Lunch 11:16-1:22	6th Period/Lunch 11:16-1:22	5th Period/Lunch 11:16-1:22	6th Period/Lunch 11:16-1:22
5th Period 12:27-1:14	11:16-11:46 Lunch A 11:52-12:22 Lunch B	11:16-11:46 Lunch A 11:52-12:22 Lunch B	11:16-11:46 Lunch A 11:52-12:22 Lunch B	11:16-11:46 Lunch A 11:52-12:22 Lunch B
6th Period 1:20-2:07	7th Period 1:28-3:00	8th Period Flex 1:28-3:00	7th Period 1:28-3:00	8th Period Flex 1:28-3:00
7th Period 2:13-3:00		1:28-2:11 Block A 2:17-3:00 Block B		1:28-2:11 Block C 2:17-3:00 Block D



Please review the bell schedule for the 2023-24 school year. A detailed school year calendar can be found on our school website under "General Information". The first few weeks of school will not include block days in order to ensure students receive guidance and information on scheduling their FLEX time. Block days begin on August 17th. The 8th Period FLEX will be reserved for academic intervention, tutoring, internships and dedicated time for student research and STEM projects.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Student attendance is critical to the attainment of high academic achievement and effective use of instructional time. The following situations are defined as *excused absences* by state law: personal illness; serious illness or death in a student's immediate family; court order or an order by a governmental agency; religious holiday.

TARDIES

Students who are late to school must check in at the attendance office in the back of the school. Parents are not required to accompany students when checking in, but should send an email to gsmst.attendance@gcpsk12.org stating the reason why the student is late. Students tardy to other classes during the day must receive a tardy pass (TAP) to enter class.

ABSENCES

When an absence occurs, parents should send an email to the attendance office (gsmst.attendance@gcpsk12.org), stating the reason for the absence along with any necessary documentation (e.g. a doctor's note). Without this official documentation, the absence remains unexcused. If a student has an unexcused absence, they risk not being able to make up any work missed.

STUDENT CHECK OUT

Only parents, guardians, or people listed on a student's emergency contact list may check out a student from the attendance office. Due to the bus and car traffic at the end of the school day, **students will not be permitted to check-out after 2:30pm.** Please plan accordingly.

Teenage drivers with a campus parking permit will not be able to check themselves out without their parent's permission. Parents should email gsmst.attendance@gcpsk12.org with the student's complete name, the time the student is allowed to leave, and the absence reason.

For more information about the Attendance policy, please refer to the GSMST Student Handbook on the school website.

TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING



Transportation Details

- Due to the complexity of our bus logistics, GSMST students are not able to use alternate bus pick-up or drop-off locations at any time during the year.
- If students are car-riders, they **must** be picked up and/or dropped off in the back of the building.
- Car riders and student drivers should drive around to the back of the GSMST/Maxwell campus.
- **Expect heavy traffic during the first two weeks of school.** Please plan accordingly to arrive on time.



The front faculty lot is **not** available for student pick-up/drop-off.

WELCOME CLASS OF



Engineering Honor Society
Mu Alpha Theta
National Art Honor Society
National German Honor Society
National Honor Society
National Spanish Honor Society
Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society
Tri-M Music Honor Society

Club Fair

Students, mark your calendars for Club Fair on August 18th! More information will come out the first week of school. Check out our clubs and honor societies on the school webpage to learn more!

Academic World Quest
Art and Design Club
Asian American Student Association
Black Student Union (BSU)
Chess Club
Chinese Club
Computer Science Club
Crickit Club
Cybersecurity Club
Debate
DECA
Digital Media Club (DMC)
Econ Challenge Team
Environmental Club (ECOS)
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
German Club

Gwinnett Student Leadership Team (GSLT)

Hispanic Organization Promoting Education
Literary Magazine
Math Team
Medfinity
Model United Nations (MUN)
Mock Trial
Muslim Student Association
Quiz Bowl Team
Readers Rally
Relay for Life
Robotics - FIRST and VEX
Science Bowl
Science Olympiad
Spanish Club
Student Council
Technology Student Association (TSA)
Women in STEM
Yearbook

2023-2024 IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST SEMESTER

Jul 28	Schedule Pick-up (10-12G)
Jul 31	Schedule Pick-up (9G)
Aug 2	First Day of School
Aug 18	9G Laptop Distribution
Aug 18	9-12G Pictures & Club Fair
Aug 24	Open House (7pm)
Sep 4	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 15	GCPS Digital Learning Day #1
Sep 18	6-week Progress Reports
Oct 5-6, 9	Fall Break (Student/Teacher Holidays)
Oct 18-19	GSMST Cyber Days
Oct 25	Online PSAT for 9-11G (8-12:15pm)
Oct 30	12-week Progress Reports
Nov 3	GCPS Digital Learning Day #2
Nov 11	Fall Dance
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 12-15	GCPS Final Exams
Dec 18-Jan 1	Winter Break

SECOND SEMESTER

Jan 2-3	Student Holidays
Jan 4	First Day of School
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan 16-17	GSMST Science Fair
Feb 2	GCPS Digital Learning Day #3
Feb 12	6-week Progress Reports
Feb 15-16, 19	Student/Teacher Holidays
Feb 22	Curriculum Night (7pm)
Feb 24	International Night
Mar 6-7	GSMST Cyber Days
Mar 15	GCPS Digital Learning Day #4
Mar 25	12-week Progress Reports
Mar 26	GCPS SAT for 11th Graders
April 1-5	Spring Break
May 6-17	AP Exams
May 16	Reading Day
May 17-22	GCPS Final Exams
May 22	Last Day of School

Family Newsletter

Stay updated by reading our GSMST *Infinite Insight* which is sent out once a month to the email address on file. The newsletter will provide the latest school announcements, important dates, and information for the upcoming month.

CONTACTS

School District Text Messages

If you opted in to receive text notifications last year, there is no need for you to do anything this year... you are still in the system! If you are new to GCPS or have not subscribed to the text service yet, it is easy to do. Text the word "SUBSCRIBE" to the number 67587.

Contact Updates

If your home address or email changes during the year, please contact the school/registrar. Phone numbers and Emergency Contacts can be updated through the Parent Portal.

GSMST Phone Numbers

Main Office/Clinic - 678-518-6700
Attendance Office - 678-518-6711
Counseling/Registrar - 678-518-6692

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