



Summer 2025

Infinite Insight Family Newsletter



WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear GSMST Families,

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year at the best school in Georgia! It is hard to believe that summer break is nearing its close, but we are excited for the days ahead. We hope you've had a wonderful two months spending time with your family, and we hope that students found time to rest and unwind before the busy Fall semester begins.

As we embark on the new year, we remain dedicated to the success of our students through a culture of support, integrity, and high expectations. Our faculty and staff have been hard at work, preparing rigorous and relevant STEM learning experiences. We will continue to implement schoolwide project-based learning, with a strong emphasis on the connections between science, engineering, and math. As the year gets started, please ensure that your child remains involved with clubs and activities, attends all FLEX sessions, and seeks help from teachers as they need it throughout the year.

I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and commitment to our students and school community. I encourage each of you to stay engaged in your child's education, continue to communicate with teachers during the year, and continue to participate in school events whenever possible. Your dedication and involvement in our school make a positive difference to the success of our students. Please plan to join the PTSA, volunteer for events, and support the school in any way that you can. We look forward to interacting and connecting with each of you at school events this year!

Please take a few moments to review this newsletter, as it contains critical information and many important dates for the start of the school year. We cannot wait to have students back in the building, and we look forward to another amazing year.

Your Proud Principal,
Logan Malm

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BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS



Important Dates

MyPaymentsPlus - SY 2025-2026

Monday, July 21st

Schedule Pick-up Days

Wednesday, July 30th

10th graders from 8 - 10 a.m.

11th graders from 10 - 11 a.m.

12th graders from 11 a.m. - noon

Thursday, July 31st

9th graders from 9 - 11 a.m.

First Day of School

Monday, August 4th

Open House

Thursday, August 21st at 7 p.m.

Parents and Students are invited to attend our Schedule Pick-up Day!

Plan to attend our Schedule Pick-up event during the day and time of your child's grade level. During this event, students will receive their fall schedule, and parents will complete beginning of the year paperwork. You will also be able to purchase a parking pass, rent a locker, drop off medications, and visit the PTSA booth to become a member.

Open House

Join us on Thursday, August 21st at 7 p.m. 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.

MyPaymentsPlus

Beginning July 21st, families will be able to access MPP to make school contributions, add money to lunch accounts, purchase a locker and/or a parking pass, and apply for free or reduced meals.



MyPaymentsPlus



To find our school fees under Events & Activities on MPP, type **GSMST** in the search bar!



School contributions on MPP help us ensure sustainability of our programs at a high level.

Is your student participating in Athletics?

If your student is interested in playing a sport at their zoned high school athletic program, please plan to attend our Student-Athlete Informational Meeting before Open House on August 21st at 6:30 p.m. The Athletics Participation Agreement Forms can be found on our website, under Students>Activities & Clubs, and should be emailed to Taniesha.Pooser@gcpsk12.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECK LIST FOR STUDENTS

Attention Rising 11th Graders

Students 16 years or older (who are entering the 11th grade) must receive one dose of the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MVC4) administered on or after their 16th birthday. Upon receiving the 3231 immunization form, please send us a copy by US postal mail, email it to Patricia.Ivanowski@gcpsk12.org, or bring it to our Front Office.

Student Laptops

Laptop distribution for seniors, juniors, and sophomores will happen from August 4th through 6th. Freshmen will receive their laptops on August 11th after receiving training in their advisement class and completing and returning their Acceptable Use of Electronic Media (AUEM) form. All students will be issued a school laptop; there is no BYOD option for seniors.



School Supplies

Supply lists will be available on each Google Classroom course page on the first day of school. Some teachers may provide their list in advance 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 rent a locker for the upcoming school year for \$3 on MyPaymentsPlus. Please bring confirmation of payment on Schedule Pick-up Day to receive your locker number and combination.

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



ParentVUE

Some of the information parents or guardians can access via ParentVUE includes student class schedule, grades, attendance, discipline, clinic visits, teachers' contact information, bus route, and more. Parents can also access the portal to update their phone numbers, and the student's emergency contact list. If you are not able to access ParentVUE, please contact our school Parent Liaison: Patricia.Ivanowski@gcpsk12.org.

IMPORTANT

Please access your ParentSquare account after July 21st to acknowledge and sign the Orientation Agreement Forms.

PTSA

All families are encouraged to join our Parent Teacher Student Association! ----->



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" or by scanning the QR code.



Free/Reduced Lunch Application Opens on July 21st

Scan the QR code or access www.gwinnett.schoollunchapp.com to complete or renew the 2025-2026 application for Free & Reduced Lunch.



CLINIC AND MEDICATION

If a student needs to take prescribed or over-the-counter medication during the school day, a parent/guardian must bring the medication to our clinic and fill out an "Administration of Medication Request" form.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) and Prescription (Rx) Medication:

- Must be in date and in the original container (please bring the smallest bottle).
- For medical prescriptions (Rx): Student's name and dosage must be on the label in the original container.
- The school cannot give a student any medication unless a parent brings it to the school clinic and signs the request form. This includes cough drops, Neosporin, peroxide, ibuprofen, eye drops, or other OTC medications.

All medications must be brought to the clinic by a parent/guardian. Students cannot transport medicine 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 any medication with other students.

Health Management Plan (HMP):

Students with medical conditions that 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 **before or during the first week of school**. Note that if a student carries an inhaler or EPI-Pen, a doctor's signature is required on the Allergy or Asthma HMP. If you need a form or have any questions regarding medication, please contact our Clinic Worker by emailing Virginia.Vergara@gcpsk12.org.

2025 - 2026 BELL SCHEDULE

Please review the bell schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. A detailed school year calendar can be found on our website under Students/Attendance & Bell Schedule. The first week of school will not include block days in order to ensure students receive guidance and information on scheduling their FLEX time.

2025-2026 GSMST Bell Schedule

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8th Period Flex

Our 8th period FLEX is reserved for academic intervention, tutoring, internship, research projects, or wellness. Students may be assigned, or may sign up for a block. Parents, please assist your child to ensure the best use of this time during school hours.



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 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 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 makeup any work missed.

Early Check Out

Only parents, legal 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 2:30 p.m.**

Please, plan accordingly.

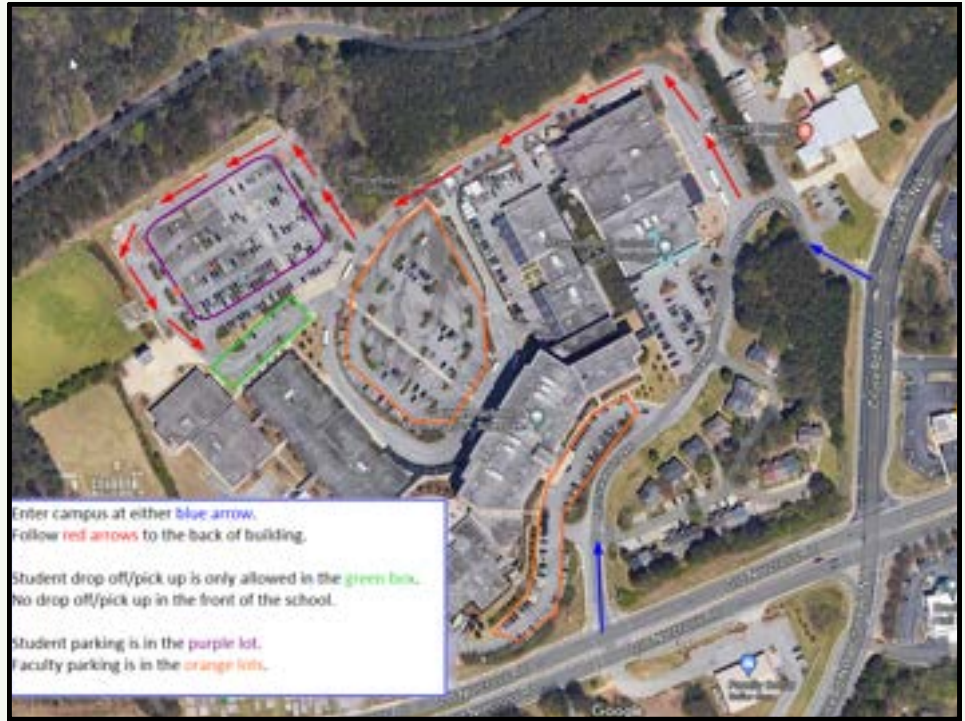
Teenage drivers with a campus parking permit will not be able to check themselves out without their parents' permission. Parents should email GSMST.Attendance@gcpsk12.org with the student's complete name, the time the student is allowed to leave, and the absence reason.

For more information about the attendance policy, refer to the GSMST Student Handbook on our 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.
- Car riders and student drivers should drive around Maxwell to the back of GSMST campus.
- Expect heavy traffic during the first two weeks of school. Please, plan accordingly to arrive on time.
- Students must be in their classroom by 8 a.m.; late arrival begins at 8:01 a.m. The best practice is to arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. to account for drop-off traffic. School doors open at 6:45 a.m.
- **Please note:** In preparation for the district-wide roll out of weapon detectors in high schools this Fall, any student who is dropped off in the carpool lane will be directed to enter the building by the attendance office. Students will not be permitted to enter the building through the doors closest to the carpool lane.



IMPORTANT: The front faculty parking lot is NOT available for student drop-off/pick-up. Additionally, students are NOT permitted to be dropped off or picked up in the Family Dollar lot across the street. If students are found parking in any lot other than the GSMST student lot, parking fines/towing fines may be incurred.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Students will have the opportunity to visit our Club Fair on August 15th! More information will come out during the first week of school. Parents can access our website under “Students” to learn more about clubs and honor societies.

- AGAPE
- Art & Design
- Asian American Student Association
- Black Student Union
- Chess Club
- Chinese Club
- Computer Science Honor Society
- Creative Writing Club
- Cricket Club
- Debate
- DECA
- Digital Media Club
- Environmental (ECOS)
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future is Female
- Gay Straight Alliance
- German Club

- Gwinnett Student Leadership Team
- GSMST Research Lead
- HOSA
- International Night
- Math Team
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Muslim Student Association
- National Art Honor Society
- National Chinese Honor Society
- National German Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- National Honor Society Lead
- Quiz Bowl Team
- Reader’s Rally
- Relay for Life

- Rho Kappa
- Robotics Club
- Robotics (First)
- Science Bowl
- Science National Honor Society
- Science Olympiad
- Society of Women Engineers
- Spanish Club
- Spanish National Honor Society
- Student Council
- The Enigma Club
- Technology Student Association
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- UNICEF
- Women in STEM
- 21st Century Leaders

2025-2026 IMPORTANT DATES

FALL SEMESTER

Jul 30	Schedule Pick-up (10-12G)
Jul 31	Schedule Pick-up (9G)
Aug 4	First Day of School
Aug 4-6	12-10G Laptop Distribution
Aug 11	9G Laptop Distribution
Aug 15	Club Fair
Aug 21	Open House at 7 p.m.
Aug 26-27	Picture Days
Sep 1	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 15	6-Week Progress Reports
Sep 19	GCPS Digital Learning Day #1
Oct 9-10,13	Fall Break
Oct 22-23	GSMST Cyber Days
Oct 27	12-Week Progress Reports
Nov 4	GCPS Digital Learning Day #2
Nov 15	Fall Dance
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 16-19	Final Exams
Dec 17-19	Early Release (12:15 p.m.)
Dec 22-Jan 1	Winter Break

SPRING SEMESTER

Jan 2	Student Holiday
Jan 5	First Day of 2 nd Semester
Jan 19	MLK Jr. Holiday
Feb 6	GCPS Digital Learning Day #3
Feb 7	International Night
Feb 10	Curriculum Night at 7 p.m.
Feb 12-13,16	Student/Teacher Holidays
Feb 17	6-Week Progress Reports
Feb 19-20,23	Course Registration for 2026-27
Mar 4-5	GSMST Cyber Days
Mar 13	GCPS Digital Learning Day #4
Mar 30	12-Week Progress Reports
Apr 6-10	Spring Break
Apr 18	Prom
May 14	Reading Day
May 15,18-20	Final Exams
May 18-20	Early Release (12:15 p.m.)



Other important events will be announced during the school year in our Infinite Insight monthly newsletter.

COMMUNICATION/CONTACTS

ParentSquare

ParentSquare is a unified communication platform designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with GCPS and GSMST. For more convenience, download the ParentSquare app.

Contact Updates

If your home address or email changes during the year, please contact the school. Phone numbers, and emergency contacts can be updated on ParentVUE.

School Office Hours

Monday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monthly Family Newsletter

Stay updated by reading our GSMST Infinite Insight, which is sent out monthly through ParentSquare. The newsletter provides the latest school announcements, important dates, and information for the upcoming month.

Phone Numbers

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

GSMST Parent Liaison

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