



GSMST - SUMMER 2026

WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!



Dear GSMST Families,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful summer, and that students found time to rest, rejuvenate, and enjoy the slower pace.

Over the last several weeks, our campus has been quite busy as we prepare for the upcoming year. The exciting fourth floor construction has continued, and we anticipate its completion before the start of school. We cannot wait for students and families to see the new classroom spaces, the Entrepreneurship and Computer Science labs, and the new Advanced Research wing. Additionally, construction has also started for the multi-use auditorium in the back of our campus. While this project is equally exciting, it will cause challenges with morning and afternoon traffic. If your student is a car-rider, please make sure to review the updated map in this newsletter to see the new drop off location. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work through new challenges and transportation delays that construction may bring this year.

Looking ahead, our team remains dedicated to the success of our students through a culture of support, integrity, and high expectations. Teachers have been hard at work, innovating and designing their instructional plans for the year. We are excited to continue our final exam pilot, our remediation support, and our project based learning work as we eagerly anticipate Georgia DOE STEM re-certification visits this 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, join our amazing PTSA, 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. I strongly encourage you to review this newsletter in detail, as it contains critical information and important dates for the start of the year.

We cannot wait to have students back in the building, and we look forward to another amazing year at the #1 school in Georgia, in GCPS, and in our hearts!

Your Proud Principal,
Logan Malm



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BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Important Dates

MyPaymentsPlus - SY 2026-2027

Saturday, July 18

Schedule Pick-Up Days

Friday, July 31

10th graders from 8 - 10 a.m.

11th graders from 10 - 11 a.m.

12th graders from 11 a.m. - noon

Monday, August 3

9th graders from 9 - 11 a.m.

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 5

Open House

Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m.

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

Plan to attend the Schedule Pick-Up event during the designated date and time for your child's grade level.

During this event, students will receive their fall schedules, and parents will complete beginning-of-year paperwork. Families will also have the opportunity to rent a locker, ask questions about bus transportation, drop off medications, and visit the PTSA booth to become a member.

Open House

Join us on **Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m.** for this special once-a-year opportunity! Parents and guardians will have the chance to walk through their student's schedule, meet teachers, and learn more about what to expect in the upcoming school year.



30 Minutes to Connect

Join us for our "30 Minutes to Connect" event! This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, connect with school staff and PTSA officers, and engage with students representing various clubs and organizations. If you are interested, please stop by the main lobby **between 6:15–6:45 p.m. on August 20**, prior to our Open House.

GHSA Athletic Participation

If your student is interested in playing a sport at their zoned high school, please plan to attend our Student-Athlete Informational Meeting prior to Open House on **August 20 at 6:30 p.m.** Participation Agreement Forms can be found on our website, under Students>Activities & Clubs, and should be emailed to Anna.H.Yang@gcpsk12.org.

MyPaymentsPlus

Beginning **July 18**, families will be able to access MyPaymentsPlus (MPP) to make school contributions, add funds to lunch accounts, purchase a locker, and access the link to apply for free or reduced meals.



MyPaymentsPlus

WE ARE GSMST



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

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

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. Students can get vaccinations and certificates of immunization from their private physician, other health care providers or at local health department offices (www.gnrhealth.com/locations).

Student Laptops

Laptop distribution for seniors, juniors, and sophomores will happen from **August 5 through 7**. Freshmen will receive their laptops on **August 10** after completing and returning their Acceptable Use of Electronic Media (AUEM) form. All students will be issued a school laptop.

School Dress Code

Students are expected to follow the dress code guidelines outlined below:

- Form-fitting pants, including spandex, may be worn if paired with a shirt that extends below the student's fingertips.
- Low-cut, see-through, backless, and off-the-shoulder tops are not permitted. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Tank tops may only be worn when layered under a zipped or buttoned jacket or shirt.
- All shorts, skirts, and dresses should be longer than mid-thigh.
- Hoodies are permitted, but hoods must remain down while inside the building.

School Supplies

Supply lists will be available on each course's Google Classroom page on the first day of school.

In general, students should plan to have basic supplies, including writing utensils (pencils, pens, and highlighters), organizational materials (folders or binders), and a scientific (TI-30XS Multiview) or graphing (TI-84 Plus) calculator.

Student Parking

Parking policies for the 2026–2027 school year are currently being finalized. Due to ongoing campus construction, some changes will be implemented. Additional parking information will be shared soon—please watch for updates.

Lockers

Students can rent a locker for the upcoming school year for \$3 on MPP. Please bring confirmation of payment on Schedule Pick-Up Day to receive your locker number and combination.

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INTERNATIONAL
NIGHT



Need a Proof of School Enrollment?

Access your MPP account and pay the GSMST Certificate of Attendance fee. We'll mail a notarized form to your home address.

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.

PTSA

All families are encouraged to join our Parent Teacher Student Association! Parent involvement plays a vital role in student success, and becoming a member is a great way to stay connected, support our school community, and volunteer at GSMST events. Scan the QR code to join today!



IMPORTANT

Please access your ParentSquare account after July 18 to acknowledge and sign the **Orientation Agreement Forms**.

INTERESTED
IN HELPING?
SCAN HERE TO
BECOME A
VOLUNTEER!



Free/Reduced Lunch Application Opens on July 18

Scan the QR code or access www.gwinnett.schoollunchapp.com to complete or renew the 2026-2027 application for Free & Reduced Lunch.



CLINIC AND MEDICATIONS

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.

2026 - 2027 BELL SCHEDULE

Please review the bell schedule for the 2026-2027 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.

2026-2027 GSMST Bell Schedule

Anchor Day	Blue Day	Silver Day	Blue Day	Silver Day
1st Period 8:00-8:50	1st Period 8:00-9:34	2nd Period 8:00-9:34	1st Period 8:00-9:34	2nd Period 8:00-9:34
2nd Period 8:57-9:43				
3rd Period 9:50-10:36	3rd Period 9:41-11:13	4th Period 9:41-11:13	3rd Period 9:41-11:13	4th Period 9:41-11:13
4th Period/Lunch 10:43-11:54 10:43-11:54 Lunch A 10:43-11:54 Lunch B 11:04-11:54 Lunch B	5th Period/Lunch 11:20-1:20	5th Period/Lunch 11:20-1:20	5th Period/Lunch 11:20-1:20	5th Period/Lunch 11:20-1:20
Advisement 12:01-12:21	Lunch B 11:20-11:40 11:40-11:54 Transition 11:54-12:09 Lunch B 12:09-12:21 5th Period	Lunch B 11:20-11:40 11:40-11:54 Transition 11:54-12:09 Lunch B 12:09-12:21 5th Period	Lunch B 11:20-11:40 11:40-11:54 Transition 11:54-12:09 Lunch B 12:09-12:21 5th Period	Lunch B 11:20-11:40 11:40-11:54 Transition 11:54-12:09 Lunch B 12:09-12:21 5th Period
5th Period 12:28-1:14				
6th Period 1:21-2:07	7th Period 1:27-3:00	8th Period Flex 1:27-3:00 1:27-2:10 Block A 2:17-3:00 Block B	7th Period 1:27-3:00	8th Period Flex 1:27-3:00 1:27-2:10 Block C 2:17-3:00 Block D
7th Period 2:14-3:00				

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 must notify the school by either emailing GSMST.Attendance@gcpsk12.org or recording the absence in ParentVUE. The notification should include the reason for the absence along with any required documentation (e.g., a doctor's note).

Please note that without official documentation, the absence will remain unexcused. Students with unexcused absences may not be permitted to make up missed work.

Early Check Out

Only parents, legal guardians, or individuals listed on a student's emergency contact list may check a student out from the Attendance Office. Please note that, due to bus and car traffic at the end of the school day, **student checkouts will not be permitted after 2:30 p.m.** Please plan accordingly.

Student drivers with a campus parking permit may not check themselves out without parent permission. Parents must email GSMST.Attendance@gcpsk12.org **no later than 9:30 a.m.** on the day of checkout. The email must include the student's full name, the time the student is allowed to leave, and the reason for the absence.

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

TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING

Transportation Details

- Expect heavy traffic during the first two weeks of school. Please plan accordingly. Construction on campus will cause additional delays for car riders.
- Car riders and student drivers should drive around Maxwell to the back of GSMST campus. Please follow the map.
- Students must be in their classroom by 8 a.m. School doors open at 7:25 a.m.
- 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.
- **Please note: Construction will be taking place in the area marked on the map. Use caution when driving through the car rider lane, and pay attention to staff as we may need to shift traffic based on construction needs during the year. Thank you for your understanding.**



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 14!** More information will come out during the first week of school. You can access the most updated club list on our website under "Students".

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

2026-2027 IMPORTANT DATES

FALL SEMESTER

Jul 31	Schedule Pick-Up (10-12G)
Aug 3	Schedule Pick-Up (9G)
Aug 5	First Day of School
Aug 5-7	12-10G Laptop Distribution
Aug 10	9G Laptop Distribution
Aug 14	Club Fair
Aug 20	Open House at 7 p.m.
Aug 25-26	Picture Days
Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 15	6-Week Progress Reports
Sep 18	GCPS Digital Learning Day #1
Oct 12-16	Fall Break
Oct 21	PSAT for 9-11G
Oct 28-29	GSMST Cyber Days
Nov 3	GCPS Digital Learning Day #2
Nov 4	12-Week Progress Reports
Nov 7	Fall Dance
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 15-18	Final Exams
Dec 16-18	Early Release (12:15 p.m.)
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break

SPRING SEMESTER

Jan 4	Student Holiday
Jan 5	First Day of 2 nd Semester
Jan 18	MLK Jr. Holiday
Feb 6	International Night
Feb 9	Curriculum Night at 7 p.m.
Feb 12, 15-16	Student/Teacher Holidays
Feb 17	6-Week Progress Reports
Feb 18-22	Course Registration for 2027-28
Mar 3-4	GSMST Cyber Days
Mar 16	GCPS SAT for ALL (11G)
Mar 19	GCPS Digital Learning Day #3
Mar 30	12-Week Progress Reports
Apr 5-9	Spring Break
Apr 17	Prom
May 20	Reading Day
May 21, 24-26	Final Exams
May 24-26	Early Release (12:15 p.m.)
May 26	Last Day of School



Additional important events and testing dates will be shared throughout 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 informed by reading our GSMST Infinite Insight, delivered monthly through ParentSquare.

This newsletter includes the latest school announcements, important dates, and key 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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