

John S. Battle High School
Gifted and Talented Education
Monthly Newsletter

September 2017



**Students on the campus of East Tennessee State University
after experiencing the Reece Museum's Holocaust display.**

September Activities and Events

September 13, 2017: GATE Meeting

A GATE meeting was held during 4th period to discuss upcoming Lunch and Learns and to find out what opportunities students are interested in having this year.

September 20, 2017: USHMM/Reece Museum Visit

GATE students in Honors Biology and Honors English 10 took a cross-curricular field trip to the Reece Museum in Johnson City to view the exhibit *Deadly Medicine*. Here is the description: “*Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race* is a traveling exhibition produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Through reproductions of photographs and documents, films, and survivor testimony, it traces how the persecution of groups deemed biologically inferior led to the near annihilation of European Jewry. It also challenges viewers to reflect on the present-day interest in genetic manipulation that promotes the possibility of human perfection.” (etsu.edu)



September 25, 2017: E.T.S.U. Honors College

A representative from the E.T.S.U. Honors College met with GATE students, as well as other interested 11th and 12th graders who have a 3.5 or higher G.P.A. She discussed everything from admissions and financial aid to testing and campus life. She also focused on the numerous scholarship opportunities available.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Please note: We will have numerous opportunities for GATE students this year that are not listed below. I have only included the ones that are already being scheduled, or that I know we will definitely be involved with.*

November 2017: Media Day (Date: TBA)

Two local newspaper reporters from the Bristol Herald Courier, along with a Meteorologist from WCYB, will be visiting JSB to share their work experiences about everything from the day-to-day to the exciting in the world of journalism.

November 8, 2017: JSB GATE-sponsored Blood Drive

A chance to give back by volunteering to help throughout the day or by bringing in snacks for our JSB “Donor Lounge.”

December 2017: Adopt an Angel from JSB

Another opportunity to give back by making a donation of cash or clothing to help one of our own (anonymous) JSB students. This is something we do every year, and it is always incredibly rewarding.

February 2018: Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker

A “thru-hiker” will be visiting JSB to discuss the experience of hiking the more than 2,000 mile Appalachian Trail in a single season.

April 2018: Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Track and Field Games will be hosted by JSB GATE students. This is another annual event that is also special for both volunteers and athletes!

April/May 2018: Senior GATE Trip!

River’s Way Ropes Course/Teambuilding