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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

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How does Your School Define the Word 'Success?'

Often times in our complex society, we seek to use the spoken word and or phrases to define terms that may be in conflict with the written word. Different groups and individuals choose to use differing descriptions for the same word or phrase.

One such word that carries multiple definitions is the word "SUCCESS." As the winter competitive seasons draw to a close, perhaps we should explore the word "SUCCESS" and the phrase "SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM."

In almost every form of advertisement, products and merchandise are portrayed as the avenues to success in our lives. Many are shocked when they learn there are no real shortcuts to success regardless of how it is defined. Nothing beats hard work, dedication, attention to detail, etc. – all those values we espouse related to success.

As offered by a well-known writer, here are questions that give us a better working definition of success:

- Are athletes reminded regularly of the need for academic priority and achievement? (Should be first on all administrators' lists)
- Are students treated with respect?
- Is respect demanded from athletes and schoolmates toward teammates, opponents and authority figures?
- Are students who are not the "star player" given the opportunity to develop their talents?
- Does the program offer participation in competitive activities in order to allow the students to grow and to have fun?
- Are all students reminded often of good sporting behavior?
- Do coaches and administrators model these behaviors?
- Do coaches go beyond Xs and Os to bring life skills to the members of the team?
- Are such things as strong work ethic, teamwork, integrity and respect taught throughout the athletic program?

Championships, college scholarships, state rankings will draw attention from fans, parents, the media and others. However, educators should focus on affirmative answers to these and other related questions to life skills development and character development in order to measure a "successful program." Going beyond wins and losses will enhance education-based athletics in our school and communities and throughout the country.

– Gary Phillips, Executive Director



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STATE CHAMPIONS

WRESTLING - Traditional

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Archer High School
AAAAA	Camden County High School
AAAA	Gilmer High School
AAA	Jefferson High School
AA	Social Circle High School
A	Commerce High School

SWIMMING and DIVING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

	Boys
AAAAAA	Walton High School
A - AAAAA	Westminster
	Girls
AAAAAA	Lambert High School
A - AAAAA	Marist

Winning a State Championship is an outstanding achievement for the GHSA member schools, their athletes and coaches, and a distinction that should create a great deal of pride in the school community.

Get Special GHSA Rates at Choice Hotels

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As a Preferred Hotel Partner of the GHSA all schools, teams, officials, families and friends receive a 15% discount while staying at participating Choice hotels. To take advantage of the discount and make a reservation either:

■ Call the Choice Sports Desk at **877.240.AWAY (2929)** and provide the GHSA Discount Code: **00213510**, or

■ Visit www.choicesportstravel.com, click on "Enter Special Rate ID" and enter the code



CHOICE HOTELS
INTERNATIONAL

Championship Basketball on GPB

Georgia Public Broadcasting will televise all 14 games of the GHSA / Dr. Ralph Swearingin State Basketball Championships live from the Macon Centreplex on March 5-7, 2015.

The AAASP Wheelchair championship game (taped) will air on Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. GPB began its GHSA basketball broadcast tradition in 1998.

The finals also will stream live on GPB.org/sports and NFHSNetwork.com/ghsa.

Semifinal action on February 27-28 will feature all 28 games live on NFHSNetwork.com/ghsa produced by PlayOn Sports. DVDs of finals and semifinals can be purchased at NFHSNetwork.com.

Partners for the GPB TV broadcasts include: Georgia Electric Membership Corporations, Regions Bank, Technical College System of Georgia and Georgia Farm Bureau.

Basketball State Championship Facts

When: March 5-7, 2015 **Where:** Macon Centreplex
Tickets: \$12 per day at the Macon Centreplex

Schedule

Thursday, March 5

- 3:00 pm.....Class A Public Girls
- 4:45 pm.....Class A Public Boys
- 7:00 pm.....Class AAAA Girls
- 8:45 pm.....Class AAAA Boys

Friday, March 6

- 12:00 pm.....AAASP Wheelchair
- 3:00 pm.....Class AA Girls
- 4:45 pm.....Class AA Boys
- 7:00 pm.....Class AAAAAA Girls
- 8:45 pm.....Class AAAAAA Boys

Saturday, March 7

- 11:00 am.....Class A Private Girls
- 12:45 pm.....Class A Private Boys
- 3:00 pm.....Class AAA Girls
- 4:45 pm.....Class AAA Boys
- 7:00 pm.....Class AAAAAA Girls
- 8:45 pm.....Class AAAAAA Boys

Television: All Finals Live on GPB-TV (wheelchair game tape delayed until 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 7)

Video: Watch Live at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA / GPB.org/sports.
 Order DVDs at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA.



AAASP Holds 18th State Tournament

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) will host the 18th Annual Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championship Tournament in Georgia, which started on February 28th and will conclude March 6, 2015 with the finals in Macon.

The championship will be held in conjunction with the Georgia High School Association's State Tournament at the Macon Centreplex.

The following teams from both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels across the state began competition on February 28 to vie for the title of state champion: (Varsity) the Houston County Sharks, Atlanta Wolfpack, Gwinnett County Heat, and West Georgia Wolverines, and (Junior Varsity) the Gwinnett County Heat, the Muscogee Lions and the DeKalb Silver Streaks.

Feb. 28 - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball JV Championships and Varsity Semifinals, hosted by Gwinnett County Public Schools at The Monarch School in Duluth. Game times: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:15 p.m.

March 7 - AAASP Wheelchair Basketball State Championship game held in conjunction with GHSA boys' and girls' finals at the Macon Centerplex at noon. (The game will air March 7 at 9:30 a.m., on GPB.)



Jaxx Field Miracle Promotional Offer

Jaxx Field Miracle, the official field drying agent of the GHSA, is offering teams one (1) free bag for every 10 bags purchased.

For a field demonstration of Jaxx Field Miracle contact Bob Sherman at Bob@Falconssalesgroup.com.
 Learn more at <http://www.jaxxusa.com>



Swimming & Diving State Champions - 2015



Class AAAAAA Boys Champion: Walton



Class AAAAAA Girls Champion: Lambert



Class A-AAAAA Boys Champion: Westminster



Class A-AAAAA Champion: Marist

Photographs of the state championship Swimming and Diving squads were provided by River Oak Photography.

Traditional Wrestling State Champions - 2015



AAAAA: Archer



AAAAA: Camden County



AAAA: Gilmer



AAA: Jefferson



AA: Social Circle



A: Commerce

Home 'Pink' is OK April 6-11, 2015

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME spring sports events during the week of April 6-11, 2015.

The visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms, as usual.

GHSA Reminders:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the spring State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by March 13, 2015. The spring State Executive Committee meeting will be held April 13, 2015 at the Marriott Macon City Center.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2015 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2015.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded of the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Class A Soccer, Wrestling, Rifle and Gymnastics for the school year 2015-2016. The deadline for notification in **all** those events is April 1, 2015.

SPRING CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS: Cheerleading practice/tryouts are limited to a maximum of 10 consecutive days per school between February 1 and the last day students are in school. Once tryouts are complete, no further practices may be held until school is out.

DEAD WEEK: The mandatory "Dead Week" for this year is Sunday, June 28, 2015 through Saturday, July 4, 2015.

GHSA Seeks Host Sites

Each year, many schools contribute to the success of the GHSA programs by hosting a region/area or state event as a service to all member schools. The GHSA office soon will be determining sites for events for the 2015-16 year.

Sites are needed for the following events:

- Region Cheerleading
- Area Wrestling (Traditional and/or Team Duals)
- Sectional Wrestling (Traditional)
- Sectional Track
- Sectional Golf and State Golf

If your school would like to host one of the above events, please notify the GHSA office.

Stay Connected to the GHSA!

For all coaches, athletic directors, schools and teams, the GHSA invites you to follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook @OfficialGHSA for all the latest GHSA news and live state championship information.



MaxPreps Baseball Power Ratings

The first power ratings for Class A baseball by MaxPreps will be posted on GHSA.net on March 17, 2015. The power ratings will be updated each Tuesday after that for the remainder of the respective regular seasons.

Every GHSA member school **must** submit all game results, regardless of classification, to MaxPreps in order to manage the Class A baseball power ratings and to verify Region Standings across all classifications.

MaxPreps offers coaches a stat management and communication platform that enables them to efficiently submit their schedules, scores, rosters and statistics. MaxPreps is a 100% free service and is the official source of power ratings, region standings and stats for the GHSA.

For assistance, you may contact MaxPreps' Georgia representative, **Kylie McClarty** at kylie.mclarty@cbsi.com with any questions.



NFHS Network, GHSA Announce School Broadcast Challenge!

The NFHS Network, in conjunction with the GHSA, is pleased to announce the first ever School Broadcast Program Challenge, effective immediately.

Schools that are participating in the SBP are eligible to win a cash prize or, alternatively, a game-watching party sponsored by the NFHS Network.

The challenge is open to all participating NFHS Network School Broadcast Programs in Georgia. The NFHS Network and the GHSA will select one winner amongst schools with less than 1,000 students and one winner amongst schools with more than 1,000 students based on the following criteria during the 2014-15 school year.

* Total number of live sporting events broadcast on the NFHS Network (min 30)

* Total number of subscription passes sold (min 100)

* Total number of highlights cut from sporting events (min of 25, max of 5 per event).

All activity from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year will count retroactively toward the contest.

Winners will have the choice of receiving \$2,000 or a viewing party sponsored by the NFHS Network. The viewing party would be planned in conjunction with the school around a big 2015 away game. The viewing party would include things like a local band, a food truck, a large screen to watch the game and other activities.

If you are interested in participating in the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program or have questions about the contest, please contact sbp@nfhsnetwork.com.

Schedule for State Literary Meet

The state literary meet for all classifications will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Classes AA, AAA and AAAA will be held at Veterans High School, while Classes A, AAAAA and AAAAAA will be at Northside High in Warner Robins. Admission is free to all events. (Note: GHSA Headquarters, Scoring and Awards located in the Cafeteria at both sites.)

Classes AA, AAA and AAAA Veterans High School

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAA	9:30 am	Room 2403
AA	11:00 am	Room 2403
AAA	1:00 pm	Room 2403

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAA	9:30 am	Room 2405
AA	11:00 am	Room 2405
AAA	1:00 pm	Room 2405

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAA	8:30 am	Room 1212 (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
AA	10:00 am	Room 1212 (Drawing)
AA	11:00 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
AAA	12:00 pm	Room 1212 (Drawing)
AAA	1:00 pm	Room 1201 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAA	8:30 am	Room 1212 (Drawing)
AAAA	9:30 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
AA	10:00 am	Room 1212 (Drawing)
AA	11:00 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
AAA	12:00 pm	Room 1212 (Drawing)
AAA	1:00 pm	Room 1203 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AAAA	9:00 am	Media Center
AA	9:00 am	Media Center
AAA	9:00 am	Media Center

Girls Solo:

AAAA	9:00 am	Room 1601
AA	9:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AAA	9:30 am	Theater

Boys Solo:

AAAA	10:15 am	Room 1601
AA	10:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AAA	10:45 am	Theater

Girls Trio:

AAAA	11:15 am	Room 1601
AA	11:30 am	Choral Room 1602
AAA	11:45 am	Theater

Boys Quartet:

AAAA	1:15 pm	Room 1601
AA	1:30 pm	Choral Room 1602
AAA	1:45 pm	Theater

Classes A, AAAAA and AAAAAA Northside High School, Warner Robins

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 902
AAAAAA	11:00 am	Room 902
A	1:00 pm	Room 902

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 906
AAAAAA	11:00 am	Room 906
A	1:00 pm	Room 906

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
AAAAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAAA	11:00 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
A	12:00 pm	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	1:00 pm	Room 703 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
AAAAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAAA	11:00 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
A	12:00 pm	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	1:00 pm	Room 708 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AAAAA	9:00 am	Media Center
AAAAAA	9:00 am	Media Center
A	9:00 am	Media Center

Girls Solo:

AAAAA	9:00 am	Band Room
AAAAAA	9:15 am	Room 1503
A	9:30 am	Theatre

Boys Solo:

AAAAA	10:15 am	Band Room
AAAAAA	10:30 am	Room 1503
A	10:45 am	Theatre

Girls Trio:

AAAAA	11:15 am	Band Room
AAAAAA	11:30 am	Room 1503
A	11:45 am	Theatre

Boys Quartet:

AAAAA	1:15 pm	Band Room
AAAAAA	1:30 pm	Room 1503
A	1:45 pm	Theatre

Music warmup area is in the Band Room 1603.

GHSA - March Calendar - 2015

March

- 1 Deadline to submit Football Schedules to GHSA office
- 5-7 Championship Round State Basketball Tournament (all classes)
- 7 Complete Area Riflery
- 7 Complete Region/Area Literary
- 9 File reports of Literary winners with GHSA by 9 a.m.
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 14 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 14 State Literary Meet
- 16 File reports of Riflery Sectionals with GHSA and State Meet Director
- 21 Complete Riflery Semifinals
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting

April

- 1 Deadline to submit notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Soccer and Wrestling for 2015-16
- 3 Good Friday, GHSA office closed
- 4 State Riflery Championship

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