



# GHSA

## *“Items of Interest”*

November 2007

### Top 10 List for a Happy ‘GHSA’ Thanksgiving

The month of November is an exciting month. The five state Softball champions are savoring their successes from the recent tournaments. Volleyball, Cross Country, and Cheerleading teams are going through the qualifying events that will culminate in their championship events in the next week or so. And, the regular season of Football comes to an end with the intense jockeying for one of the playoff berths over the next several weeks.

As the fall sports season moves to its conclusion this month, the winter season arrives as competitions in Basketball, Wrestling, and Swimming & Diving begin. Outside the competitive arenas there is the excitement that comes with a break from classes around the Thanksgiving holidays – and that is mainly from the teachers and administrators, I think.

As I look toward Thanksgiving, I have compiled my “**Top Ten Things for Which I am Thankful**” this year. Some of the items are more serious than others, but all have a grain of seriousness in them.



- #10: Schools that complete their eligibility forms properly.
- # 9: Schools and Region Secretaries that meet GHSA deadlines.
- # 8: People throughout Georgia who attend high school sporting events.
- # 7: Schools that make their facilities available for GHSA playoff events and rules clinics.
- # 6: Corporate partners who contribute funding and products to insure the quality of GHSA athletic events.
- # 5: GHSA staff members who work very hard to plan and oversee GHSA events.
- # 4: School administrators who deal firmly with sportsmanship violations when they occur.
- # 3: The thousands of men and women who invest large amounts of time officiating GHSA competitions.
- # 2: Coaches who are interested in the “total person” and not just the athletic ability of their players.
- # 1: School administrators who believe in the long-term educational value of student participation in interscholastic athletics.

I hope that each of you will have a great time at GHSA playoff events in November, and that each of you will have a very meaningful Thanksgiving holiday.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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Three new companies have joined the GHSA marketing programs. **Naturally Fresh**, based in Atlanta, will be a champion sponsor as the official sauce and dressing provider of the GHSA. Two new licensees include, **American Solutions for Business** (LaGrange) specializing in custom school promotional products and **Electro Mech Scoreboard Company** (Wrightsville) a manufacturer of sports scoreboards. . . . Check out the **GHSA Store** and a full list of sponsors and licensees at [www.GHSA.net](http://www.GHSA.net)

## STATE CHAMPIONS

### SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Softball:

- AAAAA** - Lassiter High School
- AAAA** - Northgate High School
- AAA** - Blessed Trinity School
- AA** - Buford High School
- A** - Eagles Landing Christian School

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

## Reclassification Adjustment

There has been a delay in receiving the Fall FTE counts from the Department of Education. As soon as the counts are received, the GHSA will e-mail each school's designated contact person as well as listing the counts on the GHSA web site. The remainder of the reclassification process for school years 2008-10 is expected to proceed as originally scheduled and as listed below.

### BASIS FOR COUNT:

**Public Schools:** Average of the Spring 2007 and Fall 2007 FTE counts

**Private Schools:** FTE count as of September 4, 2007 (no multiplier used)

### EARLY NOVEMBER:

The GHSA office will send out numerical ranking of all member schools that delineates the five classifications.

Schools will have two weeks after receiving mailing to:

- a) appeal the validity of the FTE count
- b) submit a written notice to "play up" in classification

### MID NOVEMBER:

1. GHSA Reclassification Committee will meet to place schools in regions

2. GHSA office will send out region alignments

3. Schools will have two weeks after receiving mailing to file an appeal for a lateral transfer to another region

### MID DECEMBER:

The GHSA Reclassification Committee will hear appeals regarding lateral transfers.

### EARLY JANUARY:

The GHSA Executive Committee will have a specially-called meeting to:

- a) hear appeals from the Reclassification Committee meeting
- b) ratify the reclassification of schools for 2008-2010

## Sponsor Spotlight: GAcollge411.org

In 2005, GAcollge411.org was launched as a free service of the State of Georgia provided by the Georgia Student Finance Commission and many Georgia partners to help Georgia students plan, apply and pay for college.

When you open a free My 411 account, you have access to help with planning your high classes and activities, exploring careers, touring Georgia colleges, and applying for all kinds of financial aid.

Apply for college online at GAcollge411. All Georgia public college and university and pub-

lic technical college applications, as well as, over 30 private college applications are available at GAcollge411.org.

Start and stop your application as necessary and save it to your My 411 account. You will also find practice exams for college entrance tests.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission and GAcollge411 applaud the dedication and determination of high school student athletes and are proud sponsors of GHSA and Georgia Public Broadcasting.



## Golf Results Correction

An error was made in the printed version of the Records & Results section (Appendix Z) of the 2007-08 GHSA Constitution & By-Laws.

The correct third place team in AA Boys Golf is Pierce County (305), with counting scores of 74 from David Crawford, 76 from Shiloh Snow, 77 from Parker Lee and 78 from Todd Dowling.

And the correct fourth place team is North Oconee (309), with counting scores of 74 from Blake Soni, 77 from Drew Landers and 79s from Michael Krumm and Max Taylor.

## November TV / Web Schedule

**November 3:** The GHSA Volleyball State Championships will stream live online and on demand at [www.GHSA.net](http://www.GHSA.net) on Saturday, November 3rd with the following schedule: AA/A - 11:00 a.m., AAA - 1:30 p.m., AAAA - 4:00 p.m., and AAAAA - 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Turner Sports, PlayOn and ScoreAtlanta, the presenting partners are Verizon Wireless, Mizuno and Spalding.

**November 15, 17-18:** Georgia Public Broadcasting's *Prep Sports +* will broadcast special taped coverage of the November 10th GHSA Cheerleading State Championship on Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 18 at noon. Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, Wachovia and Georgia Student Finance Commission support *Prep Sports +*.

**November 16, 23 & 30:** Comcast Sports Southeast will carry live coverage of the first three rounds of the state football playoffs with games tentatively scheduled for Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. GHSA sponsors include Dodge, Verizon Wireless, Russell Athletic and State Farm.

## GHSA Official Balls

Coaches and school administrators are reminded that the GHSA State Executive Committee has approved "Official" balls for all GHSA state playoff events.

Listed below are the balls that will be provided for GHSA state playoff events. This is effective through June 30, 2008.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
Baseball	WILSON A1010B-Pro
Basketball	WILSON EVOLUTION Boys: B0516 Girls: B0586
Football	WILSON F1003 or F1005
Soccer	BRINE "Championship"
Softball - SP (optic yellow 11")	WILSON A9202B
Softball - FP (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	SPALDING TF4000

## State Softball Champions - 2007

Class AAAAA  
Lassiter  
Lady Trojans



Class AAAA  
Northgate  
Lady Vikings

Class AAA  
Blessed Trinity  
Lady Titans



## State Softball Champions - 2007



**Class AA**  
**Buford**  
**Lady Wolves**



**Class A**  
**Eagle's Landing**  
**Christian**  
**Lady Chargers**



**Slow Pitch Invitational**  
**Pope**  
**Lady Greyhounds**

Photos of the championship softball teams were provided by **Photographic Arts**. Other photos taken at the State Tournament can be found at [www.schoolpix.biz](http://www.schoolpix.biz).

## GHS A Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 37 of the 2007-08 GHS A Constitution and By-Laws states: Every coach at a GHS A member school must attend a **GHS A-sponsored rules clinic** if he/she coaches the following sports: football, softball, volleyball, riflery, cheerleading (spirit and/or competitive), basketball, lacrosse, wrestling, swimming and diving, track, baseball, soccer and gymnastics.

- (a) A \$50.00 fine per coach who does not attend a clinic will be assessed to the school.  
 (b) All Community Coaches are reminded that clinic attendance is mandatory for them, also.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2007-08 GHS A Rules Clinics for coaches and officials.

**Weeknight clinics begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday clinics begin at 10 a.m., unless otherwise noted. ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.**

**NOTE:** All **CHEERLEADING, FOOTBALL, RIFLERY, SOFTBALL, SWIMMING** and **VOLLEYBALL** clinics have been completed.

### GYMNASTICS

December 2 ..... Westminster (1 p.m.)

### BASKETBALL (Coaches ONLY)

November 3 ..... Gainesville High School - Auditorium  
 November 3 ..... Evans High School - Auditorium  
 November 6 ..... Dalton High School - Auditorium  
 November 6 ..... Buford High School - Auditorium  
 November 8 ..... GHS A Office, Thomaston  
 November 10 ..... Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium

### WRESTLING

November 1 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria

### SOCCER

**Code:** C = Coaches, R = Returning Officials, N = New Officials  
 Coaches may attend any clinic listed

January 5, 2008 ..... Wheeler High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
 January 5, 2008 ..... Savannah Country Day - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
 January 10, 2008 ..... Milton High School - Auditorium (C/R)  
 January 12, 2008 ..... Rome High School - Commons (C/R/N)  
 January 12, 2008 ..... Westover High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
 January 17, 2008 ..... Sams Auditorium - Fayetteville (C/R)  
 January 17, 2008 ..... Johnson, Gainesville HS - Auditorium (C/R)  
 January 19, 2008 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)  
 January 19, 2008 ..... Brunswick High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)  
 January 24, 2008 ..... Norcross High School - Auditorium (C/R)  
 January 24, 2008 ..... Dalton High School - Auditorium (C/R)  
 January 26, 2008 ..... Evans High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
 January 26, 2008 ..... Westside High School, Macon (C/R/N)  
 February 2, 2008 ..... Peachtree Ridge HS - Commons (C/R/N)  
 February 2, 2008 ..... Tift County High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)

### LACROSSE

January 26, 2008 ..... Chattahoochee High School - (Boys & Girls)

January 31, 2008 ..... Pope High School - Theatre (B)  
 January 31, 2008 ..... Woodward Academy - Chapel (G)  
 February 2, 2008 ..... Westminster School - Gym (B/G)

### TRACK & FIELD

January 23, 2008 ..... Westover High School - Auditorium  
 January 23, 2008 ..... Wheeler High School - Auditorium  
 January 24, 2008 ..... Jefferson High School - Cafeteria  
 January 28, 2008 ..... Westside High School, Macon - Cafeteria  
 January 30, 2008 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria  
 January 31, 2008 ..... St. Pius High School  
 February 2, 2008 ..... Dublin High School - Cafeteria  
 February 2, 2008 ..... Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium  
 February 4, 2008 ..... Carrollton High School - Media Center  
 February 6, 2008 ..... Calhoun High School - Auditorium  
 February 7, 2008 ..... Lovejoy High School - Commons  
 February 9, 2008 ..... Thomson High School - Cafeteria  
 February 9, 2008 ..... Ware County High School - Cafeteria

### BASEBALL

February 4, 2008 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria  
 February 4, 2008 ..... Dalton High School - Auditorium  
 February 6, 2008 ..... Statesboro High School - Media Center  
 February 6, 2008 ..... Wheeler High School - Auditorium  
 February 7, 2008 ..... Evans High School - Auditorium  
 February 7, 2008 ..... Norcross High School - Auditorium  
 February 11, 2008 ..... Vidalia High School - Cafeteria  
 February 11, 2008 ..... Savannah Country Day - Auditorium  
 February 13, 2008 ..... Oconee County High School - Cafeteria  
 February 13, 2008 ..... Northside High School, WR - Auditorium  
 February 14, 2008 ..... Lowndes High School - Cafeteria  
 February 14, 2008 ..... Woodward Academy  
 February 18, 2008 ..... Habersham Central High School - Cafeteria  
 February 18, 2008 ..... Westover High School - Auditorium  
 February 20, 2008 ..... Whitewater High School - Auditorium  
 February 20, 2008 ..... Rome High School - Commons  
 February 21, 2008 ..... Ware County High School - Cafeteria  
 February 21, 2008 ..... GHS A Office, Thomaston

## ACT and SAT Assessment Dates

Each year, the GHS A office gets requests to alter schedules due to conflicts with ACT and SAT. We cannot accommodate those requests. The following chart (also published in the GHS A Constitution & By-Laws and listed on the GHS A web site) gives dates of the exams and possible conflicts with GHS A activities. We urge you to inform your athletes, your counselors, and your coaches **now** about the dates scheduled for exams in order for the athletes to plan their assessments around events in which they are to compete.

### ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

December 8, 2007 .....	State Football Semifinals
February 9, 2008 .....	State Debate, State Swimming
April 12, 2008 .....	None
June 14, 2008 .....	None

### SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

December 1, 2007 .....	State Football Quarterfinals
January 26, 2008 .....	None
March 1, 2008 .....	State Basketball Quarterfinals
May 3, 2008 .....	Girls State Track, State Lacrosse Playoffs, State Soccer Playoffs, Region Baseball
June 8, 2008 .....	None

### ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

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## GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - November/December

### **BASKETBALL:**

Adairsville High School, November 19,20,23,24, 2007 (Girls)  
 Adairsville High School, December 20-21, 2007  
 Albany High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Atlanta Public Schools, December 19-22, 2007  
 Beach High School, November 20-21, 2007  
 Brookstone School, December 27-28, 2007  
 Brookwood High School, December 26-29, 2007  
 Butler High School, November 17,19, 2007  
 Campbell High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Cass High School, December 26-29, 2007  
 Central High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Chattahoochee County High School, December 28-29, 2007  
 Coffee High School, December 19-20, 2007  
 Colquitt County High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Crisp County High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Dacula High School, November 17,19,20,21, 2007  
 Dade County High School, November 21,23,24, 2007  
 Dodge County High School, December 14-15, 2007  
 Eagle's Landing Christian, December 26-29, 2007  
 East Hall and Johnson High School, December 7,8,11,14,15, 2007  
 Etowah High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Evans High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Fannin County High School, November 19-21, 2007  
 Flowery Branch High School, November 19-21, 2007  
 Gilmer High School, November 17, 19, 20, 2007  
 Glenn Hills High School, November 19-20, 2007 (Girls)  
 Glynn Academy, December 20-22, 2007  
 Griffin High School, November 17,19,20, 2007 (Girls)  
 Haralson County High School, December 26-29, 2007  
 Henry County High School, December 21,22,27,28, 2007  
 Jackson County High School, December 28-29, 2007  
 Jeff Davis High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Jefferson High School, November 24,27,28, December 1, 2007  
 Jones County High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 LaFayette High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Lakeside-DeKalb High School, November 17,19,20, 2007  
 Lamar County High School, December 28-29, 2007  
 Laney High School, December 19-21, 2007  
 Lowndes High School, November 19-21, 2007  
 Lowndes High School, December 20-22, 2007  
 Madison County High School, November 20-21, 2007  
 McEachern High School, December 22, 2007 (Boys)  
 Miller Grove and Lithonia High Schools, November 20,21,23,24, 2007  
 Morgan County High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Morrow High School, November 19-21,23-24 2007  
 Mt. Zion High School-Jonesboro, November 17,19,20,24, 2007  
 North Atlanta High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 North Clayton High School, December 27,28,29,31, 2007  
 North Cobb High School, November 17,20, 2007  
 North Gwinnett High School, November 17, 19, 20, 2007  
 North Gwinnett High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Oconee County High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Ola High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Parkview High School, November 17,19,20, 2007  
 Pebblebrook High School, November 19,20,21,24, 2007  
 Pope High School, November 17,19,20,24, 2007  
 Prince Avenue Christian School, December 14-15, 2007  
 Richmond Academy, November 23,24, 2007 (Boys)  
 Savannah Christian School, November 20-21, 2007  
 Screven County High School, December 20-21, 2007  
 Sequoyah High School, December 17,21,22, 2007  
 South Forsyth High School, November 17, 21, 24, 2007  
 Southeast Whitfield High School, November 21-24, 2007  
 St. Pius X Catholic High School, December 27-29, 2007

Statesboro High School, November 19-21, 2007 (Girls)  
 Thomas County Central High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Towns County High School, November 19-20, 2007  
 Towns County High School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Treutlen High School, November 19, 20, 2007  
 Turner County High School, December 28-29, 2007  
 Union Grove High School, November 17,19,20,23,24, 2007  
 Vidalia High School, November 17,20, 2007  
 Ware County High School, December 20-22, 2007  
 Washington County High School, November 20-21, 2007 (Girls)  
 Wayne County High School, December 26-28, 2007  
 Wesleyan School, December 1, 2007 (Girls)  
 West Laurens High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Westminster School, December 27-29, 2007  
 Westside High School-Macon, December 20, 21, 22, 2007 (Girls)  
 White County High School, November 19-20, 2007  
 Wilkinson County High School, December 15, 2007  
 Wilkinson County High School, December 28-29, 2007

### **SWIMMING/DIVING**

Bainbridge High School, December 8, 2007  
 Camden County High School, November 17, 2007  
 Clarke Central High School, December 8, 2007  
 Clarke Central High School, December 15, 2007  
 Cobb Swim Coaches Association, December 14-15, 2007  
 Coffee High School, December 15, 2007  
 Columbus High School, December 1, 2007  
 East Coweta High School, December 15, 2007  
 Lee County High School, November 13, 2007  
 Lee County High School, December 1, 2007  
 Morrow High School, November 14 & 28, 2007  
 Morrow High School, December 5, 8 & 12, 2007  
 Pace Academy, December 7-8, 2007  
 Wheeler County High School, November 16-17, 2007  
 Whitewater High School, November 17, 2007

### **WRESTLING**

Alexander High School, November 30 - December 1, 2007  
 Alpharetta High School, December 7-8, 2007  
 Blessed Trinity High School, December 21-22, 2007  
 Brookwood High School, December 14-15, 2007  
 Camden County High School, December 21, 2007  
 Camden County High School, December 14-15, 2007  
 Cass High School, December 7-8, 2007  
 Centennial High School, November 24, 2007  
 Central Gwinnett High School, December 28-29, 2007  
 Collins Hill High School, December 29, 2007  
 Cook High School, November 30 - December 1, 2007  
 Creekview High School, December 7-8, 2007  
 Dacula High School, December 8, 2007  
 Dade County High School, December 7-8, 2007  
 Duluth High School, December 1, 2007  
 East Coweta High School, December 1, 2007  
 Effingham County High School, December 7-8, 2007  
 Fayette County High School, December 28-29, 2007  
 Groves High School, November 21, 2007  
 Harris County High School, December 8, 2007  
 Hiram High School, December 8, 2007  
 Hiram High School, November 24, 2007  
 Jackson County High School, November 30-December 1, 2007  
 Jeff Davis High School, December 1, 2007  
 Madison County High School, December 15, 2007  
 McEachern High School, December 15, 2007  
 Mt. Zion High School, December 7-8, 2007  
 Norcross High School, December 7-8, 2007

## GHSA - November Calendar - 2007

### November

- 1 Volleyball State Semifinals
- 3 Region Cheerleading & Complete Region Cross Country
- 3 Volleyball State Finals
- 5 File Region Cross Country results with GHSA office by 8 a.m.
- 9, 10 Cheerleading Sectionals & State Finals
- 9, 10 End Regular Season in Football
- 10 State Cross Country & Region One-Act Plays
- 12 File Reports of One-Act Play winners
- 13 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 16, 17 First Round State Football Playoffs
- 17 State One-Act Plays & Earliest Date for Basketball game
- 19 Earliest date for Wrestling match
- 22 Thanksgiving Day - GHSA Office closed on 22nd and 23rd
- 23, 24 Second Round State Football Playoffs
- 30, Dec.1 Quarterfinal Round State Football Playoffs

**The GHSA Staff Wishes You and Yours The Best of the Season**



### GHSA Sponsors

