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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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STATE CHAMPIONS**CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAAA	Starr's Mill High School
AAAA	Cartersville High School
AAA	Calhoun High School
AA	Armuchee High School
A (public)	Commerce High School
A (private)	Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed	Winder-Barrow High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA Girls	- Northview High School
AAAAAA Boys	- Marietta High School
AAAAA Girls	- Dunwoody High School
AAAAA Boys	- Clarkston High School
AAAA Girls	- Marist
AAAA Boys	- St. Pius
AAA Girls	- Westminster
AAA Boys	- Blessed Trinity
AA Girls	- Lovett
AA Boys	- Wesleyan
A Girls (public)	- Towns County High School
A Boys (public)	- Jenkins County High School
A Girls (private)	- Landmark Christian
A Boys (private)	- Hebron Christian

ONE-ACT PLAY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Milton High School
AAAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAAA	- North Hall High School
AAA	- Jefferson High School
AA	- Putnam County High School
A (public)	- Echols County High School
A (private)	- Lakeview Academy

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Pope High School
AAAAA	- Greenbrier High School
AAAA	- Buford High School
AAA	- Calhoun High School
AA	- Heard County High School
A (public)	- Georgia Military College
A (private)	- Eagles Landing Christian School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- North Cobb High School
AAAAA	- Sequoyah High School
AAAA	- Marist
AAA	- Blessed Trinity
AA	- Holy Innocents'
A	- Hebron Christian

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.

2014 GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships

New Start Times This Year, But All Games Live from GA Dome

The third annual GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau, will again be televised live by Georgia Public Broadcasting, this year with earlier kickoff times from the Georgia Dome.

GPB's coverage will begin at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 12 with the Class A public school championship game. Longtime high school football voice Tommy Palmer will call the game along with Atlanta sportscaster Sam Crenshaw. Gabrielle Ware will work the sidelines for that game.

Game No. 2 on Friday will be the Class AAA game at 4:30 p.m., with Jon Nelson of GPB and former Atlanta Falcon Chuck Smith in the booth and Grace Olson on the sidelines. The final game of the day will be the AAAAA championship with GPB's Matt Stewart and WGCL-TV's Larry Smith behind the microphones and Nelson on the sidelines at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, December 13, four teams will win state titles. Up first at 10:00 a.m., is the Class A private school title with Palmer and Crenshaw calling the action and Ware on the sidelines. At 1:00 p.m., it's the Class AA game with GPB's Gil Tyree leading the team in the broadcast booth and Olson on the sidelines.

At 4:30 p.m., it's the Class AAAA title game with Nelson and Chuck Smith again. And at 8:00, the AAAAAA final, with Stewart and Larry Smith calling the game. Mark Harmon and Rayven Tirado will host all the pregame, halftime and



postgame shows, which will feature interviews, trophy presentations, performances from some of the marching bands as well as special guests, including GHSA Executive Director Gary Phillips.

All games will be televised live throughout the state of Georgia and into parts of Florida, Alabama and Tennessee on Georgia Public Broadcasting and webcast live at GPB.org/sports and NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA.

GPB has nine television stations across Georgia and is in more than 98 percent of the homes in the state. GPB is the third largest PBS station in the country based on population reach and has been the most watched public station in the country on the days of the football championship broadcasts.

DVD orders of the championship games will be available at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA. The games will be rebroadcast on GPB Knowledge, one of GPB's digital channels, from December 14-20 at 8:00 p.m. For more information on scheduling and finding GPB Knowledge, visit the website at <http://www.gpb.org/GPBKnowledge>.

Find out more about GPB's high school sports coverage on gpb.org/sports and at www.facebook.com/gpbsports.

Home 'Pink' is OK January 26-31, 2015

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME basketball games during the week of January 26-31, 2015.

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

Game officials will be using "pink" whistles for the "Calling For the Cure" promotion during the same week.

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 Basketball Reminder!

MaxPreps is the "Official Statistician and Media Partner" for the GHSA. MaxPreps offers coaches a free stat management and communication platform that enables you to efficiently submit your schedule, scores, roster and statistics. MaxPreps is a 100% free service and the official source of scores and stats for the GHSA.

All GHSA basketball teams statewide must submit game results to MaxPreps, regardless of classification. This information will be used to verify GHSA Region Standings and manage Class A Power Ratings. In addition, all information submitted will be used to power the statewide statistical leader boards.

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



Girls State Cross Country Champions - 2014



AAAAAA: Northview Titans



AAAAA: Dunwoody Wildcats



AAAA: Marist War Eagles



AAA: Westminster Wildcats



AA: Lovett Lions



A (private): Landmark Christian War Eagles



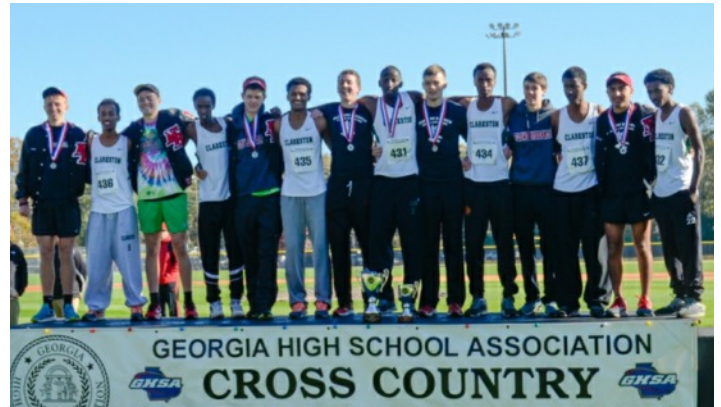
A (public): Towns County Indians



Boys State Cross Country Champions - 2014



AAAAAA: Marietta Blue Devils



AAAAA: Clarkston Angoras



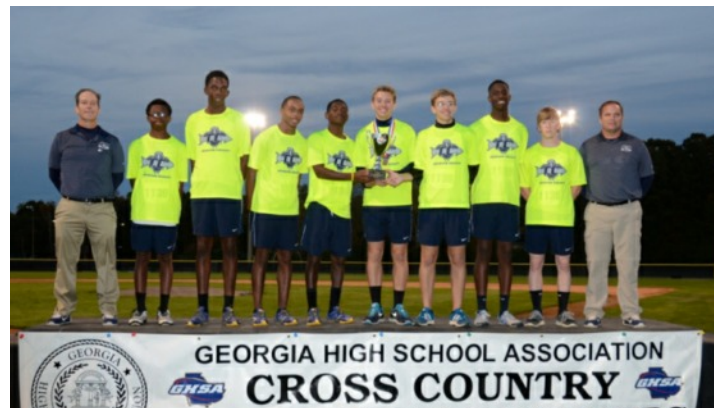
AAAA: St. Pius Golden Lions



AAA: Blessed Trinity Titans



AA: Wesleyan Wolves



A (public): Jenkins County War Eagles

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams were provided by **Pinion Photography**. Pictures of the winning Volleyball teams elsewhere in this newsletter were provided by **Georgia Photographics**. Select photos are available to order at GHSAPhotos.com. And photos of the winning softball teams were provided by **Anne Appleton**.



A (private): Hebron Christian Lions

State Softball Champions - 2014



AAAAA: Pope Greyhounds



AAAAA: Greenbrier Wolf Pack



AAAA: Buford Wolves



AAA: Calhoun Yellow Jackets



AA: Heard County Braves



A (public): GMC Bulldogs



A (private): ELCA Chargers



State Volleyball Champions - 2014



AAAAAA: North Cobb Warriors



AAAAA: Sequoyah Chiefs



AAAA: Marist War Eagles



AAA: Blessed Trinity Titans



AA: Holy Innocents' Golden Bears



A: Hebron Christian Lions

GHSA - December 2014 / January 2015 Calendar

December

- 5, 6 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 12, 13 Championship Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 17 GHSA Office closed until January 5 for **Christmas Holidays**

January

- 10 Complete Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 12 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 13 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 15-17 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 19 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 19 Earliest date for Girls and Boys Track, Baseball and Soccer practice
- 26 Earliest date for Lacrosse practice
- 27 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 30-31 Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments



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



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