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"Items of Interest"

December 2005 / January 2006

Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR GHSA STAFF

Front row (L-R): Julie Jones, Pam Thompson, Joyce Kay, Sheri Coker and Tanya Anderson. Back row (L-R): Dennis Payne, Steve Figueroa, Ralph Swearngin, Ernie Yarbrough and Gary Phillips.

In the Greek language, there are two words that could be used to communicate the English word "new." One strictly means new in time or unused. The other carries the meaning of higher quality. As the GHSA looks toward the unused days of 2006, there is a strong desire to provide a higher quality of service to member schools.

In 2006, we look forward to the continuation of high quality athletics and competitive activities. There is every reason to believe that the great accomplishments in the fall sports and activities season will be matched in the winter and spring seasons. The use of central sites for both Team Dual Wrestling (Macon Centreplex) and Traditional Wrestling (The Arena at Gwinnett) has stimulated excitement.

On Saturday, April 29, the second Student Leadership Summit will be held at the Macon Centreplex. Information about this event will be forthcoming after the first of the year. The first 100 schools to register will be able to send a female athlete, a male athlete, and a coach or administrator to this one-day conference.

On Monday, June 26, the inaugural Coaches Symposium on Sports Medicine will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest as a prelude to the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association annual conference. Recognized leaders in sports medicine will conduct practical workshops for the benefit of GHSA coaches.

Be watching for these events and many more as 2006 unfolds in a very big way.

– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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Those wishing to purchase GHSA merchandise should contact **All-Star Outfitters**, the official merchandise supplier of the GHSA.

The phone number for All-Star Outfitters is 770-590-0075 and the fax number is 770-590-0180. The address is 1420 Lockhart Drive, Building 100, Suite 102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. The contact person is **David Marler**.

STATE CHAMPIONS**CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cheerleading:

AAAAA	Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAA	Woodland High School
AAA	Central-Carrollton High School
AA	Fitzgerald High School
A	Bremen High School
Co-Ed	Winder-Barrow High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cross Country:

AAAAA Girls	- Collins Hill High School
AAAAA Boys	- Parkview High School
AAAA Girls	- McIntosh High School
AAAA Boys	- Marist School
AAA Girls	- Blessed Trinity
AAA Boys	- Westminster School
AA Girls	- Lovett School
AA Boys	- Wesleyan School
A Girls	- Landmark Christian
A Boys	- Atlanta International

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Football:

AAAAA	- Lowndes High School
AAAA	- Statesboro High School
AAA	- Peach County High School
AA	- Charlton County High School
A	- Lincoln County High School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Volleyball:

AAAAA	- Northview High School
AAAA	- Woodward Academy
AAA	- Westminster School
AA/A	- Wesleyan School

ONE-ACT PLAY

Congratulations to the following State Champions in One-Act Play:

AAAAA	- Wheeler High School
AAAA	- Forsyth Central High School
AAA	- Harlem High School
AA	- Greater Atlanta Christian
A	- Bremen High School

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.

GHSA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Please insure that the following statement is read as a public address announcement prior to the start of **every GHSA sanctioned contest**:

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director
Georgia High School Association

ATTENTION TRACK COACHES:

AAASP Information

As you should know, the Georgia High School Association has entered into a collaborative with the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs for events in track and field. For the 2006 season and beyond, coaches/teams with wheelchair athletes **must** receive an orientation on working with these student-athletes.

All Schools anticipating wheelchair athletes in track and field should contact Gary Phillips, GHSA Assistant Director, for specifics.

This applies to schools having athletes who competed in previous years and will compete this year (2006 season), as well as schools having their first wheelchair athletes this season.

When track practice begins in January, AAASP personnel will contact you to schedule an orientation. For further information, see page 168 of the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws.

GHSA Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 63 of the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws states: Every coach at a GHSA member school must attend a **GHSA-sponsored rules clinic** if he/she coaches the following sports: football, softball, volleyball, riflery, cheerleading (spirit and/or competitive), basketball, 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) Community coaches (including first-year coaches) are reminded that clinic attendance is mandatory for them, also.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2005-06 GHSA Rules Clinics for coaches and officials.

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

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

SOCCER

Code: C = Coaches, R = Recertification, N = New Officials Certification
Coaches may attend any clinic listed

January 7, 2006 Brunswick High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)
January 7, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
January 12, 2006 Milton High School - Auditorium (C/R)
January 12, 2006 Oconee County High School - Cafeteria (C/R)
January 19, 2006 Fayette County - Sams Theatre (C/R)
January 19, 2006 Flowery Branch High School (C/R)
January 21, 2006 Rome High School - Commons Area (C/R/N)
January 21, 2006 Savannah Country Day (C/R/N)
January 28, 2006 Norcross High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
January 28, 2006 Westover High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
February 4, 2006 Shaw High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
February 4, 2006 Evans High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
February 11, 2006 Coffee High School - Media Center (C/R/N)
February 11, 2006 Westside High School, Macon (C/R/N)

LACROSSE

January 21, 2006 Chattahoochee High School - 10 a.m. (B & G)
January 26, 2006 Pope High School - 7:30 p.m. (Boys)
January 26, 2006 Woodward Academy - Chapel - 7:30 p.m. (Girls)
January 28, 2006 Westminster School - Gym - 10 a.m. (B & G)

TRACK

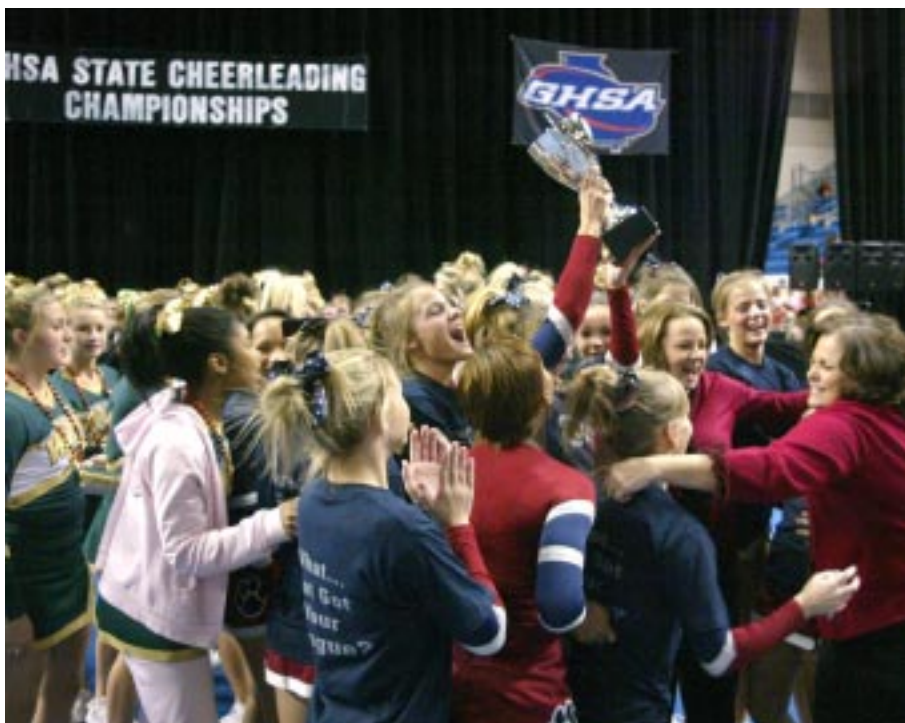
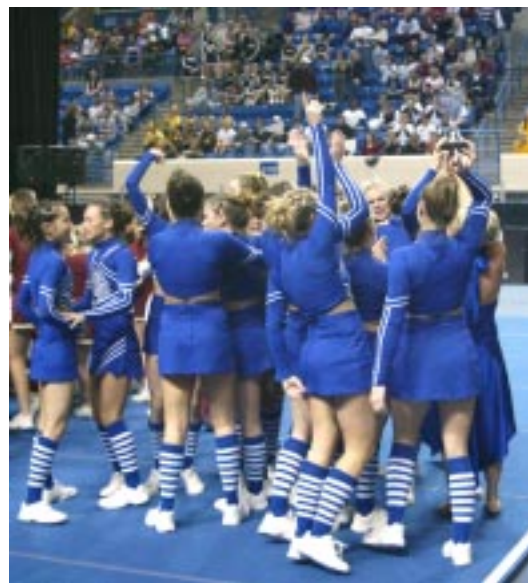
January 23, 2006 Westover High School - Auditorium
January 25, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium

January 26, 2006 Jefferson High School - Cafeteria
January 28, 2006 Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium
January 30, 2006 Westside High School, Macon - Cafeteria
February 1, 2006 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
February 2, 2006 Chamblee High School - Media Center
February 4, 2006 Dublin High School - Cafeteria
February 6, 2006 Carrollton High School
February 8, 2006 Calhoun High School - Auditorium
February 9, 2006 Lovejoy High School
February 11, 2006 Thomson High School - Auditorium
February 11, 2006 Ware County High School - Cafeteria

BASEBALL

February 6, 2006 Dalton High School - Auditorium
February 6, 2006 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
February 8, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
February 8, 2006 Statesboro High School - Cafeteria
February 9, 2006 Evans High School - Auditorium
February 9, 2006 Norcross High School - Auditorium
February 13, 2006 Vidalia High School - Cafeteria
February 13, 2006 Northside High School, WR - Theatre
February 15, 2006 Oconee County High School - Cafeteria
February 15, 2006 Savannah Country Day
February 16, 2006 Tri-Cities High School - Cafeteria
February 16, 2006 Lowndes High School - Cafeteria
February 20, 2006 Habersham Central High School - Cafeteria
February 20, 2006 Westover High School - Auditorium
February 22, 2006 Fayette County (Sams Theatre)
February 23, 2006 Ware County High School - Cafeteria
February 23, 2006 GHSA Office, Thomaston

Fall Sports Championships - 2005



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GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - December/January

BASKETBALL:

Adairsville High School, December 20-21, 2005
 Alexander High School, December 21-23, 2005
 Athens Academy, December 16-17, 2005
 Atlanta Public Schools, December 16, 17, 20 & 23, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Bradwell Institute, December 26-30, 2005
 Bradwell Institute, January 21, 2006
 Brookwood High School, December 27-30, 2005
 Burke County High School, December 19-20, 2005
 Cairo High School, January 14, 2006
 Campbell High School, December 27, 28 & 29, 2005
 Cass High School, December 27-30, 2005
 Cass High School, January 28, 30 & February 1, 2 & 4, 2006
 Centennial High School, January 30, February 1, 2, 4 & 6, 2006
 Central High School, Carrollton, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, December 19-21, 2005
 Commerce High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Crawford County High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Creekside High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Crisp County High School, December 28-29, 2005
 Dougherty High School, December 15, 16, 17, 19 & 20, 2005
 Dublin High School, December 27-28, 2005
 Evans High School, December 28-29, 2005
 Georgia Military College, December 21-22, 2005
 Glynn Academy, December 21-23, 2005
 Griffin High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Haralson County High School, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Hart County High School, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Henry County High School, December 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2005
 Henry County High School, January 28 - January 30, 2006
 Houston County High School, December 19-22, 2005
 Jackson County High School, December 17, 19, 20 & 21, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Jeff Davis High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Johnson High School, Savannah, December 20-23, 2005
 Jordan High School, December 19-22, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 LaGrange High School, December 27-29, 2005 (Boys)
 Lakeview Academy, December 10, 15, 16 & 17, 2005
 Lakeview High School, Ft. Oglethorpe, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Laney High School, December 19-22, 2005
 Lumpkin County High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Mary Persons High School, December 27-28, 2005
 Montgomery High School, December 26-28, 2005 (Girls & Boys)
 Morgan County High School, December 28-30, 2005
 North Clayton High School, December 27-30, 2005
 North Gwinnett High School, December 27, 28, 29, 2005
 Pelham High School, AL, December 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Richmond Hill High School, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 Rome High School, December 20-23, 2005 (Girls & Boys)
 Salem High School, December 19, 20 & 21, 2005
 South Effingham High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Southwest Atlanta Christian High, January 16, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
 St. Pius X Catholic High School, December 27-29, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Thomasville High School, December 26-28, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Towns County High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Tri-County High School, December 16-17, 2005 (Boys & Girls)
 Vanguard High School, December 27-30, 2005
 Villa Rica High School, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 Wayne County High School, December 28-30, 2005
 Westminster School, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005 (Boys)
 Westside High School, Macon, December 19-21, 2005 (Girls)
 Wilkinson County High School, December 16, 2005
 Wilkinson County High School, December 29-30, 2005
 Woodland High School, January 28 & February 4, 2006

Out of State:

Alabama School for the Deaf, AL, December 9-10, 2005

Alabama School for the Deaf, AL, January 26-28, 2006
 Aldine High School, TX, December 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Beech High School, TN, December 28-30, 2004
 Berkeley Preparatory School, FL, December 20-22, 2005
 Bishop Moore High School, FL, December 27-29, 2005
 Boca Ciega High School, FL, December 27-30, 2005
 Cape Henlopen High School, DE, December 26-30, 2005
 Chandler High School, AZ, December 19-22, 2005
 Charlotte Catholic High School, NC, December 16-17, 2005
 Eastern NC School for the Deaf, NC, January 25-27, 2006
 Florida A&M Dev. Res. School, FL, December 28-31, 2005
 Freedom High School, NC, December 29-31, 2005
 Golden Gate High School, FL, December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Gulf Shores High School, AL, December 21-22, 2005
 Harriman High School, TN, December 27-29, 2005
 Hilton Head High School, SC, December 21-23, 2005
 Howard High School, TN, December 21-23, 2005
 Jensen Beach High School, FL, December 26-29, 2005
 Keswick Christian School, FL, December 27-29, 2005
 McClay High School, FL, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 North Central High School, SC, December 16, 17 & 19, 2005
 North Charleston High School, SC, December 26, 27, 29 & 30, 2005
 Orlando Christian Prep School, FL, December 19-22, 2005 (Boys Only)
 Paintsville High School, KY, December 27-30, 2005
 Pelham High School, AL, December 28, 29 & 30, 2005
 Poinciana High School, FL, December 16, 17, 19, 20 & 21
 Reno High School, NV, January 2-5, 2006
 Russellville High School, KY, December 19-22, 2005
 Spain Park High School, AL, December 27-29, 2005
 St. John's High School, SC, December 21-23, 2005
 Trinity Catholic High School, FL, December 27-29, 2005

DEBATE/FORENSICS/LITERARY:

Cairo High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Lincoln County High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Lincoln County High School, January 7, 2005

SWIMMING & DIVING:

Adairsville High School, December 6, 2005
 Adairsville High School, December 9, 2005
 Adairsville High School, December 13, 2005
 Adairsville High School, January 12, 2006
 Adairsville High School, January 27, 2006
 Americus-Sumter High School, January 7, 2006
 Americus-Sumter High School, January 21, 2006
 Bainbridge High School, December 10, 2005
 Cairo High School, January 14, 2006
 Carrollton High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, December 10, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, December 17, 2005
 Clarke Central High School, January 14, 2006
 Clarke Central High School, January 27, 2006
 Clarke Central High School, February 4, 2006
 Coffee High School, December 3, 2005
 Coffee High School, January 21, 2006
 Evans High School, January 7, 2006
 Evans High School, December 8, 2005
 Glynn Academy/Brunswick High School, December 3, 2005
 Gordon Central High School, January 7, 10 & 30, 2006
 Kennesaw Mountain High School, January 27, 2006
 Kennesaw Mountain High School, December 17, 2005
 Kennesaw Mountain High School, January 6, 2006
 Lakeside High School, Evans, December 3, 2005
 Lakeside High School, Evans, December 1, 2005
 Lakeside High School, Evans, January 5, 2006
 Lakeside High School, Evans, January 12, 2006

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - December/January, Cont.

SWIMMING & DIVING, Continued:

Lakeside High School, Evans, January 21, 2006
 Lakeside High School, Evans, January 26, 2006
 Landmark Christian School, December 9, 2005
 Landmark Christian School, January 20, 2006
 McEachern High School, December 9, 2005
 Mill Creek High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Mill Creek High School, January 21, 2006
 Mill Creek High School, January 27-28, 2006
 North Cobb High School, January 20-21, 2006
 Savannah Arts Academy, December 10, 2005
 Savannah Arts Academy, January 21, 2006
 Sprayberry High School, January 28, 2006
 Statesboro High School, January 13, 2006
 Upson Lee High School, December 10, 2005
 Upson Lee High School, January 7, 2005
 Westminster High School, January 27-28, 2006
 Westside High School, Augusta, January 19, 2006
 Westside High School, Augusta, January 31, 2006
 Wheeler High School, January 7, 2006

WRESTLING:

Alexander High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Alexander High School, January 28, 2006
 Apalachee High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Baldwin High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Bowdon High School, January 27-28, 2006
 Brookwood High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Brookwood High School, January 27-28, 2006
 Callaway High School, December 22, 2005
 Camden High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Cass High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Cass High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Central Gwinnett High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Chattahoochee High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Cherokee High School, December 28-29, 2005
 Cherokee High School, January 7, 2006
 Collins Hill High School, December 22, 2005
 Collins Hill High School, January 27-28, 2006
 Collins Hill High School, December 22, 2005 (Duals)
 Cook High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Dacula High School, December 10, 2005
 Dacula High School, December 22, 2005
 Dacula High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Dade County High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Dawson County High School, December 30-31, 2005
 Douglas County High School, December 10, 2005
 Duluth High School, December 2-3, 2005
 East Paulding High School, December 31, 2005
 East Paulding High School, January 27-28, 2005
 Effingham County High School, December 10, 2005
 Elbert County High School, December 20, 2005
 Etowah High School, December 10, 2005
 Etowah High School, December 30, 2005
 Fayette County High School, December 28-29, 2005
 Fayette County High School, January 28, 2006
 Fitzgerald High School, December 27-28, 2005
 Forsyth Central High School, December 3, 2005
 Forsyth Central High School, December 17, 2005
 Gainesville High School, December 20, 2005
 Grayson High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Groves High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Hardaway High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Harris County High School, December 17, 2005
 Harrison High School, December 10, 2005
 Hiram High School, December 20-21, 2005

Jefferson High School, December 30, 2005
 Lassiter High School, December 22-23, 2005
 Lithia Springs High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Lovett School, January 28, 2006
 Luella High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Lumpkin County High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Macon County High School, December 17, 2005
 Marietta High School, December 16-17, 2005
 McEachern High School, December 17, 2005
 McEachern High School, January 7, 2006
 McIntosh High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Meadowcreek High School, January 15, 2006
 Milton High School, December 10, 2005
 Murray County High School, January 6-7, 2007
 Norcross High School, December 2-3, 2005
 North Forsyth High School, January 28, 2006
 North Gwinnett High School, December 2-3, 2005 (9th & 10th Grade)
 North Hall High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Northside High School, WR, January 6-7, 2006
 Oconee County High School, December 27, 2005
 Pace Academy, December 10, 2005
 Pacelli High School, December 28 & 29, 2005
 Pebblebrook High School, December 17, 2005
 Pope High School, January 28, 2006
 Riverdale High School, January 28, 2006
 Riverwood High School, December 29, 2005
 Riverwood High School, January 3, 2006
 Rockmart High School, January 6-7, 2006
 Rome High School, December 17, 2005
 Tift County High School, January 28, 2006
 Towns County High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Treutlen High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Sequoyah High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Sequoyah High School, December 31, 2005
 Social Circle High School, January 28, 2006
 South Cobb High School, January 28, 2006
 South Effingham High School, December 2-3, 2005
 Stockbridge High School, December 16-17, 2005
 Swainsboro High School, December 3, 2005
 Vidalia High School, January 27-28, 2006
 Walton High School, December 3, 2005
 West Laurens High School, December 9-10, 2005
 Wheeler High School, January 28, 2006
 White County High School, December 17, 2005
 Woodward Academy, December 29-30, 2005

Out of State:

Auburn High School, AL, December 16-17, 2005
 Baker High School, FL, December 9-10, 2005
 Bishop Amat Memorial High School, CA, December 22, 2005
 Bradley Central High School, TN, December 16-17, 2005
 Chattanooga Central High School, TN, January 7, 2006
 Cleveland High School, TN, December 10, 2006
 Fernandina Beach High School, FL, December 16-17, 2005
 Fort Mill High School, SC, December 16-17, 2005
 Hilton Head High School, SC, December 30, 2005
 Houston High School, TN, December 2-3, 2005
 Huntsville High School, AL, December 2-3, 2005
 Knoxville Catholic High School, TN, December 2-3, 2006
 McGavock High School, TN, December 9-10, 2005
 Ovielo High School, FL, December 28-29, 2005
 Ravenwood High School, TN, January 7, 2006
 Spring Valley High School, SC, December 16-17, 2005
 Terry Parker High School, FL, December 2-3, 2005
 Vestavia High School, AL, December 29-30, 2005
 Worthington Kilbourne High School, OH, December 9-10, 2005

GHSA - December 2005 / January 2006 Calendar

December

21 GHSA Office Closed until January 4 for Christmas Holidays

January

10 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
 13, 14 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
 14 Complete qualifying for State Debate
 16 Date of earliest Gymnastics practice
 16 M.L. King, Jr. Day - GHSA office closed
 20, 21 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
 23 Earliest date for Girls Track practice
 24 Appeal Board, GHSA Office, Thomaston
 28 Deadline to file Basketball rosters
 30 Earliest date for Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis and Boys Track practice

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



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