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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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GHSAA Online Store

You are invited to check out the **GHSAA Store** and **Licensees** for a full list of products and services at **www.ghsa.net**.

To preorder or purchase surplus championship t-shirts, please contact **All-Star Outfitters**, the official event merchandise supplier of the GHSAA at 770-590-0075 and **www.asoapparel.com**.

STATE CHAMPIONS

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cheerleading:

AAAAA	Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAA	Woodland High School
AAA	Harris County High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A	Bremen High School
Co-Ed	Jones County 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	- Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe HS
AAAA Boys	- Chapel Hill High School
AAA Girls	- Blessed Trinity
AAA Boys	- North Hall High School
AA Girls	- Lovett School
AA Boys	- Wesleyan School
A Girls	- Landmark Christian
A Boys	- Our Lady of Mercy

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Volleyball:

AAAAA	- Harrison High School
AAAA	- Marist School
AAA	- Blessed Trinity
AA/A	- Wesleyan School

ONE-ACT PLAY

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

AAAAA	- Tri-Cities High School
AAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAA	- Columbus High School
AA	- Greater Atlanta Christian
A	- Athens Academy

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

AAA Football Final on CSS

The AAA State Football Championship will be televised live on Sat., Dec. 16th on Comcast Sports Southeast. CSS is available in 5.5 million homes across the Southeast. The game is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. The class AAAAA and AAAA finals will continue to be televised live on GPB, along with all 10 semifinal games from the Georgia Dome Dec. 8-9.

ATTENTION: Basketball Coaches

Two items need to be addressed before the season goes any further:

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER: The "official scorekeeper" who keeps the book at games **MUST** wear a black/white striped officials shirt for all Georgia High School Association sanctioned basketball games.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT: The official GHSA Sportsmanship Statement **MUST** be read prior to every GHSA contest or game. (The Sportsmanship Statement is reprinted to the right for your use.)

These two items are NOT optional, so please see to it that your school complies. Thank you.

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."

GHSA Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 32 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) First-year community coaches are reminded that clinic attendance is mandatory for them, also.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2006-07 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, GYMNASTICS, 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 6, 2007 Wheeler High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
January 6, 2007 Savannah Country Day - Auditorium (C/R/N)
January 11, 2007 Milton High School - Auditorium (C/R)
January 11, 2007 Tift County High School - Auditorium (C/R)
January 13, 2007 Rome High School - Commons (C/R/N)
January 13, 2007 Westover High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
January 18, 2007 Whitewater High School - Auditorium (C/R)
January 18, 2007 Johnson, Gainesville HS - Auditorium (C/R)
January 20, 2007 Columbus High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)
January 20, 2007 Brunswick High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)
January 25, 2007 Norcross High School - Auditorium (C/R)
January 25, 2007 Dalton High School - Auditorium (C/R)
January 27, 2007 Evans High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)
January 27, 2007 Westside High School, Macon (C/R/N)
February 3, 2007 Peachtree Ridge HS - Commons (C/R/N)

LACROSSE

January 27, 2007 Chattahoochee High School - (B/G)
February 1, 2007 Pope High School - Theatre (B)
February 1, 2007 Woodward Academy - Chapel (G)
February 3, 2007 Westminster School - Gym (B/G)

TRACK

January 22, 2007 Westover High School - Auditorium

January 24, 2007 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
January 25, 2007 Jefferson High School - Cafeteria
January 27, 2007 Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium
January 29, 2007 Westside High School, Macon - Cafeteria
January 31, 2007 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
February 1, 2007 St. Pius High School
February 3, 2007 Dublin High School - Cafeteria
February 5, 2007 Carrollton High School - Media Center
February 7, 2007 Calhoun High School - Auditorium
February 8, 2007 Lovejoy High School - Commons
February 10, 2007 Thomson High School - Cafeteria
February 10, 2007 Ware County High School - Cafeteria

BASEBALL

February 5, 2007 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
February 5, 2007 Dalton High School - Auditorium
February 7, 2007 Statesboro High School - Media Center
February 7, 2007 Wheeler High School - Auditorium
February 8, 2007 Evans High School - Auditorium
February 8, 2007 Norcross High School - Auditorium
February 12, 2007 Northside High School, WR - Auditorium
February 12, 2007 Vidalia High School - Cafeteria
February 12, 2007 Savannah Country Day - Auditorium
February 14, 2007 Oconee County High School - Cafeteria
February 15, 2007 Lowndes High School - Cafeteria
February 15, 2007 Tri-Cities High School - Commons Area
February 19, 2007 Habersham Central High School - Cafeteria
February 19, 2007 Westover High School - Auditorium
February 21, 2007 Whitewater High School - Auditorium
February 21, 2007 Rome High School - Commons
February 22, 2007 Ware County High School - Cafeteria
February 22, 2007 GHSA Office, Thomaston

Fall Sports Championships - 2006



Class AAAAA: Harrison



Class AAAA: Marist



Class AAA: Blessed Trinity



Class AA/A: Wesleyan

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Fall Sports Championships - 2006



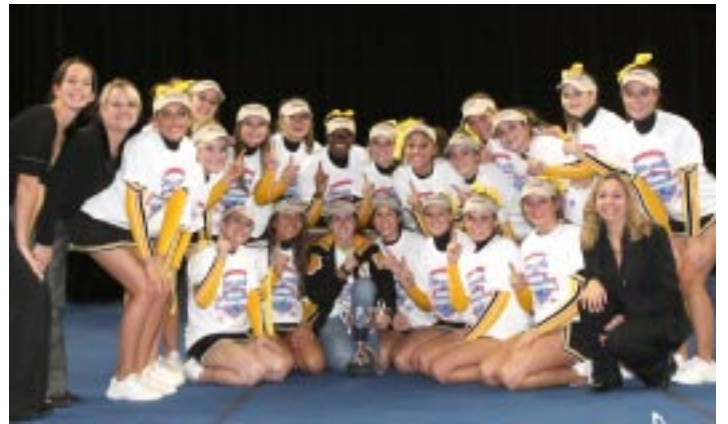
Co-Ed: Jones County



Class AAAAA: Peachtree Ridge



Class AAAA: Woodland



Class AAA: Harris County



Class AA: Calhoun



Class A: Bremen

Fall Sports Championships - 2006



Class AAAAA Boys: Parkview



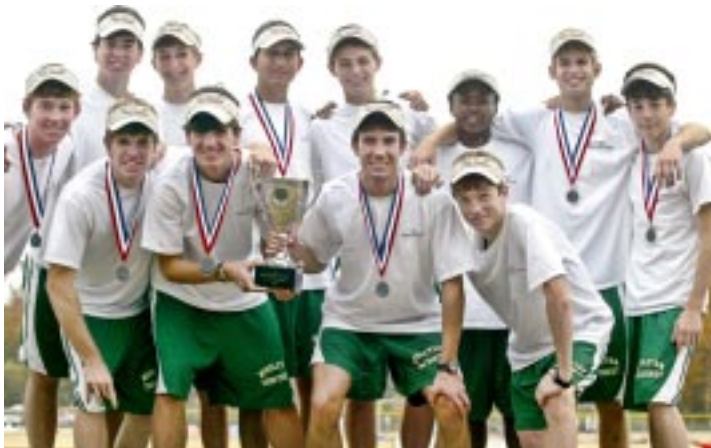
Class AAA Girls: Blessed Trinity



Class AAA Boys: North Hall



Class AA Girls: Lovett



Class AA Boys: Wesleyan



Class A Girls: Landmark Christian

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - December/January

BASKETBALL:

Adairsville High School, December 21-22 & 28-30, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Atlanta Public Schools, December 16, 19, 22, 23, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Brookwood High School, December 27-30, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Calhoun County High School, December 14-15, 2006
 Callaway High School, December 15-16, 2006
 Campbell High School, December 28-30, 2006
 Cass High School, December 27-30, 2006
 Cass High School, January 27, 29, 31 and February 1 & 3, 2007
 Central High School/Carrollton, December 18, 19 & 20, 2006
 Central High School/Talbotton, December 15-16, 2006
 Chattahoochee County High School, December 29-30, 2006
 Chestatee High School, December 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 2006
 Clarke Central High School, December 20, 21 & 22, 2006
 Coffee High School, December 20-21, 2006
 Colquitt County High School, December 28-30, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Commerce High School, December 29-30, 2006
 Dalton High School, December 20-23, 2006
 Dodge County High School, December 15-16, 2006
 Dougherty County High School, December 15, 16, 18, 19, 2006
 Eagle's Landing Christian School, December 27-30, 2006
 Emanuel County Institute, December 27-29, 2006
 Evans High School, December 27-29, 2006
 Forsyth Central High School, December 28-30, 2006
 Glynn Academy, December 20-22, 2006
 Georgia Military College, December 20-21, 2006
 Griffin High School, December 21-22, 2006 (Boys)
 Haralson County High School, December 27-29, 2006
 Hardaway High School, December 18, 22, 2006
 Hart County High School, December 28-29, 2006
 Henry County High School, December 18-21, 2006
 Houston County High School, December 20-23, 2006
 Jackson County High School, December 27, 28, 29, 2006
 Jeff Davis High School, December 28-30, 2006
 Jefferson High School, December 25, 28-29, 2006
 Johnson High School, December 20-23, 2006
 Jones County High School, December 18-20, 2006
 LaFayette High School, December 27-30, 2006
 LaGrange High School, December 28-30, 2006
 Lamar County High School, December 29-30, 2006
 Laney High School, December 20-22, 2006
 Lowndes High School, December 20-22, 2006 (Boys)
 Luella High School, December 28-29, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Mary Persons High School, December 19-20, 2006
 Morgan County High School, December 28-30, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Mount Paran High School, December 18-19, 2006
 North Clayton High School, December 27-30, 2006
 North Gwinnett High School, December 27-29, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Northgate High School, December 21-23, 2006
 Oconee County High School, December 28-30, 2006
 Prince Avenue Christian School, December 15 & 16, 2006
 Screven County High School, December 21-22, 2006
 Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, January 15, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 St. Pius X Catholic High School, December 27-29, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Thomas County Central High School, December 20-21, 2006
 Thomasville High School, December 27-29, 2006
 Towns County High, December 28, 29 & 30, 2006 (Boys and Girls)
 Turner County High School, December 28-29, 2006
 Villa Rica High School, December 21-23, 2006
 Wayne County High School, December 27-29, 2006 (Boys)
 Westminster High School, December 28-30, 2006
 Westside High School, Macon, December 21, 22 & 23, 2006
 Wilkinson County High School, December 16 & December 29-30, 2006

SWIMMING/DIVING:

Americus-Sumter High School, January 6, 20 & 24, 2007 (Swimming)
 Bainbridge High School, December 9, 2006 (Swimming)
 Cairo High School, January 13, 2007 (Swimming)
 Clarke Central High School, December 9 & 16, 2006 (Swimming & Diving)
 Clarke Central High School, January 20 & 27, 2007 (Swimming & Diving)
 Coffee High School, January 20, 2007
 Creekside High School, December 15, 2006 (Swimming)
 Creekside High School, January 12, 2007 (Swimming)
 East Coweta High School, December 15, 2006 (Swimming)
 Habersham Central High School, January 6, 2006 (Swimming)
 Kennesaw Mtn. High, December 15-16, 2006 (Swimming & Diving)
 Kennesaw Mtn. High School, January 5 & 26, 2007 (Swimming & Diving)
 LaGrange High School, January 13 & 20, 2007 (Swimming)
 Lakeside High School, January 13, 2007 (Swimming & Diving)
 Landmark Christian, December 15, 2006 & January 12, 2007
 Marist High School, December 15, 2006 (Swimming & Diving)
 Mill Creek High School, December 8-9, 2006 (Swimming & Diving)
 Mill Creek High School, January 20, 2007 (Diving)
 Mill Creek High School, January 25, 27, 2007 (Swimming)
 McEachern High School, January 12, 2007
 North Cobb High School, January 19-20, 2007 (Swimming & Diving)

Northside High School, Warner Robins, December 16, 2006 (Swimming)
 Riverwood High, December 16, 2006 & January 13, 2007 (Swimming & Diving)
 St. Vincent's Academy, December 16, 2006 (Swimming)
 Savannah Arts Academy, December 9, 2006 & January 20, 2007 (Swimming)
 Statesboro High School, January 12, 2007 (Swimming)
 Thomasville High School, January 10, 2007 (Swimming)
 Wesleyan School, December 8-9, 2006 (Swimming & Diving)
 Walton High School, December 8, 2006 (Swimming & Diving)
 Walton High School, January 6, 2007 (Swimming)
 Woodward High School, January 11, 2007 (Swimming & Diving)

WRESTLING:

Alpharetta High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Athens Christian School, December 9, 2006
 Baldwin High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Blessed Trinity, December 21-22, 2006
 Brookwood High School, December 15-16, 2006
 Camden High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Cass High School, December 8-9, 2006 & January 5-6, 2007
 Central Gwinnett High School, December 16, 2006 & December 29-30, 2006
 Chattahoochee High School, January 5-6, 2007
 Cherokee High School, December 22-23, 2006
 Cherokee High School, December 28-29, 2006 (Duals)
 Collins Hill High School, December 29, 2006 (Duals)
 Collins Hill High School, December 30, 2006
 Cook High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Dacula High School, December 9, 2006 (Duals)
 Dacula High School, January 27, 2007
 Dawson County High School, January 5-6, 2007
 Eagles Landing High School, January 27, 2007
 East Paulding High School, January 26-27, 2007
 Effingham County High School, December 16, 2006
 Elbert County High School, December 19, 2006
 Etowah High School, December 9, 2006 & December 29, 2006
 Fannin County High School, December 16, 2006 (Duals)
 Fayette County High School, December 28-29, 2006 & January 27, 2007
 Fitzgerald High School, December 27-28, 2006
 Forsyth Central High School, December 16, 2006 (Duals)
 Gainesville High School, December 19, 2006
 Groves High School, December 30, 2006 & January 5-6, 2007
 Hardaway High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Harrison High School, December 9, 2006 & January 27, 2007
 Harris County High School, December 16, 2006 (Duals)
 Hart County High School, January 6, 2007
 Jefferson High School, December 29, 2006
 LaGrange High School, January 5-6, 2007
 Loganville High School, December 9, 2006
 Lumpkin County High School, December 9, 2006 (Duals)
 Norcross High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Northside High School, WR, January 5-7, 2007
 Madison County High School, December 16, 2006
 Marietta High School, December 15-16, 2006
 McEachern High School, December 30, 2006 (Duals)
 McIntosh High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Mill Creek High School, December 21-22, 2006
 Milton High School, December 9, 2006 (Duals)
 Milton High School, January 26-27, 2006
 Mt. Zion High School, December 8-9, 2006
 North Cobb High School, December 16, 2006
 North Forsyth High School, January 27, 2007
 North Gwinnett High School, December 23, 2006
 North Hall High School, December 16, 2006 & January 26-27, 2007
 Northside High School, Warner Robins, January 5-6, 2007
 Oconee County High School, December 27, 2006
 Pace Academy, December 9, 2006
 Pacelli High School, December 28-29 & December 30, 2006
 Peachtree Ridge High School, December 9, 2006 (Duals)
 Pebblebrook High School, December 16, 2006
 Pope High School, December 13, 2006
 Riverdale High School, January 26-27, 2007
 Rockdale County High School, December 30, 2006 (Duals)
 Sequoyah High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Sequoyah High School, December 30, 2006
 South Forsyth High School, December 21-22, 2006
 South Gwinnett High School, January 5-6, 2007
 Sprayberry High School, January 5-6, 2007
 Stockbridge High School, December 15-16, 2006
 Stockbridge High School, December 27, 2006
 Swainsboro High School, December 1-2, 2006
 Tift County High School, January 27, 2007
 Treutlen High School, December 15-16, 2006
 Upson-Lee High School, January 27, 2007
 Wesleyan High School, December 29, 2006 (Duals)
 West Laurens High School, December 8-9, 2006
 Woodstock High School, December 15-16, 2006
 Woodward High School, December 29-30, 2006

GHSAA - December 2006 / January 2007 Calendar

December

- 5 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 8, 9 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 15, 16 Championship Round State Football Playoffs
- 20 GHSAA Office closed until January 3 for Christmas Holidays

January

- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 12, 13 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 13 Complete qualifying for State Debate
- 15 Date of earliest Gymnastics practice (M.L. King Day -- GHSAA Office closed)
- 19, 20 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 22 Earliest date for Girls Track practice
- 23 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 29 Earliest date for Soccer, Tennis and Boys Track practice

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



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