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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship rings and jewelry (jostens.com); **Musco Sports Lighting**, leader in sports-lighting solutions (musco.com); **FieldTurf**, official artificial turf (fieldturf.com); **Hudl**, official video exchange service (hudl.com); **Formetco Sports**, Official scoreboard/video screen system (formetco.com/sports); **Sports Imports**, official volleyball net systems (sportsimports.com); **College Football Hall of Fame**, the perfect destination for family fun! (cfbhall.com); and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser (teamip.com).

STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following GHSA State Champions:

CHEERLEADING

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 7A | South Forsyth High School |
| 6A | Northgate High School |
| 5A | Carrollton High School |
| 4A | Chapel Hill High School |
| 3A | Pierce County High School |
| 2A | Armuchee High School |
| A (public) | Gordon Lee High School |
| A (private) | Mt. Paran Christian School |
| Co-Ed | Milton High School |

CROSS COUNTRY

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7A Girls | - Marietta High School |
| 7A Boys | - Milton High School |
| 6A Girls | - Cambridge High School |
| 6A Boys | - Cambridge High School |
| 5A Girls | - McIntosh High School |
| 5A Boys | - McIntosh High School |
| 4A Girls | - Marist |
| 4A Boys | - Marist |
| 3A Girls | - Westminster |
| 3A Boys | - Westminster |
| 2A Girls | - Bleckley County High School |
| 2A Boys | - Banks County High School |
| A Girls (public) | - Telfair County High School |
| A Boys (public) | - Georgia Military College |
| A Girls (private) | - Landmark Christian |
| A Boys (private) | - Hebron Christian |

ONE-ACT PLAY

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 7A | - Milton High School |
| 6A | - Heritage-Conyers High School |
| 5A | - Starr's Mill High School |
| 4A | - Chestatee High School |
| 3A | - Calhoun High School |
| 2A | - Davidson Fine Arts |
| A (public) | - Schley County High School |
| A (private) | - Lakeview Academy |

VOLLEYBALL

| | |
|----|------------------------|
| 7A | - Walton High School |
| 6A | - Harrison High School |
| 5A | - McIntosh High School |
| 4A | - Marist |
| 3A | - Pace Academy |
| 2A | - Coosa High School |
| A | - Calvary Day |

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.

2017 CoEd State Cheerleading Champions: Milton



The rest of the state cheerleading champions are pictured on page 6.

2017 GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships

All Games Live on Dec. 8 & 9 From Mercedes-Benz Stadium

The sixth annual GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, will again be televised live by Georgia Public Broadcasting this year from the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

GPB's coverage will begin at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, December 8 with the Class A private school game. The lineup for the remainder of the day includes the Class 3A game at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Class 5A game at 4:30 p.m., and the Class 6A game at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, December 9, four more teams will win state titles. Up first at 10:00 a.m., is the Class A public school title. At 1:00 p.m., it's the Class 2A game. At 4:30 p.m., it's the 4A title game. And at 8:00, the 7A final.

This year's on-air talent for GPB's coverage includes hosts Mark Harmon and Nikky Williams, and Jon Nelson, Tommy Palmer, Matt Stewart, Sam Crenshaw (sidelines), Larry Smith, Paul Crane and Hannah Chalker (sidelines). Chelsea Tofoya will serve as the Social Media correspondent.



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 available on demand at gpb.org/sports.

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

Enjoy 'Holiday in the Park' at Six Flags

It's that most wonderful time of the year at Six Flags over Georgia's Holiday In the Park. Enjoy roller coasters, hot chocolate, millions of lights! The holidays are more fun with Holiday In The Park! GHSA discounts available at SixFlags.com/OverGeorgia. Use promo code "GHSA."

Located just off I-20 west of Atlanta, Six Flags Over Georgia is the largest regional theme park in the Southeast. The park is also home to Hurricane Harbor, a massive seven-acre water park that is included with your admission.

Six Flags Over Georgia also boasts 12 heart-pounding roller coasters, 2 NEW family areas, over 40 rides & attractions, and over 15 restaurants inside the park – there is something for everyone!



Nominations Open For NFHS Awards

Nominations are open for two NFHS awards developed to celebrate the spirit and heart of extra curricular activities.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the **National High School Heart of the Arts Award** and the **National High School Spirit of Sports Award** is January 15, 2018 for both.

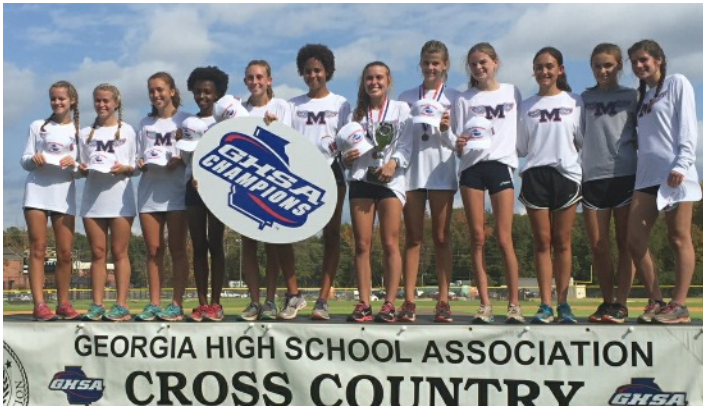
Nomination forms for both awards and further instructions may be found on the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net). Or you can contact Tommy Whittle at the GHSA office (twhittle@ghsa.net).

The Heart of the Arts Award recipient could be any student, adult or group associated with a school's performing arts program. This award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

The Spirit of Sports Award recipient could be a coach, athletic administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete or any others associated with the school's athletic program.

In both cases, nominations must be for something that occurred between January 1, 2017 and January 15, 2018.

Girls State Cross Country Champions - 2017



7A: Marietta



6A: Cambridge



5A: McIntosh



4A: Marist



3A: Westminster



2A: Bleckley County



A (public): Telfair County



A (private): Landmark Christian

Boys State Cross Country Champions - 2017



7A: Milton



6A: Cambridge



5A: McIntosh



4A: Marist



3A: Westminster



2A: Banks County



A (public): Georgia Military College



A (private): Hebron Christian

State Cheerleading Champions - 2017



7A: South Forsyth



6A: Northgate



5A: Carrollton



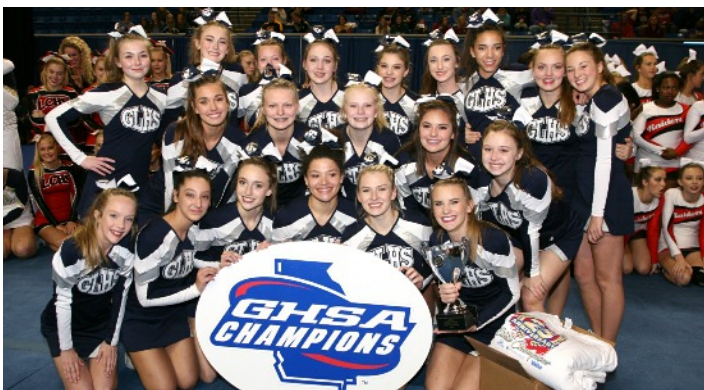
4A: Chapel Hill



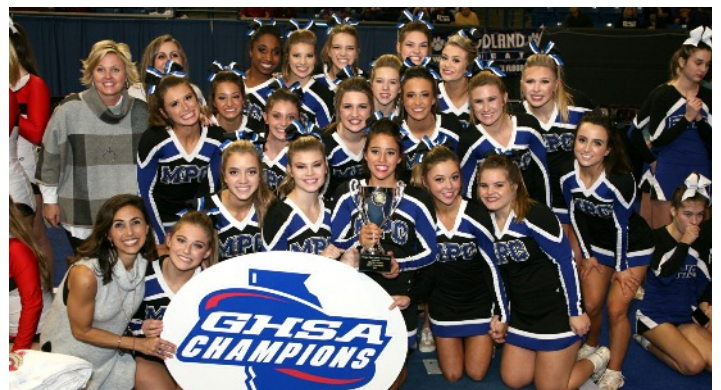
3A: Pierce County



2A: Armuchee



A (public): Gordon Lee



A (private): Mt. Paran

State Volleyball Champions - 2017



7A: Walton



6A: Harrison



5A: McIntosh



4A: Marist



3A: Pace Academy



2A: Coosa



A: Calvary Day

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams were provided by Pinion Photography. Pictures of the winning Volleyball teams were provided by Chrystal Moore and Bill McGuire. And photos of the winning cheerleading teams were provided by Unforgettable Moments.

GHSA - December 2017 / January 2018 Calendar

December

- 1, 2 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 5 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 8, 9 Championship Round State Football Playoffs at Mercedes-Benz Stadium
- 14 GHSA Office closed until January 3 for **Christmas Holidays**

January

- 6 Complete Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 8 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11-13 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 15 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 15 Earliest date for Girls and Boys Track, Baseball and Soccer practice
- 22 Earliest date for Lacrosse practice
- 23 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 26-27 Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 29 Earliest date for Tennis match or Gymnastics meet



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



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



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