



GHSA

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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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STATE CHAMPIONS**CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cheerleading:

AAAAA	Mill Creek High School
AAAA	Northgate High School
AAA	Columbus High School
AA	Coosa High School
A	Trion High School
Co-Ed	Woodland (Cartersville) High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cross Country:

AAAAA Girls	- Collins Hill High School
AAAAA Boys	- Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAA Girls	- Marist School
AAAA Boys	- Marist School
AAA Girls	- Columbus High School
AAA Boys	- Flowery Branch High School
AA Girls	- Lovett School
AA Boys	- Westminster School
A Girls	- Our Lady of Mercy
A Boys	- Our Lady of Mercy

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Volleyball:

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

ONE-ACT PLAY

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

AAAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAAA	- Harlem High School
AAA	- West Forsyth High School
AA	- Fannin County High School
A	- Rabun Gap 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.

Attention: Swim Coaches

The 2009 GHSA State Diving Championships have been moved to Marist School. This is a change from the original schedule in the 2008-09 Constitution & By-Laws.

The AAAAA Diving Championship will be held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. The A-AAAA Diving Championship will be held at 1 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009.

The **only** changes are to the location, time and date of the Diving portion of the State Swimming & Diving Meet. All other rules as to qualification, timing and scoring remain as printed in the GHSA by-laws.

Football Broadcast Schedule Set

For the first time ever, all five of the GHSAA State Football Championship games will be broadcast on one family of radio stations. 680 The Fan, Atlanta's Sports Station, will broadcast the following schedule:

Friday, Dec. 12 -- Class AA final at 5 p.m., on 1340 The Fan 2 & Super Talk 1230. Class AAAA final at 8 p.m., on 1340 The Fan 2 & Super Talk 1230.

Saturday, Dec. 13 -- Class A final at 2 p.m., on 680 The Fan & 1340 The Fan. Class AAA final at 5 p.m., on 1340 The Fan. Class AAAAA final at 8 p.m., on 1340 The Fan.

Also this season, all five championship games will be telecast live from the Georgia Dome by GPB-TV, GHSAA's exclusive telecast partner.

Dome ticket prices each day are \$15 presale at the participating schools, and \$20 at the gate or through Ticketmaster.

GHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

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

"The GHSAA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSAA 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."

GHSAA Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 37 of the 2008-09 GHSAA Constitution and By-Laws states: Every coach at a GHSAA member school must attend a **GHSAA-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 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 2008-09 GHSAA 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 **BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING, FOOTBALL, RIFLERY, SOFTBALL, SWIMMING, VOLLEYBALL** and **WRESTLING** clinics have been completed.

GYMNASTICS

December 7 Westminster (1 p.m.)

SOCCER

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

January 3 Wheeler High School, Auditorium (C/R/N)
 January 3 Savannah Country Day, Auditorium (C/R/N)
 January 8 Lovett School, Theatre (C/R)
 January 8 Whitewater High School, Auditorium (C/R)
 January 10 Westover High School, Auditorium (C/R/N)
 January 15 Johnson HS, Gainesville, Theatre (C/R)
 January 17 Columbus High School, Cafeteria (C/R/N)
 January 17 Brunswick High School, Cafeteria (C/R/N)
 January 22 Norcross High School, Auditorium (C/R)
 January 22 Dalton High School, Theatre (C/R)
 January 24 Evans High School, Auditorium (C/R/N)
 January 24 Westside HS, Macon, Cafeteria (C/R/N)
 January 31 Peachtree Ridge HS, Commons (C/R/N)
 January 31 Tift County High School, Commons (C/R/N)
 February 7 Oconee County HS, Commons (C/R/N)

TRACK & FIELD

January 21 Westover High School, Auditorium
 January 21 Wheeler High School, Auditorium
 January 22 Jefferson High School, Theatre
 January 26 Westside High School, Macon, Cafeteria
 January 28 St. Pius X High School, Auditorium
 January 29 Columbus High School, Cafeteria

January 31 Dublin High School, Cafeteria
 January 31 Savannah Country Day, Auditorium
 February 2 Carrollton High School, Field House
 February 4 Calhoun High School, Auditorium
 February 5 Lovejoy High School, Commons
 February 7 Thomson High School, Cafeteria
 February 7 Ware County High School, Cafeteria

LACROSSE

January 29 Pope High School, Theatre (B)
 January 29 Woodward Academy, Chapel (G)
 January 31 Chattahoochee High School (B/G)
 February 7 Marist School, Gym (B/G)

BASEBALL

February 2 Columbus High School, Cafeteria
 February 2 Dalton High School, Theatre
 February 4 Statesboro High School, Media Center
 February 4 Wheeler High School, Auditorium
 February 5 Evans High School, Auditorium
 February 5 Norcross High School, Auditorium
 February 9 Vidalia High School, Cafeteria
 February 9 Savannah Country Day, Auditorium
 February 9 Westover High School, Auditorium
 February 11 Oconee County High School, Cafeteria
 February 11 Northside High School, WR, Auditorium
 February 12 Lowndes High School, Cafeteria
 February 12 Woodward Academy, Chapel
 February 16 GHSAA Office, Thomaston
 February 18 Whitewater High School, Auditorium
 February 18 Rome High School, Commons
 February 19 Ware County High School, Cafeteria
 February 19 Habersham Central High School, Cafeteria

Fall Sports Championships - 2008



Class AAAAA: Northview



Class AAAA: Sandy Creek



Class AAA: Woodward



Class AA/A: Westminster

Photos of the championship teams represented in this newsletter were provided by **Photographic Arts**. Other photos from the various GHSA state events can be found at www.schoolpix.biz.

Fall Sports Championships - 2008



Co-Ed: Woodland-Cartersville



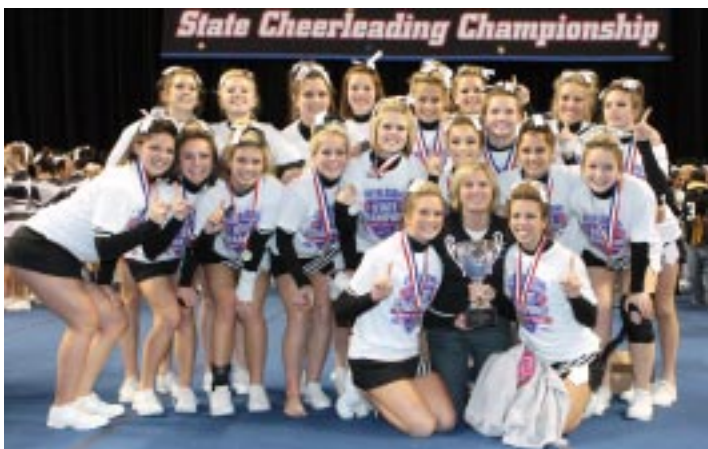
Class AAAAA: Mill Creek



Class AAAA: Northgate



Class AAA: Columbus

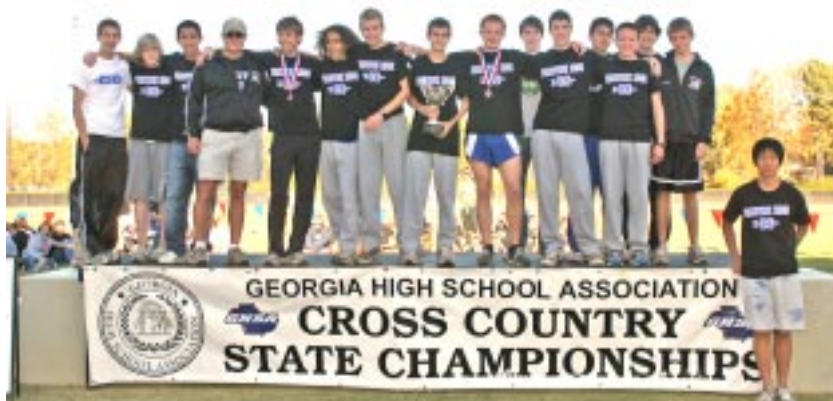


Class AA: Coosa



Class A: Trion

Fall Sports Championships - 2008



Class AAAAA Boys: Peachtree Ridge



Class AAAA Boys: Marist



Class AAA Boys: Flowery Branch



Class AA Boys: Westminster



Class A Boys: Our Lady of Mercy

Fall Sports Championships - 2008



Class AAAA Girls: Marist



Class AAAAA Girls: Collins Hill



Class AAA Girls: Columbus



Class AA Girls: Lovett



Class A Girls: Our Lady of Mercy

GHSA - December 2008 / January 2009 Calendar

December

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

January

- 6 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 9, 10 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 16, 17 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 17 Complete qualifying for State Debate
- 19 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 19 Earliest date for Gymnastics, Soccer, & Tennis practice
- 20 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 26 Earliest date for Boys Track practice

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



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