



GHSA

"Items of Interest"

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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR GHSA STAFF

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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured GHSA licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship jewelry (jostens.com); **Musco Sports Lighting**, the GHSA leader in developing sports-lighting solutions (musco.com); **FieldTurf**, official artificial turf (fielddturf.com); **Hudl**, official video exchange service (hudl.com); and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser and online store (teamip.com). View a complete list of licensees at www.ghsa.net/licensing. Become a Fan of the GHSA on Facebook (Facebook.com/OfficialGHSA) and Twitter (Twitter.com/OfficialGHSA).

STATE CHAMPIONS**CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Lambert High School
AAAAA	Houston County High School
AAAA	Veterans High School
AAA	Pierce County High School
AA	Coosa High School
A (public)	Trion High School
A (private)	Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed	Ola High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA Girls	- Brookwood High School
AAAAAA Boys	- Mill Creek High School
AAAAA Girls	- Dunwoody High School
AAAAA Boys	- McIntosh High School
AAAA Girls	- Marist School
AAAA Boys	- Marist School
AAA Girls	- St. Pius School
AAA Boys	- St. Pius School
AA Girls	- Wesleyan School
AA Boys	- Westminster School
A Girls (public)	- Towns County High School
A Boys (public)	- Georgia Military College
A Girls (private)	- Landmark Christian School
A Boys (private)	- Athens Academy

ONE-ACT PLAY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Milton High School
AAAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAAA	- Columbus High School
AAA	- Rockmart High School
AA	- Bremen High School
A (public)	- DeKalb School of the Arts
A (private)	- Mt. Paran Christian School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Walton High School
AAAAA	- Whitewater High School
AAAA	- Sandy Creek High School
AAA	- Blessed Trinity School
AA	- Lovett School
A	- Landmark Christian 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-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships

GPB Put Together Talented Lineup For This Year's Seven Football Finals

With two additional title games to handle this year, GPB Sports has a talented lineup to televise the GHSA Football State Championship presented by Georgia Farm Bureau on Dec. 14-15 at the Georgia Dome.

The network will stay live at the Dome until the last championship trophy has been given out and video streamed at GPB.org/sports and GHSA.tv. Mark Harmon will host the games on GPB while Jen Hobby and Niki Noto will also be on the set at halftime and between games and Rayven Tirado will do sideline reporting.

The action will start Friday afternoon at 2:30 with Bob Houghton and Randy Waters doing the Class A Private school championship contest followed at 5:30 by the Class AAA game called by Jon Nelson and D.J. Shockley, and then Gil Tyree and Trey McDaniel will do the Class AAAAA matchup at 8:30.

Saturday's action begins at 11:30 a.m. with the Class A Public school championship with Tommy Palmer and Sam Barrs calling the action followed by Ken Rodriguez and Buck Lanford doing the Class AA Game at 2:30 p.m. Nelson and Shockley will do the Class AAAA game at 5:30 p.m. and Tyree and McDaniel will wrap up the championships at 8:30 with the Class AAAAA game.



All games will be broadcasted live throughout the state of Georgia and into parts of Florida, Alabama and Tennessee on Georgia Public Broadcasting and webcasted live at GPB.org/sports and GHSA.tv. GPB has nine television stations across Georgia and is in more than 98 percent of the homes in the state. The third largest PBS station in the country based on population reach, GPB is the No. 2 rated PBS station in the country. Three years ago, it was ranked No. 15.

Score Atlanta will provide blogging and an interactive live chat during the games on GPB.org/sports. DVD orders will be available at GHSA.tv. The games will be rebroadcasted on GPB Knowledge, one of GPB's digital channels, from December 17-23.

For more information on scheduling and finding GPB Knowledge, visit the website at <http://www.gpb.org/GPBKnowledge>.

GPB Sports would also like to thank sponsors Georgia Farm Bureau, Technical College System of Georgia, GEMC and Regions Bank for support of the games.

Home 'Pink' is OK for February 4-9, 2013

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME basketball games during the week of February 4-9, 2013.

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

Game officials will be using "pink" whistles for the "Call- ing For The Cure" promotion during the same week.

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."

Basketball Power Rating Reminder!

A reminder that every GHSA member school, **regardless of classification**, must submit all basketball game results to MaxPreps in order to manage the Class A Basketball Power Ratings and to verify Region Standings across all classifications.

MaxPreps platform is a 100% free service and we strongly believe the efficiency of a single point for box score entry will best serve GHSA high school athletes, coaches, families and the high school community at large.

You may contact MaxPreps Georgia State Representative Kylie McClarty at kylie.mclarty@cbsi.com with any questions.

Soccer Dates To Remember - 2013

Jan. 19-Feb. 3	Online Rules Clinic
February 4-10	Online Rules Exam (Officials)
February 11	Earliest Date for First Game
April 8-13	Cancer Awareness Week
April 24	Last Playing Date
April 30-May 4	First Round State Tournament
May 17 & 18	State Finals (all classes)

Girls Cross Country Champions - 2012



AAAAA: Brookwood Broncos



AAAAA: Dunwoody Wildcats



AAA: Marist War Eagles



AAA: St. Pius Golden Lions



AA: Wesleyan Wolves



A (Public): Towns County Indians



A (Private): Landmark Christian War Eagles



Boys Cross Country Champions - 2012



AAAAAA: Mill Creek Hawks



AAAAA: McIntosh Chiefs



AAAA: Marist War Eagles



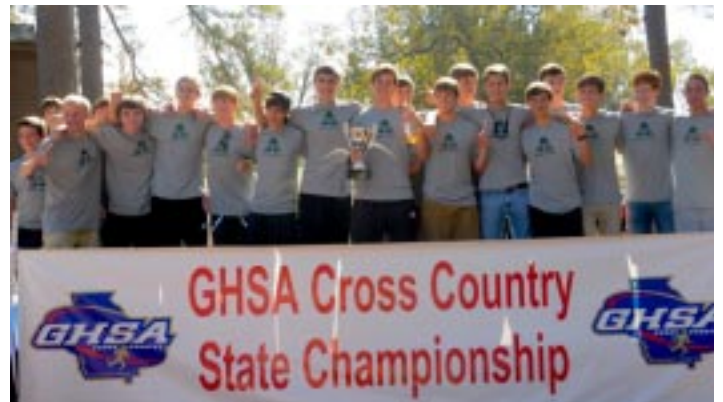
AAA: St. Pius Golden Lions



AA: Westminster Wildcats



A (Public): Georgia Military College Bulldogs



A (Private): Athens Academy Spartans

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams in classes 2A through 6A were provided by **Doug Rayburn**. Photos of the Class A Cross Country champions were provided by **Walter Pinion**. Pictures of the winning Volleyball and Cheerleading teams elsewhere in this newsletter were provided by **Georgia Photographics**. More images of the volleyball and cheerleading competition may be found and purchased at GHSPhotos.com.

State Volleyball Champions - 2012



AAAAAA: Walton Raiders



AAAAA: Whitewater Wildcats



AAAA: Sandy Creek Fighting Patriots



AAA: Blessed Trinity Titans

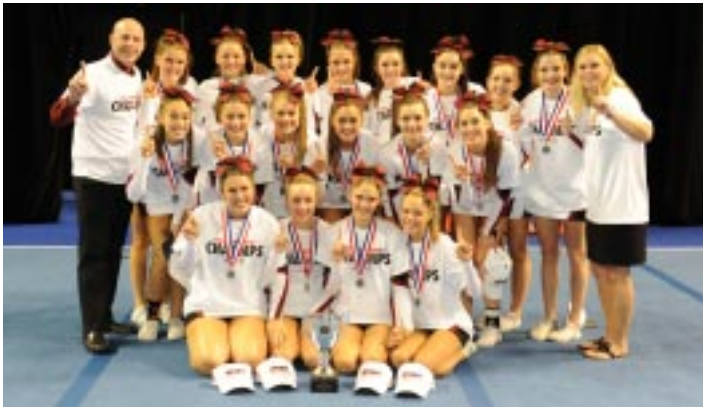


AA: Lovett Lions

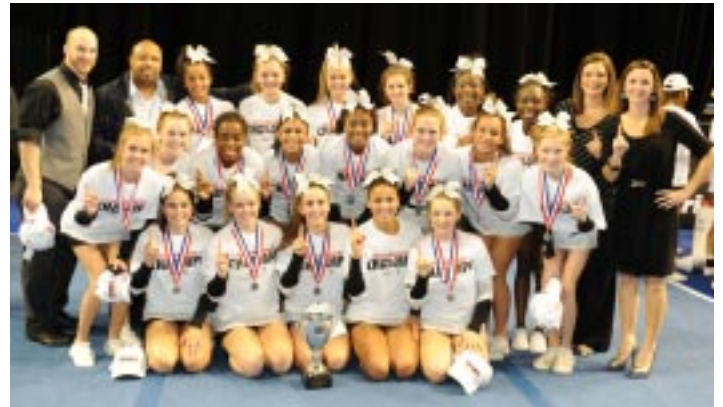


A: Landmark Christian War Eagles

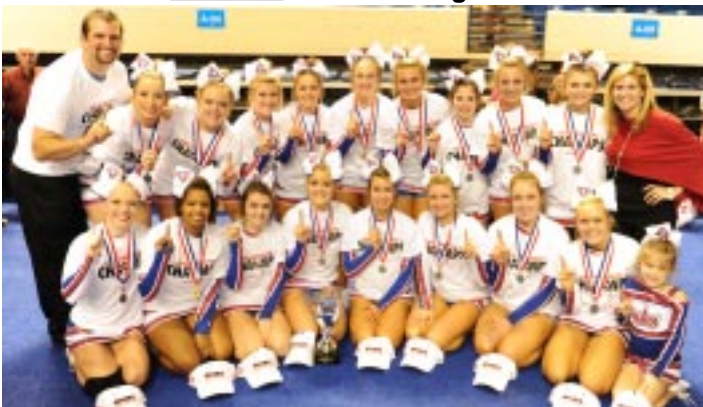
State Cheerleading Champions - 2012



AAAAA: Lambert Longhorns



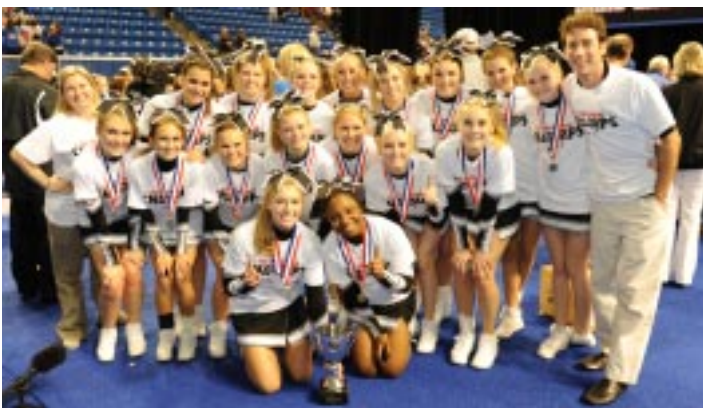
AAAAA: Houston County Bears



AAAA: Veterans Warhawks



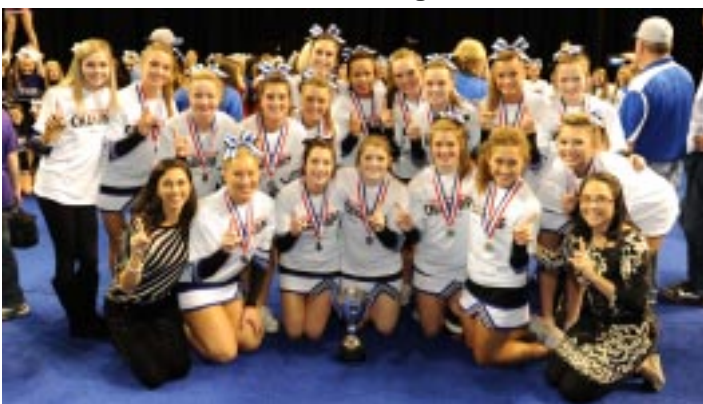
AAA: Pierce County Bears



AA: Coosa Eagles



A (Public): Trion Bulldogs



A (Private): Mt. Paran Christian Eagles



COED: Ola Mustangs

GHSA - December 2012 / January 2013 Calendar

December

- 7, 8 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 11 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 14, 15 Championship Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 19 GHSA Office closed until January 3 for **Christmas Holidays**

January

- 4, 5 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 8 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11, 12 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 14 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 21 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 21 Earliest date for Girls and Boys Track and Soccer practice
- 22 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 28 Earliest date for Baseball and Lacrosse practice

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



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