



# GHSA

## *"Items of Interest"*

December 2007 / January 2008

### Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR GHSA STAFF

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Advanced orders for GHSA event T-shirts can be placed with All-Star Outfitters at [www.asoapparel.com](http://www.asoapparel.com) or call 678-569-0134 ... Action photos from select championship events can be found at Photographic Arts [www.schoolpix.biz](http://www.schoolpix.biz) / 678-393-1719 ... DVDs / VHS copies of GHSA televised games can be ordered from [www.gametapes.com](http://www.gametapes.com) / 206-285-8816 ... Visit the GHSA Store and a full list of GHSA sponsors and licensees at [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net).

**ATTENTION: ADs & Principals**

This is a reminder that **ALL** Community Coaches must have completed the Sports First Aid **and** the Principles of Coaching exams before they are eligible to begin coaching.

Applicants have three months to complete these exams before being disqualified, but they are **NOT** allowed to coach during this time frame until both exams are successfully completed. This is illegal coaching and will result in penalties.

**STATE CHAMPIONS****CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cheerleading:

AAAAA	Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAA	Northgate High School
AAA	Central-Carrollton High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A	Trion High School
Co-Ed	Duluth High School

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cross Country:

AAAAA Girls	- Collins Hill High School
AAAAA Boys	- Collins Hill High School
AAAA Girls	- Chapel Hill High School
AAAA Boys	- Chapel Hill High School
AAA Girls	- Westminster School
AAA Boys	- Westminster 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	- Northview High School
AAAA	- McIntosh High School
AAA	- Columbus High School
AA/A	- Wesleyan School

**ONE-ACT PLAY**

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

AAAAA	- Newnan High School
AAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAA	- Columbus High School
AA	- Greater Atlanta Christian
A	- Brookstone

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.

## Football Telecast Schedule

Georgia Public Broadcasting will broadcast 28 hours of live football action from the Georgia Dome during the GHSA football semifinals on December 7th and 8th.

Games will air live on GPB and online at [GPB.org](http://GPB.org) at 9:00 a.m., noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Tickets to see the semifinals in person at the Dome can be purchased at \$15 per day at the Georgia Dome ticket office, any Ticketmaster location or at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

The AAAA and AAAAA championship contests also will air live on GPB on December 14th and 15th at 7:30 p.m. The GPB / GHSA telecasts are supported by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, Dodge, Wachovia, State Farm, Georgia Student Finance Commission and Naturally Fresh.

Comcast Sports Southeast will air the AAA football championship live on Saturday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m.

## 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 37 of the 2007-08 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, lacrosse, 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) All Community Coaches are reminded that clinic attendance is mandatory for them, also.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2007-08 GHSA 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 2 ..... Westminster (1 p.m.)

### SOCCER

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

January 5, 2008 ..... Wheeler High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
January 5, 2008 ..... Savannah Country Day - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
January 10, 2008 ..... Milton High School - Auditorium (C/R)  
January 12, 2008 ..... Rome High School - Commons (C/R/N)  
January 12, 2008 ..... Westover High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
January 17, 2008 ..... Sams Auditorium - Fayetteville (C/R)  
January 17, 2008 ..... Johnson, Gainesville HS - Auditorium (C/R)  
January 19, 2008 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)  
January 19, 2008 ..... Brunswick High School - Cafeteria (C/R/N)  
January 24, 2008 ..... Norcross High School - Auditorium (C/R)  
January 24, 2008 ..... Dalton High School - Auditorium (C/R)  
January 26, 2008 ..... Evans High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)  
January 26, 2008 ..... Westside High School, Macon (C/R/N)  
February 2, 2008 ..... Peachtree Ridge HS - Commons (C/R/N)  
February 2, 2008 ..... Tift County High School - Auditorium (C/R/N)

### BASEBALL

February 4, 2008 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria  
February 4, 2008 ..... Dalton High School - Auditorium  
February 6, 2008 ..... Statesboro High School - Media Center  
February 6, 2008 ..... Wheeler High School - Auditorium  
February 7, 2008 ..... Evans High School - Auditorium  
February 7, 2008 ..... Norcross High School - Auditorium

February 11, 2008 .... Vidalia High School - Cafeteria  
February 11, 2008 .... Savannah Country Day - Auditorium  
February 13, 2008 .... Oconee County High School - Cafeteria  
February 13, 2008 .... Northside High School, WR - Auditorium  
February 14, 2008 .... Lowndes High School - Cafeteria  
February 14, 2008 .... Woodward Academy  
February 18, 2008 .... Habersham Central High School - Cafeteria  
February 18, 2008 .... Westover High School - Auditorium  
February 20, 2008 .... Whitewater High School - Auditorium  
February 20, 2008 .... Rome High School - Commons  
February 21, 2008 .... Ware County High School - Cafeteria  
February 21, 2008 .... GHSA Office, Thomaston

### LACROSSE

January 26, 2008 ..... Chattahoochee High School - (Boys & Girls)  
January 31, 2008 ..... Pope High School - Theatre (B)  
January 31, 2008 ..... Woodward Academy - Chapel (G)  
February 2, 2008 ..... Westminster School - Gym (B/G)

### TRACK & FIELD

January 23, 2008 ..... Westover High School - Auditorium  
January 23, 2008 ..... Wheeler High School - Auditorium  
January 24, 2008 ..... Jefferson High School - Cafeteria  
January 28, 2008 ..... Westside High School, Macon - Cafeteria  
January 30, 2008 ..... Columbus High School - Cafeteria  
January 31, 2008 ..... St. Pius High School  
February 2, 2008 ..... Dublin High School - Cafeteria  
February 2, 2008 ..... Savannah Country Day School - Auditorium  
February 4, 2008 ..... Carrollton High School - Media Center  
February 6, 2008 ..... Calhoun High School - Auditorium  
February 7, 2008 ..... Lovejoy High School - Commons  
February 9, 2008 ..... Thomson High School - Cafeteria  
February 9, 2008 ..... Ware County High School - Cafeteria

## Fall Sports Championships - 2007



**Class AAAAA: Northview**



**Class AAAA: McIntosh**



**Class AAA: Columbus**



**Class AA/A: Wesleyan**

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](http://www.schoolpix.biz).

## Fall Sports Championships - 2007



Co-Ed: Duluth



Class AAAAA: Peachtree Ridge



Class AAAA: Northgate



Class AAA: Central-Carrollton



Class AA: Calhoun



Class A: Trion

## Fall Sports Championships - 2007



Class AAAA Boys: Chapel Hill



Class AAAAA Boys: Collins Hill



Class AAA Boys: Westminster



Class AA Boys: Wesleyan



Class A Boys: Our Lady of Mercy

# Fall Sports Championships - 2007



**Class AAAA Girls: Chapel Hill**



**Class AAAAA Girls: Collins Hill**



**Class AAA Girls: Westminster**



**Class AA Girls: Lovett**



**Class A Girls: Landmark Christian**

## GHSA - December 2007 / January 2008 Calendar

### December

- 4 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 7, 8 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 14, 15 Championship Round State Football Playoffs
- 19 GHSA Office closed until January 2 for Christmas Holidays

### January

- 8 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11, 12 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 18, 19 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 19 Complete qualifying for State Debate
- 21 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 21 Earliest date for Gymnastics, Soccer, Tennis & Girls Track practice
- 23 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 28 Earliest date for Boys Track practice

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



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