



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

November 2012

Do You Still Have a ‘Positive’ Pride in Your School?

PRIDE is an interesting word that carries a variety of meanings. “Back in the day” many people expressed pride in their schools and their athletic programs with the phrase “school spirit.” Sportsmanship emphasizes then urged people to support their school in ways that did not detract from the reputation of their school by belittling opponents.

I still see some evidence where that type of pride in our schools exists in many aspects of school life – not just in athletics. I am aware of administrators around the state who are working hard to instill pride in the way the facilities are maintained, and in the efforts that faculty and students put into academic areas.

As you might expect, I am about to drop a “however” into this article. There are instances where it appears that a positive pride in one’s school has waned. There are probably a number of reasons for this change, and some of them can be found in the analysis of the concept of pride. A quick look at a thesaurus reveals the thin line of demarcation between positive pride and negative pride. The following synonyms can be found for pride:

Positive Pride

self-respect
self-confidence
satisfaction

Negative Pride

self-glorification
arrogance
egotism



Many of us are “proud” of the accomplishments of our high school athletes (both individually and as teams). But this kind of pride really needs to take into account hard work and sustained effort and not just the final results of a game or a season. When credit goes to a person or a small group of people rather than to the teams and the school, there is a possibility that school spirit will be replaced by egotism. It is important to remember that students and coaches on all competing teams have been involved in hard work and sustained effort. Spectator conduct that ridicules the opposition tarnishes the positive aspects of school pride and demeans the efforts of those opponents.

The absence of pride may be as problematic as unhealthy pride. Administrators, coaches, players, and officials must take pride in their work if high school sports are to be a meaningful part of the educational landscape. Diminished funding is not a valid excuse to stop taking pride in the things you can still do to have a sound athletic program. Professional educators must resist the tendency to allow criticism of their work to be disheartening to the point of losing pride in the school programs and in their work.

We need to take pride in the fact that high school athletics provide opportunities for students to learn meaningful lessons about themselves and about productive citizenship. That realization should bring self-respect, self-confidence, and satisfaction.

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This month's featured GHSA licensees are: **Purchase Officials Supply** (purchaseofficials.com), Officials/umpires uniforms, apparel and equipment; **Honig's Whistle Stop** (honigs.com); **Mr Video** videographer / order DVDs for the cheerleading state championships (mrvideoonline.com); and **Resilite**, official wrestling mat (resilite.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

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Softball:

- AAAAAA** - Archer High School
- AAAAA** - Union Grove High School
- AAAA** - NW Whitfield High School
- AAA** - Buford High School
- AA** - Dade County High School
- A (Public)** - Gordon Lee High School
- A (Private)** - Mt. Pisgah Christian School

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

Cheerleading Finals to Air on GPB

The 2012 GHSA Cheerleading State Championships, presented by Verizon, will take place November 9-10 at the Columbus Civic Center. Admission is \$10 per day.

All the excitement of the finals will video stream live on GPB.org/sports on Saturday, November 10.

Classes 5A, 6A and the Coed division will begin airing at 9:00 a.m., while classes A, 2A, 3A and 4A will be carried beginning at 2:00 p.m.

In addition, Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB-TV) will televise a "Cheerleading Special" on November 17 at 5:00 p.m., and November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Action photos will be available at GHSAPhotos.com and will be sold on site during the event. DVDs can be ordered through Mr. Video.



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, 2012.

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

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

State Cross Country Championships

The 2012 GHSA State Cross Country Championships will be held on two different days and two different sites for the first time.

The championships for Class A schools will be held at the Georgia Children's Home in Macon on Saturday, November 3, while the championships for teams in Classes 2A through 6A will be held on Saturday, November 10 at the Carrollton High School Course.

Admission for spectators at either site is \$5.00.

Schedule - Class A - November 3 - Macon

9:00 a.m.	Boys Public	10:30 a.m.	Boys Private
9:45 a.m.	Girls Public	11:15 a.m.	Girls Private

Schedule - November 10 - Carrollton

8:30 a.m.	Boys AAAA	12:15 p.m.	Girls AAAAAA
9:15 a.m.	Girls AAAA	1:00 p.m.	Boys AAAAAA
10:00 a.m.	Boys AA	1:45 p.m.	Girls AAAAAA
10:45 a.m.	Girls AA	2:30 p.m.	Boys AAA
11:30 a.m.	Boys AAAAAA	3:15 p.m.	Girls AAA



Class A Football Procedures!

Nov. 10th - Region winners in all classifications must be determined and results entered into MaxPreps web site.

Nov. 12th - Region playoff qualifiers in all classifications must be submitted to GHSA office by 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 13th - MaxPreps' **final power ratings** will be posted on the GHSA web site.

Nov. 14th -

(1) Any Class A school that believes its power rating points are incorrect may file an appeal in writing to the GHSA between 8:00 am – 12 noon. The appeal letter must be accompanied by a complete list of results and points earned for each game.

(2) The GHSA Appeals Committee will meet at 1:00 pm to verify the results (including the appeals), and to break ties.

(3) The results of the appeals and the resulting playoff brackets will be posted later that day on the GHSA web site.

NOTES:

(1) Teams winning a Region championship will be placed in the brackets (public school or private school) first based on their power rating numbers.

(2) Then the rest of the brackets will be completed based on the power rating numbers

Nov. 23rd - First round games of Class A Football playoffs will begin. There will be four (4) rounds of playoffs in Class A this year, five (5) rounds in the other classifications, all leading up to the Championship games on Dec. 14-15 in the Georgia Dome.



Stay Connected to the GHSA!

For all coaches, athletic directors and teams that are active in social media, the GHSA invites you to follow ("like") the GHSA on [Facebook.com/OfficialGHSA](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialGHSA) and be a fan at [Twitter.com/officialGHSA](https://twitter.com/officialGHSA). Statewide news, association announcements and playoff information are posted daily for interaction with GHSA followers and fans. When Twittering scores of games, please include the tag "@OfficialGHSA" to enable scores to be posted on the GHSA feed.



State Softball Champions - 2012



Class AAAAAA
Archer
Lady Tigers

Class AAAAA
Union Grove
Lady Wolverines



Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship softball teams were provided by **The Athletic Image**. More images may be found and purchased at GHSAPhotos.com.



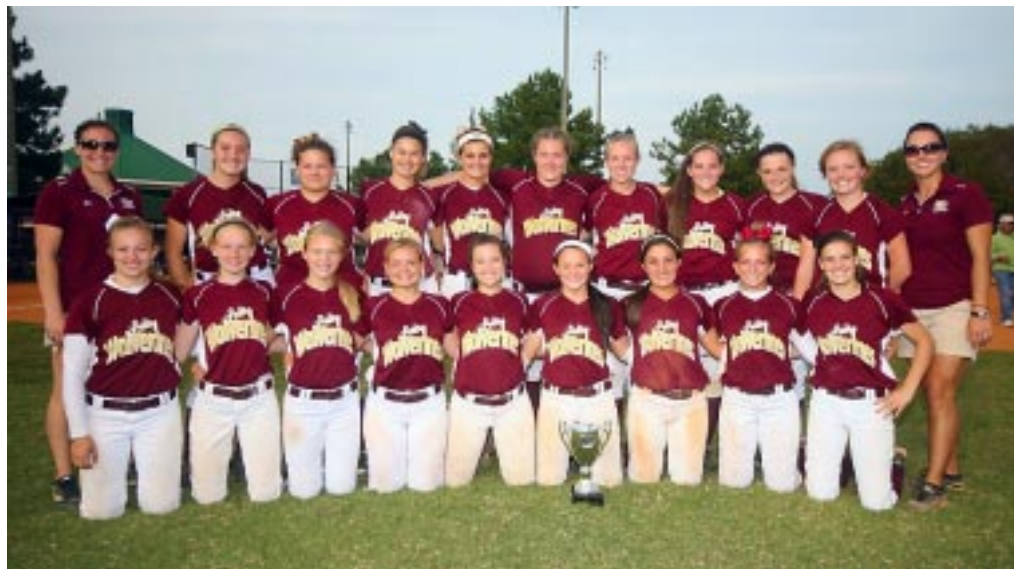
State Softball Champions - 2012

Class AAAA
NW Whitfield
Lady Bruins



Class AAA
Buford
Lady Wolves

Class AA
Dade County
Lady Wolverines



State Softball Champions - 2012



**Class A Public
Gordon Lee
Lady Trojans**



**Class A Private
Mt. Pisgah
Lady Patriots**

Volleyball on GHSA.tv

Get set for action at the GHSA Volleyball State Championships presented by Mizuno on November 3 at Marietta High School and November 5 at McEachern High School.

All six (6) finals from both sites will video stream live for a sixth season on GHSA.tv in partnership with PlayOn Sports. The full schedule will be posted on GHSA.net.

Webcast sponsors are: Mizuno, Verizon and Molten.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

November 3, 2012
A, 2A, 3A & 4A.....Marietta HS

November 5, 2012
5A & 6A.....McEachern HS



GHSA Membership Directory Online!

The GHSA Member School Directory ("Blue Book") for 2012-2013 is now available online.

You can access the Directory by going to the GHSA web site and clicking on the appropriate link, or you can type the following link into your web browser:

www.ghsa.net/2012-2013-ghsa-member-school-directory

GHSA Official Balls

Coaches and school administrators are reminded that the GHSA State Executive Committee has approved "Official" balls for all GHSA state playoff events. Listed below are the balls that will be provided for GHSA state playoff events. These balls are effective from now through June 30, 2013.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
Baseball	WILSON A1010
Basketball	WILSON WAVE Boys: B0610 Girls: B0611
Football	WILSON F1003 or F1005
Soccer	BRINE "Championship"
Softball (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	MOLTEN IV58L-3-HS "Super Touch"

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 Welcomes New Sponsor

The GHSA welcomes new corporate partner **Technical College System of Georgia**, which has 25 colleges that offer affordable education and excellent training in more than 600 certificate, diploma and two-year associate degree programs.

TCSG is underwriter of GPB TV coverage of GHSA football, basketball and cheerleading.

GHSA was also pleased to renew partners: **Verizon, Georgia Army National Guard, Marines, Georgia Electric Membership Corporation and Regions Bank.**

Joining GHSA as a new licensee is **Chill Zone**, the official misting fans and heaters sales/rentals of the GHSA.



ACT and SAT Assessment Dates

Each year, the GHSA office gets requests to alter schedules due to conflicts with ACT and SAT. We cannot accommodate those requests. The following chart (also published in the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws and listed on the GHSA web site) gives dates of the exams and possible conflicts with GHSA activities. We urge you to inform your athletes, your counselors, and your coaches **now** about the dates scheduled for exams in order for the athletes to plan their assessments around events in which they are to compete.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

December 8, 2012	State Football Semifinals
February 9, 2013	Sectional Traditional Wrestling, State Swimming & Diving
April 13, 2013	State Riflery Championship
June 8, 2013	None

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

November 3, 2012	Region/State Cross Country, Region Cheerleading, State One-Act Play, Volleyball Finals
December 1, 2012	State Football Quarterfinals
January 26, 2013	None
March 9, 2013	State Basketball Finals, Region/Area Literary Meets
May 4, 2013	State Baseball playoffs, Boys State Track, State Tennis Quarterfinals
June 1, 2013	None

AP EXAM DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

Week 1 - May 6-10	Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis Playoffs, Golf Sectionals, Girls State Track
Week 2 - May 13-17	Baseball, Lacrosse & Soccer Playoffs

GHSA - November Calendar - 2012

November

- 3 Complete Region Cheerleading (Class A & Coed Sectionals)
- 3 State One-Act Plays in Classes 3A, 5A & 6A
- 3 Region Cross Country (State for Class A)
- 3 Volleyball State Finals for Classes A, 2A, 3A & 4A
- 5 Volleyball Finals for Classes 5A & 6A; Earliest Date for Swimming meet
- 9, 10 End Regular Season in Football; Cheerleading State Finals
- 10 Cross Country State Finals for Classes 2A through 6A
- 10 Earliest Date for Basketball game
- 13 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 16, 17 First Round State Football Playoffs (Bye week for Class A)
- 16 Earliest date for Wrestling match
- 22 **Thanksgiving Day** - GHSA Office closed on 22nd and 23rd
- 23, 24 Second Round State Football Playoffs (First Round for Class A)
- 30 Quarterfinal Round State Football Playoffs All Classes

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



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