



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 licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship rings / jewelry (jostens.com); **Musco Sports Lighting**, GHSA leader in developing sports-lighting technology solutions (musco.com); **Photographic Arts**, official photographer (schoolpix.biz); **CSG Sports Coating**, Antimicrobial products and treatments for wrestling mats, athletic equipment, turf field and uniforms (csggrp.com), and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser and online store (teamip.com).

STATE CHAMPIONS**CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cheerleading:

AAAAA	Mill Creek High School
AAAA	Northgate High School
AAA	Johns Creek High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A	Commerce High School
Co-Ed	Peachtree Ridge High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cross Country:

AAAAA Girls	- North Gwinnett High School
AAAAA Boys	- Brookwood High School
AAAA Girls	- Marist School
AAAA Boys	- Marist School
AAA Girls	- St. Pius School
AAA Boys	- Flowery Branch High School
AA Girls	- Westminster School
AA Boys	- Westminster School
A Girls	- Our Lady of Mercy
A Boys	- Wesleyan School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Volleyball:

AAAAA	- Pope High School
AAAA	- Whitewater High School
AAA	- Woodward Academy
AA/A	- Wesleyan School

ONE-ACT PLAY

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

AAAAA	- Norcross High School
AAAA	- Harlem High School
AAA	- Perry High School
AA	- Pierce County High School
A	- Brookstone 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.

Home 'Pink' is OK for January 11-16

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME basketball games during the week of January 11 - 16.

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 Championship Football Broadcast Schedules Set

The Georgia High School Association State Football Championship games will be televised live on Georgia Public Broadcasting, video streamed on GPB.org/football (GHSAA.tv) and carried on the radio at 680 The Fan, Atlanta's Sports Station, and their family of stations.

The schedule for the games is as follows: Friday, December 11th — Class AA final at 4:30 p.m., Class AAAA final at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 12th — Class A final at 1:00 p.m., Class AAA final at 4:30 p.m., Class AAAAA final at 8:00 p.m.

The games will be available on demand at GHSAA.tv (online) and rebroadcast on GPB Knowledge (tv) on Atlanta Comcast channel 246 or statewide on over the air service at .3 digital channel.

The rebroadcast schedule will be in ascending order with the Class A championship on Monday and progress through to the Class AAAAA final on Friday with all games at 8:00 p.m. DVDs will be available for purchase at GHSAA.tv.

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

GHSAA Official Balls

Coaches and school administrators are reminded that the GHSAA State Executive Committee has approved "Official" balls for all GHSAA state playoff events. Listed below are the balls that will be provided for GHSAA state playoff events. These balls are effective 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 - FP (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	SPALDING TF5000

Community Coach Schedule of Classes

Important changes have been made to the Community Coach schedule of classes effective July of 2009. Please note these changes and refer to the updated schedules listed below and/or to the schedule of classes listed on the GHSAA web site (www.ghsa.net).

- Classes scheduled for Brewton Parker College have been cancelled for the remainder of the year.
- Classes at Savannah Country Day have been moved to Calvary Day School for the remainder of the year.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2009-10 GHSAA Coaches Education Program courses:

JANUARY COURSES (Deadline is December 8, 2009):

SPORT FIRST AID

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Jan. 6	Woodward Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Patterson
Jan. 6	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Jan. 6	Dougherty High School	6 pm-10 pm	Rivers
Jan. 7	Athens Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Todd
Jan. 7	Statesboro High School	6 pm-10 pm	Blankenbaker
Jan. 9	East Coweta High School	9 am-1 pm	Knott
Jan. 9	Whitewater High School	9 am-1 pm	McCreary
Jan. 11	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Jan. 11	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Jan. 11	Westside High School, Macon	6 pm-10 pm	Quinn
Jan. 11	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Jan. 12-13	Woodward Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Webb
Jan. 12-13	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Jan. 13-14	Dougherty High School	6 pm-10 pm	Seabrooks
Jan. 16	Athens Academy	9 am-5 pm	Kay
Jan. 16	Statesboro High School	9 am-5 pm	Blankenbaker
Jan. 16	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Jan. 16	Westside High School, Macon	9 am-5 pm	Raines
Jan. 19-20	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Jan. 19-20	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Jan. 20-21	Whitewater High School	6 pm-10 pm	McCreary
Jan. 20-21	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Jan. 20-21	White County High School	6 pm-10 pm	Sanfilippo

FEBRUARY COURSES (Deadline is January 13, 2010):

SPORT FIRST AID

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Feb. 3	Daniel Education Center, Cols.	6 pm-10 pm	Cravey
Feb. 3	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Feb. 4	Athens Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Todd
Feb. 4	Westside High School, Macon	6 pm-10 pm	Quinn
Feb. 4	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Feb. 6	East Paulding High School	9 am-1 pm	Pike
Feb. 6	Statesboro High School	9 am-1 pm	Blankenbaker
Feb. 6	East Coweta High School	9 am-1 pm	Knott
Feb. 6	Westside High School, Aug.	9 am-1 pm	McCullough
Feb. 8	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Feb. 8	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Feb. 9-10	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Feb. 9-10	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Feb. 13	Athens Academy	9 am-5 pm	Kay
Feb. 13	Statesboro High School	9 am-5 pm	Blankenbaker
Feb. 13	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Feb. 16-17	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Feb. 16-17	Carver High School, Cols.	6 pm-10 pm	Flowers
Feb. 17-18	Westside High School, Macon	6 pm-10 pm	Raines
Feb. 17-18	East Paulding High School	6 pm-10 pm	Musgrove
Feb. 17-18	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Feb. 17-18	Westside High School, Aug.	6 pm-10 pm	McCullough

Fall Sports Championships - 2009



Class AAAAA: Pope



Class AAAA: Whitewater



Class AAA: Woodward



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.

Fall Sports Championships - 2009



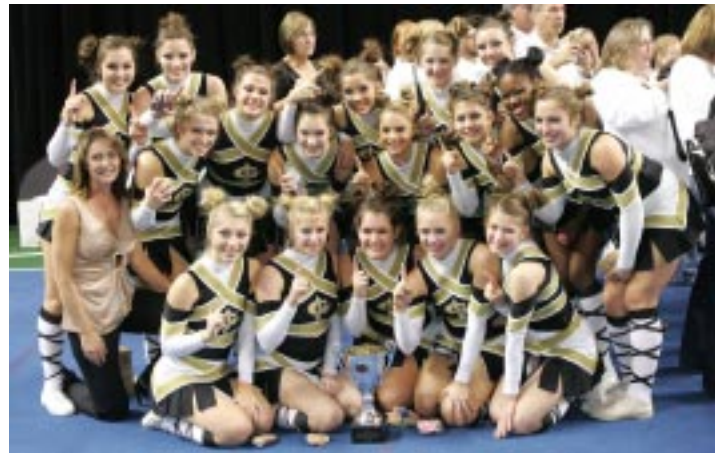
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Class AAAAA: Mill Creek



Class AAAA: Northgate



Class AAA: Johns Creek



Class AA: Calhoun



Class A: Commerce

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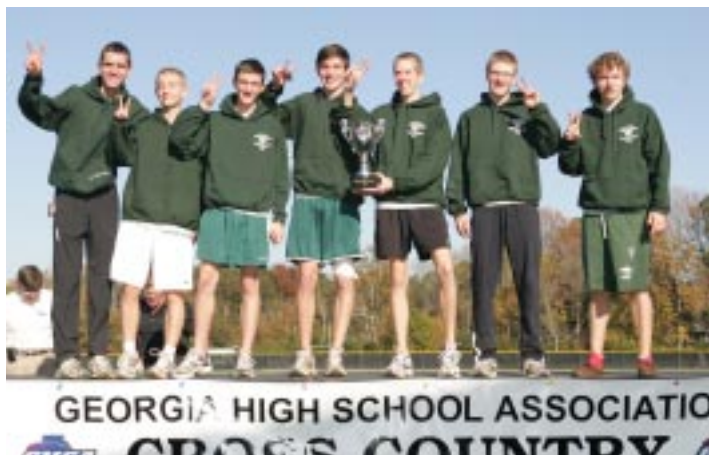
Class AAAA Boys: Marist



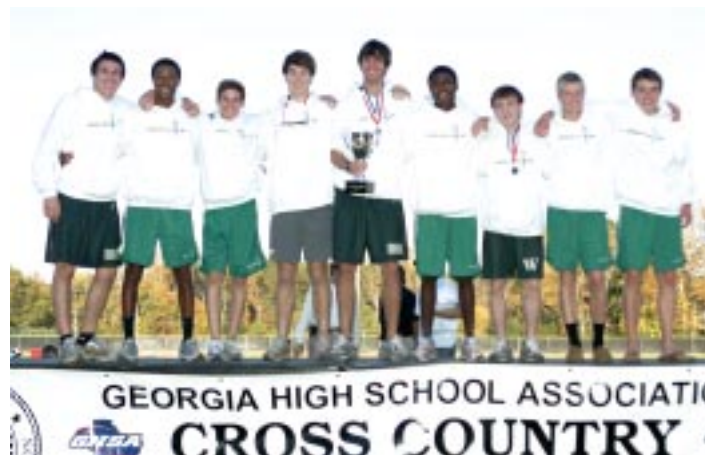
Class AAAAA Boys: Brookwood



Class AAA Boys: Flowery Branch



Class AA Boys: Westminster



Class A Boys: Wesleyan

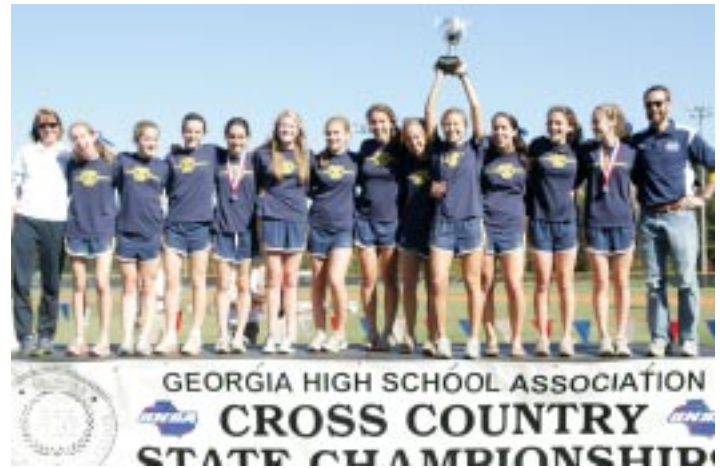
Fall Sports Championships - 2009



Class AAA Girls: St. Pius



Class AAAAA Girls: North Gwinnett



Class AAAA Girls: Marist



Class AA Girls: Westminster



Class A Girls: Our Lady of Mercy

GHSA - December 2009 / January 2010 Calendar

December

- 4, 5 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 8 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 11, 12 Championship Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 21 GHSA Office closed until January 4 for Christmas Holidays

January

- 8, 9 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 12 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 15, 16 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 16 Complete qualifying for State Debate
- 18 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 18 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 25 Earliest date for Girls Track practice
- 26 Hardship/Appeal Meeting

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



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