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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Honig's Whistle Stop** (honigs.com) **Purchase Officials Supply** (purchaseofficials.com), Officials/umpires apparel and equipment; **Mr Video** videographer / order championship DVDs online (mrvideoonline.com); **Hartwell Studio Works**, creating unique and protectable spirit logos/marks (hartwellstudioworks.com); **Fit Communities/Rubber Floors and More**, fitness equipment and rubber flooring provider (fit-communities.com); and **Resilite**, official wrestling mat (resilite.com).

STATE CHAMPIONS

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Lambert High School
AAAAA	McIntosh High School
AAAA	Veterans High School
AAA	Pierce County High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A (public)	Commerce High School
A (private)	Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed	Peachtree Ridge High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA Girls	- Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAAAA Boys	- Brookwood High School
AAAAA Girls	- Northview High School
AAAAA Boys	- Flowery Branch High School
AAAA Girls	- Marist School
AAAA Boys	- Marist School
AAA Girls	- Blessed Trinity School
AAA Boys	- St. Pius School
AA Girls	- Wesleyan/Westminster co-champs
AA Boys	- Westminster School
A Girls (public)	- Towns County High School
A Boys (public)	- Georgia Military College
A Girls (private)	- Pace Academy
A Boys (private)	- Landmark Christian

ONE-ACT PLAY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Milton High School
AAAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAAA	- Perry High School
AAA	- Buford High School
AA	- Calhoun High School
A (public)	- George Military College
A (private)	- Lakeview Academy

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Collins Hill High School
AAAAA	- Ola High School
AAAA	- NW Whitfield High School
AAA	- Buford High School
AA	- Calhoun High School
A (public)	- Gordon Lee High School
A (private)	- Eagles Landing Christian School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	- Walton High School
AAAAA	- McIntosh High School
AAAA	- Columbus High School
AAA	- St. Pius School
AA	- Wesleyan School
A	- Holy Innocents'

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.

2013 GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships

Once again, GPB will Telecast All Games Live from GA Dome

As with last year's inaugural GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships presented by Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Public Broadcasting will televise live all seven of the state final football games from the Georgia Dome.

GPB's coverage will begin at 2:30 on Friday, December 13 with the Class A private school championship game. Longtime high school football voice Tommy Palmer will call the game along with longtime high school football coach Sam Barrs.



Game number two on Friday will be the Class AAA game. Jon Nelson of GPB and former Georgia Bulldog Kelin Johnson will do the play by play. And the third and final game of day one will be the Class AAAAA championship game with GPB's Trey McDaniel and WGCL-TV's Larry Smith behind the microphones.

On Saturday, December 14, four teams will win state titles. Up first at 11:30 a.m., is the Class A public school title with Tommy Palmer and Larry Smith calling the action. At 2:30 p.m., it's the Class AA game with former Falcon Chuck Smith in the broadcast booth.

At 5:30 it's the Class AAAA title game with Jon Nelson and Kelin Johnson again. And at 8:30, the AAAAAA final, with Trey McDaniel and Gil Tyree calling the game.

Mark Harmon and Claire Simms will host all the pregame and postgame shows, which will feature interviews with coaches, players, trophy presentations, along with performances from some of the marching bands as well as interviews with Principals and other special guests.



All games will be televised live throughout the state of Georgia and into parts of Florida, Alabama and Tennessee on Georgia Public Broadcasting and webcast live at GPB.org/sports and NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA.

GPB has nine television stations across Georgia and is in more than 98 percent of the homes in the state. GPB is the third largest PBS station in the country based on population reach and has been the most watched public station in the country on the days of the football championship broadcasts.

DVD orders of the championship games will be available at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA. The games will be rebroadcast on GPB Knowledge, one of GPB's digital channels, from December 15-21 at 8:00 p.m. 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.

GPB Sports features stories on a variety of topics from girl's gymnastics, to track and field, to the state championships in soccer and riflery.

Find out more about GPB's high school sports coverage on gpb.org/sports and at www.facebook.com/gpbsports.

GHSA Membership Directory Online!

The GHSA Member School Directory ("Blue Book") for 2013-2014 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/2013-2014-ghsa-member-school-directory

Home 'Pink' is OK Jan. 27-Feb. 1, 2014

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 27 through February 1, 2014.

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.

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.



Girls State Cross Country Champions - 2013



AAAAAA: Peachtree Ridge Lions



AAAAA: Northview Titans



AAAA: Marist War Eagles



AAA: Blessed Trinity Titans



AA (co-champs): Westminster Wildcats



AA (co-champs): Wesleyan Wolves

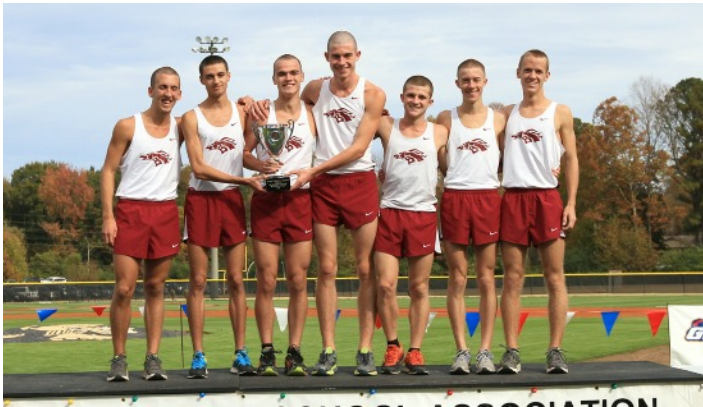


A (public): Towns County Indians



A (private): Pace Academy Knights

Boys State Cross Country Champions - 2013



AAAAAA: Brookwood Broncos



AAAAA: Flowery Branch Falcons



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AAAA: Marist War Eagles



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AAA: St. Pius Golden Lions



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AA: Westminster Wildcats



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A (public): Georgia Military Bulldogs



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A (private): Landmark Christian War Eagles

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams were provided by **Pinion Photography**. Pictures of the winning Volleyball teams elsewhere in this newsletter were provided by **Georgia Photographics**. And photos of the winning softball teams were provided by **Anne Appleton**.

State Softball Champions - 2013



AAAAAA: Collins Hill Eagles



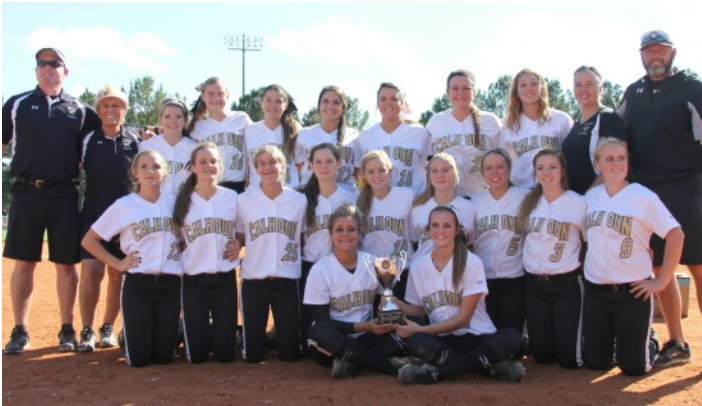
AAAAA: Ola Mustangs



AAAA: Northwest Whitfield Bruins



AAA: Buford Wolves



AA: Calhoun Yellow Jackets



A (public): Gordon Lee Trojans



A (private): ELCA Chargers



State Volleyball Champions - 2013



AAAAA: Walton Raiders



AAAAA: McIntosh Chiefs



AAAA: Columbus Blue Devils



AAA: St. Pius Golden Lions



AA: Wesleyan Wolves



A: Holy Innocents' Golden Bears

GHSA - December 2013 / January 2014 Calendar

December

- 6, 7 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 13, 14 Championship Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 18 GHSA Office closed until January 2 for **Christmas Holidays**

January

- 4 Complete Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 7 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 9-11 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 13 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 20 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 20 Earliest date for Girls and Boys Track and Soccer practice
- 21 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 27 Earliest date for Baseball and Lacrosse practice
- 31 Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments



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



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