



# GHSAA

## "ITEMS OF INTEREST"

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**Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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**GHSA Licensed Products**

This month's featured licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship jewelry ([jostens.com](http://jostens.com)); **Musco Sports Lighting**, leader in sports-lighting technology solutions ([musco.com](http://musco.com)); **FieldTurf**, official artificial turf ([fieldturf.com](http://fieldturf.com)); **Hudl**, official video exchange service ([hudl.com](http://hudl.com)); **Formetco Sports**, Official scoreboard/video screen system ([formetco.com/sports](http://formetco.com/sports)); **Sports Imports**, official volleyball net systems ([sportsimports.com](http://sportsimports.com)); **College Football Hall of Fame**, the perfect destination for football and fun! ([cfbhall.com](http://cfbhall.com)); and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser ([teamip.com](http://teamip.com)).

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to the following GHSA State Champions:

**CHEERLEADING**

7A	Lambert High School
6A	Northgate High School
5A	McIntosh High School
4A	Cedartown High School
3A	Pierce County High School
2A	Vidalia High School
A (public)	Gordon Lee High School
A (private)	Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed	Woodland-Cartersville High School

**CROSS COUNTRY**

7A Girls	- South Forsyth High School
7A Boys	- Lambert High School
6A Girls	- Harrison High School
6A Boys	- Alexander High School
5A Girls	- Woodland-Cartersville High School
5A Boys	- Clarkston High School
4A Girls	- Marist
4A Boys	- St. Pius
3A Girls	- Westminster
3A Boys	- East Jackson High School
2A Girls	- Bleckley County High School
2A Boys	- Bleckley County High School
A Girls (public)	- Towns County High School
A Boys (public)	- Georgia Military College
A Girls (private)	- Landmark Christian
A Boys (private)	- Landmark Christian

**ONE-ACT PLAY**

7A	- Kennesaw Mountain High School
6A	- Northside-WR High School
5A	- Buford High School
4A	- Columbus High School
3A	- Cook High School
2A	- Gordon Central High School
A (public)	- Georgia Military College
A (private)	- Lakeview Academy

**SOFTBALL**

7A	- North Gwinnett High School
6A	- Cambridge High School
5A	- Buford High School
4A	- Central-Carroll High School
3A	- East Jackson High School
2A	- Harlem High School
A (public)	- Gordon Lee High School
A (private)	- First Presbyterian Day School

**VOLLEYBALL**

7A	- Walton High School
6A	- Harrison High School
5A	- Buford High School
4A	- Blessed Trinity
3A	- Westminster
2A	- St. Vincent's
A	- Calvary Day

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.

## 2016 GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships

### All Games Live from GA Dome On December 9th and 10th

The fifth annual GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, will again be televised live by Georgia Public Broadcasting this year from the Georgia Dome.

GPB's coverage will begin at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 9 with the Class A private school championship game. Longtime high school football voice Tommy Palmer will call the game along with Atlanta sportscaster Sam Crenshaw. Niki Noto will work the sidelines for that game.

Game No. 2 on Friday will be the Class 3A game at 1:00 p.m., with Matt Stewart of GPB and either Sam Crenshaw or Tucker High School Head Coach Bryan Lamar in the booth and Noto on the sidelines.

At 4:30 p.m., it's the Class 5A game with Larry Smith and Jon Nelson calling the action. The final game of the day will be the 6A championship with GPB's Matt Stewart and former Atlanta Falcon Chuck Smith behind the microphones and Nelson on the sidelines at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, December 10, four more teams will win state titles. Up first at 10:00 a.m., is the Class A public school title with Palmer and Crenshaw calling the action and Noto on the sidelines. At 1:00 p.m., it's the Class 2A game with GPB's Stewart and Lamar or Crenshaw in the broadcast booth and Noto on the sidelines.



At 4:30 p.m., it's the 4A title game with Larry Smith and Jon Nelson again. And at 8:00, the 7A final, with Stewart and Chuck Smith calling the game.

Mark Harmon and Jackie Brittain will host all the pregame, halftime and postgame shows, which will feature interviews, trophy presentations, performances from some of the bands as well as special guests, including GHSA Executive Director Gary Phillips.

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](http://GPB.org/sports) and [NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA](http://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](http://NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA). The games will be available on demand at [gpb.org/sports](http://gpb.org/sports).

Find out more about GPB's high school sports coverage on [gpb.org/sports](http://gpb.org/sports) and at [www.facebook.com/gpbsports](http://www.facebook.com/gpbsports).

### Digital Tickets Available on GOFAN

For the first time, digital tickets can be purchased for the football semifinal games. You can order today at <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>. Follow @GoFanHS Social Media.

The NFHS Network recently designated Huddle as its exclusive partner for a national rollout of digital ticketing for high school sports. The Huddle digital ticketing platform, GoFan, is FREE to high schools. Digital ticketing benefits both schools and fans by providing an easy way to purchase tickets in advance, streamline entry into venues and furnish customizable financial reports. Huddle already works with 400+ high schools in Georgia.

Learn more about how Huddle is serving the GHSA and its member schools at [www.Huddleinc.com/ad-gofan](http://www.Huddleinc.com/ad-gofan).



### Enjoy 'Holiday in the Park' at Six Flags

It's that most wonderful time of the year at Six Flags over Georgia's Holiday In the Park. Enjoy roller coasters, hot chocolate, millions of lights! The holidays are more fun with Holiday In The Park! GHSA discounts available at [SixFlags.com/OverGeorgia](http://SixFlags.com/OverGeorgia). Use promo code "GHSA."

Located just off I-20 west of Atlanta, Six Flags Over Georgia is the largest regional theme park in the Southeast. The park is also home to Hurricane Harbor, a massive seven-acre water park that is included with your admission. Six Flags Over Georgia also boasts 12 heart-pounding roller coasters, 2 NEW family areas, over 40 rides & attractions, and over 15 restaurants inside the park – there is something for everyone!



# Girls State Cross Country Champions - 2016



**7A: South Forsyth**



**6A: Harrison**



**5A: Woodland-Cartersville**



**4A: Marist**



**3A: Westminster**



**2A: Bleckley County**



**A (public): Towns County**



**A (private): Landmark Christian**

# Boys State Cross Country Champions - 2016



**7A: Lambert**



**6A: Alexander**



**5A: Clarkston**



**4A: St. Pius**



**3A: East Jackson**



**2A: Bleckley County**



**A (public): Georgia Military College**



**A (private): Landmark Christian**

# State Volleyball Champions - 2016



**7A: Walton**



**6A: Harrison**



**5A: Buford**



**4A: Blessed Trinity**



**3A: Westminster**



**2A: St. Vincent's**



**A: Calvary Day**

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams were provided by **Pinion Photography**. Pictures of the winning Volleyball teams were provided by **Cecil Copland** and **Dennis Carter**. And photos of the winning softball teams were provided by **Anne Appleton**.

# State Softball Champions - 2016



**7A:** North Gwinnett



**6A:** Cambridge



**5A:** Buford



**4A:** Central-Carroll



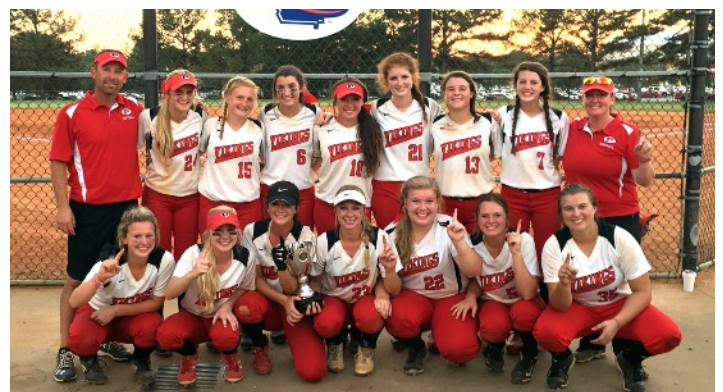
**3A:** East Jackson



**2A:** Harlem



**A (public):** Gordon Lee



**A (private):** First Presbyterian Day

**GHSA - December 2016 / January 2017 Calendar**

**December**

- 2, 3 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 6 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 9, 10 Championship Round State Football Playoffs at the Georgia Dome
- 15 GHSA Office closed until January 3 for **Christmas Holidays**

**January**

- 7 Complete Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 9 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 12-14 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 16 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 16 Earliest date for Girls and Boys Track, Baseball and Soccer practice
- 23 Earliest date for Lacrosse practice
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 27-28 Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 30 Earliest date for Tennis match or Gymnastics meet



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