

Wolves Weekly

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Softball Team Makes History

We would like you to join us in congratulating Coach Wolfe, Coach Laws and the Buford Lady Wolves Softball Team on winning their fifth consecutive state championship last weekend. History was made last weekend when they Lady Wolves won the state championship. Never before has a team won five consecutive state championships in any sport, let alone softball.

The Lady Wolves made an amazing run in the state tournament. Winning the first two rounds at home against Southeast Bulloch and Blessed Trinity, the Lady Wolves were once again headed to Columbus. Many people had doubts when they lost in their first game in Columbus to Pike County 3-2 and fell into the losers bracket. The girls fought back and showed the true meaning of their teams motto, "trust, delight, commit" when they defeated Blessed Trinity 9-1 and

then took down Pike County 11-10 and 12-2 to claim their fifth consecutive state title. Coach Wolfe said this might have been the sweetest state championship because of the way the girls played through adversity. The Lady Wolves were down 5-0 in two games but still managed to come back and get the wins.

The leadership on the team was outstanding and every single player on the team stepped up. Buford had eight seniors on this year's team that all know nothing but winning state and there was no way of letting their last year slip away. Two seniors, Kallie Case and Lexi Overstreet, played huge roles in Saturday's games, hitting seven home runs between the two of them to help boost the confidence of all the Lady Wolves at the plate. Kallie was 8 of 10 from the plate with seven RBIs and Lexi also had nine

RBIs. Kodi Ricketson, Madyson Wynegar and Remington Hasty also had plenty of key moments at the plate. Kodi hit two home runs on Saturday and Remington, Madyson and Tessa Daniels also had runs. Jordan Deep supplied clutch hits in the first win over Pike County.

Another testament to the team is their support and confidence in their freshman pitchers, Tessa Daniels and Bria Bush. Both pitchers showed maturity beyond their years and handled last Saturday very well. The Lady Wolves demonstrated what it truly means to be a team with supports, love, endurance and heart. Congratulations to the softball team on making history with their fifth consecutive state championship title. They are the only team in any sport in the state of Georgia to win five consecutive state championships.

BHS Mission Statement

Our Mission

The mission of Buford High School is to empower students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and effective members of society by inspiring them to think, to achieve, and to care.

AAA Excellence

We strive for Triple "A" Excellence every day at Buford High School. That is excellence in Academics, excellence in Athletics, and excellence in the Arts. Excellence is not just an act. Excellence is done inside the classroom and outside the classroom. This is critical to the success of our students in the present and well into the future.

This is our business.

Our core business at BHS is teaching and learning. Our focus at BHS is on student learning, achievement, and success. All of our curriculum, instructional, and support programs focus on student learning, achievement and success. This focus will continue our students on the road to success.

Upcoming Events

Football

- 11/11/11: 1st round of state playoffs

Boys Basketball

- 11/12/11: vs. McEachern (scrimmage) 4:30

Girls Basketball

- 11/12/11: vs. McEachern (scrimmage) 3:00

Wrestling

- 11/19/11: @ West Hall

Competition Cheerleading

- 11/11-12/11: State Tournament TBA

Academics

- 11/7/11: LA/Fine Arts Benchmark
- 11/7/11: GFHSGT retest
- 11/8/11: SC/Health Benchmark
- 11/9/11: SS/CTEA Benchmark
- 11/9/11: GHSGT retest
- 11/10/11: Math/Foreign Language Benchmark
- 11/12/11: Kaplan/SAT practice test
- 11/12/11: BHS Saturday School

Yearbook

- 11/11/11: National Yearbook Day

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Athletics

The football team had a bye last week. They played Blessed Trinity in the region championship. The Wolves won the region championship last year and are expected to dominate the region championship game. If the Wolves win the region championship, they will enter the state tournament as the number one seed from our region. They will also host the first round of state if they win the region championship.

The cross country team did well in region. The Varsity boys lead off the races last Thursday. Run-

ning in a fast field, our boys held their own. Finishing fifth for the guys was great because they were running against great teams like Westminster, which took home the individual and team championship. Buford was led by senior Michael Becker, and other top runners were Josh Thompson, Dylan Price, Kevin Coulter, Travis Howes, Tino Torres and Linoel Burgos. Seniors DJ Jameson and Jonathan Zamora finished their careers with strong runs in the second race. The Varsity girls followed the varsity boys with another field of stacked teams. The team was in the mid-

dle of a tight battle before a few injuries stuck the team. The girls ended up finishing 6th. Freshman Lane Crawford completed the course in the lead for the Lady Wolves. Other runners finishing out the top five were Bailey Roberts, Kelly Slotin, Jackie Joyce and Jessica Yager. Nayeli Maya finished her senior season with a good run in the second race.

Soccer conditioning, swimming and wrestling practices have started. The wrestling team will its their first varsity match against West Hall on November 19.

Academics

Benchmarks are coming up this week. These tests are extremely important because they are continuously gaining value. Benchmarks are meant to aid students, increasing in weight value as students learn more. The benchmarks for Monday are English/Language Arts and Fine Arts. Science and Health benchmarks will be on Tuesday. Social Studies and CTEA benchmarks will be on Wednesday. Thursday's bench-

marks will be Math and Foreign Language. There will be no benchmarks on Friday.

If you have to make up the GHSGT or retake it, be sure to prepare. A retest will be given on Monday, November 7th and another will be given on Wednesday, November 9th.

A Kaplan/SAT practice test will be given at the school on Saturday.

Saturday School is also being held on Saturday, November, 12th.. Be sure to attend Saturday School if you have it. If you don't go, you will be suspended from school the Monday following your absence.

Arts

We would like to congratulate the cast and crew of *Sweeny Todd* on their win at Region One-Act last Friday, October, 28th. Students receiving All-Star Cast awards were Noah Haines and Hana Ivy. Region Best Actor was awarded to Michael Grieve and Region Best Actress was awarded to Rosa Campos. The crew received Best Costumes. Winning region was a great opportunity for all of the Wolpack players because they had

the opportunity to participate in the state competition. These students traveled to the state competition on Friday, November 5th. They performed at 3:00pm and we will have the results of their performance in the next publication. Congratulations to the seniors for making it to state and to the underclassmen who helped make this possible for the seniors.

“A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.” - David Brinkley

Community

Get an early start to your Christmas spirit this season at Stone Mountain Park. Enjoy a Christmas themed event in every area at the park. Events include a crossroads Christmas carol, Simply Christmas, a Sing-Along Christmas Train, a Snow angel palace at Memorial Hall, a snow angel snowfall and fireworks celebra-

tion and visits with Santa. You can also see *The Polar Express* in 4-D. This wonderful time of the year at Stone Mountain has something for everyone! Bring the whole family for some quality time having fun! For special pricing, family combo deals, and regular tickets, go to *festivals.stonemountainpark.com*. This

is such a fun time! You and your family will treasure this memory.



Teacher Spotlight: Coach Laws

Have you always worked at Buford High School?

No, I began my teaching career at Central Gwinnett High School. I have been working at Buford High school for five years.

What sports do you coach at Buford?

I coach baseball and softball.

How does it feel to have won five consecutive state championships?

It feels amazing! Each one is special and this group gets a bonus, five in a row.

What is your favorite memory from coaching softball?

The intangible of our players makes me want to go to practice each day. They are high level players and high level young ladies.

What is your favorite memory from coaching softball?

Winning the state championship last Saturday! It was so

much fun watching our girls compete.

What is a challenge that comes with coaching softball?

Drama, drama, drama!

Are you married? Do you have any kids?

I married and my wife's name is Laura. She is a kindergarten teacher at BES. I have a son James who is eight and a daughter named Caroline that is five.

What are your hobbies outside of coaching?

I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with my wife and kids.

Tell us one or two things people don't know about you.

When I was growing up, tennis was my favorite sport.

Student Spotlight: Kallie Case

Have you always gone to Buford High School?

No. I came to Buford in sixth grade.

Where did you live/go before you came to Buford?

I went to Riverside Elementary in first and second grade and then I was homeschooled until I came to Buford in sixth grade.

What sports do you play at Buford?

I play softball and basketball. I ran track my freshman year.

How long have you been playing those sports?

I have been playing softball since I was four and basketball since I was six. I ran track for one year. I took a break from basketball after my freshman year to focus on softball and decided to play again this year.

How does it feel to have won five consecutive state championships?

It feels very good especially because we are the first team in Georgia to win five in a row.

What is your favorite thing about playing softball?

The competition, traveling and different places.

What is your favorite memory from playing softball?

Being the first team in Georgia to win five consecutive state championships.

What is a challenge that comes with playing softball?

You never do the same play twice.

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

My sister, Kelsey, teaches special needs. My brother, Kyler, has a job and goes to Kennesaw State. My other brother, Kody, goes to school at Valdosta State.

What are your hobbies outside of sports?

I like to hang out with family and friends and going to church.

Tell us something most people don't know about?

I had open heart surgery.