

The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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Tournament Week(s)

The next 2 Saturdays

Look for an email this week with details and directions for the Johns Creek tournament and an email next week for the Campbell tournament. **We could use another ref and timekeeper for this Saturday.** *Keep track of your socks and check your gear!*

This Week & Upcoming:

- Thu 10/18 - Regular practice; [let Mrs. Forbes know if NOT participating in the 10/27 tournament](#)
- Sat, 10/20 - Tournament at Johns Creek H.S.
- Thu 10/25 - Team participates in Homecoming Parade. No regular practice, but may attend optional practice at Kingswood, 7:15 pm
- Sat 10/27 - Tournament at Campbell H.S.

Our website's [calendar](#) or see the [year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter](#).



Senior Spotlight:

Robbie Garber

We asked, so here's the scoop on our favorite fencing senior!

If you missed it, he's one of DHS's "Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program" and awarded "AP Scholar with Distinction for 2018".

1. Post high school plans: go to college for Psychology and Creative Writing. I'm not sure what college; I'm applying to over 40.
2. I've been fencing since the beginning of my Sophomore year, and do intend to fence in college; it's largely how I limited down my schools.
3. Favorite school subject: E.L.A

classes and Creative Writing.

4. Favorite food: Japanese and other Asian foods.

5. Favorite TV: I don't watch a lot of TV, but enjoy Jeopardy, The Big Bang Theory, and Warehouse 13.

6. Favorite music or movie: I don't have a particular favorite music (though I do enjoy alternative); I typically pick some artist I like and listen to most of their songs. Most recently it's been Michael Franti. In terms of movies, I love Spaceballs.

7. Hobbies: writing, reading, video games, and Youtube

Needed for 10/27

EASY Volunteer Slots

We're short on a couple of the easiest ways to cover our bases and be a volunteer. For the 10/27 and later tournaments, we need AM and PM Responsible Parents and a Coolers of Water.

SIGN-UP (look for "AM or PM Responsible Parent" and "Cooler of Water")

Thank you in advance!

Thursday, the 18th

Let Mrs. Forbes know by this Thursday, the 18th, if you will **NOT** be fencing in the 10/27 tournament.

Ease into being a referee:

- *go to the clinic just to learn what's involved - no pressure!*
- be a timekeeper or scorekeeper to see what happens up close
- try-it-out as a ref at our Thursday practices
- upcoming clinic information below

Homecoming Parade Next Week

Thursday, October 25

Fencers: wear the team t-shirt, and bring a bag of mini-size candy to hand out. Remember, per city ordinance, candy must be **handed** and not thrown to bystanders.

Add your pictures

(let's have a huge photo show
for spring banquet fun!)

Drag/drop to add photos [HERE](#).

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Webmaster: [Gary Sonnier](#)

Remember Our Results Page

DHS Wildcats Fencing Website

Bookmark our [Results](#) page to look back on results quickly
or to get the scoop as soon as they're posted.

www.dhsfencing.org

WILDCATS

Women's Team: 1st Place (out of 19)

Men's Team: 8th Place (out of 21)



Referees and Scorekeepers

Important Sign-up Ahead of Time Needed

It's important to sign up as a ref ASAP so that we know if we need to hire one before they're all taken. Also, we'd like to avoid a last minute scramble in submitting names prior to tournament day for the (new) official sign-in sheets that are pre-printed.

Right now, we're short a couple of refs for the next 2 tournaments.

This year's [sign-up](#) for referees.

Active refs and scorekeepers: **NEW** - tournament sign-in sheets are now separate for refs and scorekeepers. Be sure to sign the appropriate sheet. The ref sheet will have pre-printed names on it.

Volunteer Opportunities - Jump In

- **Fundraising Chair:** Reel in financial support for our team.
- **Tournament Volunteer:** Sign up for a job [HERE](#)

Contact: Sharon Murphy - dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com or 404.372.7663

Growing Team Needs

With a larger team this year, our club continues to grow and with that comes the need for additional equipment and skilled people. This past year we've

purchased 2 more electronic fencing strips (\$1,100 each), hired an assistant coach, and we'll cover the cost of referees as needed during tournaments - just a few of the bigger ticket items.

Thoughtfully consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

Donations are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc.,
which is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

[Click here to learn more about sponsorship levels.](#)

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Contact: Eric Kasowski - ekasowski@yahoo.com or 404-680-0890

Helpful Links & Files

[Absolute Fencing Gear](#)

[Tournament 101](#)

[DHS Fencing Website](#)

[DHS Fencing By-laws](#)

[Dunwoody Fencing Club](#)

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[Pictures: Browse and Add!](#)

[Volunteer Sign-up](#)

2018/19 Calendar

Practices are Thursdays from 3:10pm - 5:30pm at DHS unless noted.

October

4 (Thu): Fall Break - no regular practice after school

4 (Thu): Optional Practice | Kingswood | 7:15pm

8 (Mon): Team Social | Games at the Murphy's house

20 (Sat): Tournament - Round 3; Location: Johns Creek HS

25 (Thu): **Homecoming parade** team participation in lieu of 3:10-5:30 practice

25 (Thu): Optional Practice | Kingswood | 7:15pm

27 (Sat): Tournament - Round 4; Location: Campbell HS

November

No tournaments are scheduled...happy Thanksgiving!

TBD: Team Pictures (last year they were on 11/29/17)

December

1 (Sat): Tournament - Round 5; Location: Roswell HS

14 (Fri): EVERYONE! TOURNAMENT PREPARATION after school

15 (Sat): HOME TOURNAMENT at DHS - Round 6

January

12 (Sat): Tournament - Round 7; Location: Lassiter HS

26 (Sat): Individual Championship; Location: Chattahoochee HS

February

2 (Sat): Team Championship; Location: Alpharetta HS

7 (Thu): GHSFL Day at the Capitol (Recognition of GHSFL schools and champions)

End of February - plan to get next year's physical now and check it off your list!

March

TBD: Last Practice Date for the 2018/19

TBD: DHS Pep Rally Demonstration

TBD: End-of-the-Year Banquet

TBD: Demonstration at Peachtree Middle School

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Team captains 2018-19

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Men's Team Captain: Robbie Garber

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