

# The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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**Congratulations, Megan!**

**She earned a bronze medal at last Saturday's Johns Creek tournament.**

## **Johns Creek Tournament Highlights**

*Dunwoody's bronze collection is growing*

### Men's Team

- Robbie continued to earn points with his 13th place finish.
- Logan just missed earning points ending in 19th place.
- Alexander had 4 wins in pools and moved from 54th to 33rd at the tournament.

### Women's Team

- Megan came home with a bronze, losing in priority to the eventual tournament winner.
- Sara Gelber's 7th place finish started with 4 wins in pools with a +16. She lost to the silver medalist.
- Hannah's 12th place finish also earned points for the team with 4 wins in pools and a +15.
- Taylor also won points for the team with her 15th place finish - a personal best!
- Honoka just missed the Round of 16 with her 18th place finish.
- Freshman, Kathryn made it to DE's for the first time, ending with a 21st place finish!

[Johns Creek Tournament Scores \(the details\)](#)

[All 3 Tournament Location Results](#)  
[GHSFL Team and Individual Standings](#)  
[Cambridge Tournament Scores](#)  
[Milton Tournament Scores](#)

***Wildcats are showing their stuff!***

**[This Week & Upcoming:](#)**



- tournament help needed: [SIGN-UP](#)
- wash team t-shirt and buy candy for the parade
- **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.**

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

## For the Parade on TOMORROW

### Fencers:

- Wear the team t-shirt.
- Bring a bag of mini-size candy to hand out.
- Candy must be *handed* and not thrown to bystanders per city ordinance.

## Help Needed for Saturday's Tournament

The EASY slots are first-come, first-served!  
**5 slots still need to be filled for Saturday.**

*Thank you to the following who have signed up!*

- ***Margaret Sonnier*** is our AM responsible parent and will bring the extra equipment bag and make sure all our fencers have signed in.
- ***(still needed)*** is the PM responsible parent and will return the bag and make sure all our fencers have left.
- ***Kitty Ragals*** will bring the cooler of water.
- Our refs are Harry Murphy, Cailin Thelen and David Kopel (***need 1 more***).
- ***Debra Donovan and (need 3 more)*** will be timekeepers.

**[SIGN-UP](#)**

***Thank you in advance!***



Go Sydney!



**Why was Cinderella so bad  
at fencing?**

*Her coach was a pumpkin!*

**What would you get if you  
crossed a fencer with the  
Invisible Man?**

*Fencing like no one has ever seen.*

**What did the mummy fencing coach  
say at the end of practice?**

*Let's wrap this up.*

**Share your Photos!**  
*Drag/drop to add photos [HERE](#).*

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**Webmaster:** [Gary Sonnier](#)



**Fencing jacket embroidery is available -  
contact [Cailin](#) to learn more. The last name is  
embroidered and costs around \$20.**

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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](http://www.dhsfencing.org)

# WILDCATS

**Women's Team: 4th Place (out of 19)**

**Men's Team: 9th 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](mailto: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.

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## Helpful Links & Files

[Absolute Fencing Gear](#)  
[Tournament 101](#)  
[DHS Fencing Website](#)  
[DHS Fencing By-laws](#)  
[Dunwoody Fencing Club](#)  
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[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**

**Team Captain: Megan Murphy**

**Men's Team Captain: Robbie Garber**

**Women's Team Captain: Sarah MacElroy**

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