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The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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Strong Finish in the Championship

February 2, Alpharetta High School

Congratulations to the men's and women's teams for their strong finishes in Saturday's Team Championship. Jumping up 4 places, the men's team finished in 6th out of 19 teams and was led by captain Robbie, Sam, Blake, and Gareth. The women's team, led by captain Megan, Hannah, Sara and Samantha finished in 5th place out of 17 teams.

We've had a tremendous year, earning 3 gold medals, 1 silver medal, 8 bronze medals and 1 championship bronze medal. This is the best year yet in DHS fencing!

[Individual Championship Tournament Results](#)

[Individual Championship Tournament Scores](#)

Wildcats Rock!

This Week & Upcoming:



- Thu, 2/7 - GHSFL Day at the Capitol
- Thu, 2/7 - **NO** regular practice

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- Thu, 2/14 - **NO** regular practice

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google Calendar or see the remaining year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter.

No practice this Thursday, 2/7, or next Thursday, 2/14

Deadline Today: Trip to the Capitol

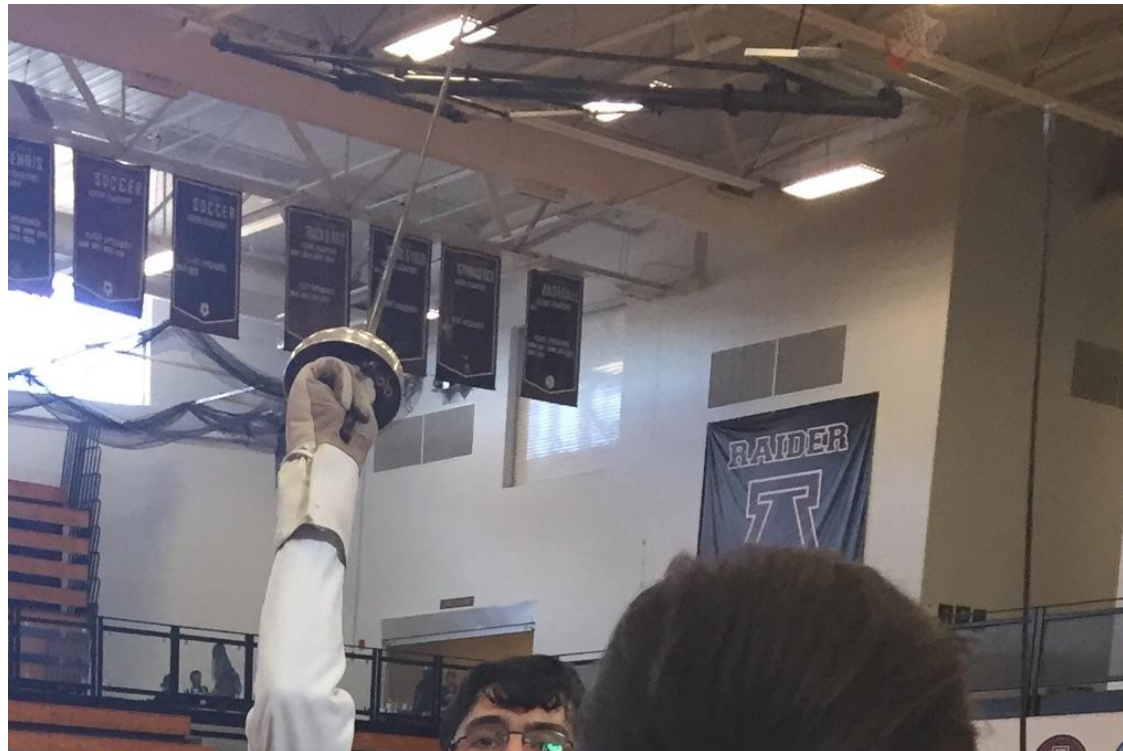
GHSFL Day at the Capitol, 2/7

Any fencers that want to go to the Capitol this Thursday, can ride with Christine Hilgert but need to let [Christine](#) and [Cecilia](#) know by TODAY, 2/4.

Tournaments Over, Fencing Goes On

Upcoming Events Through June

Even though this season's tournaments have ended, there are 2 more practice dates: 2/21 and the last practice on 2/28. Watch for details on the season-end banquet, fencing demonstration at PCMS, the June camp, and more.





Banquet Slide Show Needs Your Pictures

Add your pictures to be included in the banquet slide show.

[ADD HERE](#) or [email](#). (Drag and Drop - [Instructions](#))

Final Team Standings 2018-19 Season

*Women's Team: 5th place
Men's Team: 6th place*

Save the Date: Season-end Banquet

Thursday, March 28

6:30 pm

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church

- Fencers: start preparing for awards, decorations
- Fencers: plan on setting up earlier and taking down after (parents are welcome to help)
- Our slideshow designer needs your photos now! [ADD HERE](#) or [email](#).

More to come!

June Fencing Camp

Mark Your Calendar

We've been approved to hold our 2nd annual DHS Fencing Camp on Monday - Thursday, June 3rd - 6th, 2019. The cafeteria will be ours from 9 am - 1 pm. Plan on attending and helping at our club's money-making and skill-building event.

www.dhsfencing.org

Fencing Jacket Embroidery

The fencer's last name is embroidered on the jacket back according to USA Fencing protocol and costs around \$20. [Email](#) if you're interested.

Volunteer Opportunities

Start Now for Next Year

We're gearing up for next year right now, so here's a couple of needs - there will be more!

- **Fundraising Chair:** reel in financial support for our team
- **Summer camp volunteers**
- **Referee:** try it now at a Thursday practice

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

Browse Pictures

Consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

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.

Donations are tax deductible.

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

[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](#)

[DHS Fencing Website](#)

[DHS Fencing By-laws](#)

[Dunwoody Fencing Club](#)

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[Tournament 101](#)

[Volunteer Sign-up](#)

2018/19 Calendar

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google calendar.

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

February

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

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

7 (Thu): NO PRACTICE

14 (Thu): NO PRACTICE

28 (Thu): last practice for the season

March

1 (Fri): *STARTING NOW: GET YOUR PHYSICAL FOR AUGUST PAPERWORK*

28 (Thu): 6:30pm, Season-end Banquet

April

TBD: Demonstration at Peachtree Middle School

June

3-6 (Mon-Thu): DHS Fencing Camp

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Team captains 2018-19

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Men's Team Captain: Robbie Garber

Women's Team Captain: Sarah MacElroy

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