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DEA Varsity Football Schedule 2023-2024

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
August 25	Monsignor Donovan	Away
August 31	*Crisp Academy	Home
September 8	*Westwood Academy	Home
September 15	OPEN ----	
September 22	Westminster-Watkinsville (HC)	Home
September 29	Westminster-Augusta	Away
October 5	*Covenant Academy	Away
October 13	*Windsor Academy	Home
October 20	OPEN ----	
October 27	**John Hancock Academy (SN)	Home
	*Region Games	
	**Senior Night	



DEA Varsity Football Roster 2023-2024

No.	Name	Year	No.	Name	Year
0	Ethan Fields	Freshman	22	John Kersey	Senior
1	Tucker Free	Freshman	23	Tony Sutton	Senior
4	Richard Braddy	Sophomore	24	Revan Fortner	Sophomore
6	Sailor Powell	Sophomore	25	Peyton Lee	Junior
7	Clayton Hood	Junior	27	Jay Carter	Senior
8	Randon Williams	Senior	30	Cason Sapp	Freshman
9	Jaxson Wiggins	Junior	31	Braydon Lawson	Freshman
10	Landon Lindsey	Sophomore	32	Billy Martin	Senior
13	Paxton Dixon	Freshman	54	Bryan Beasley	Sophomore
14	David Vautier	Freshman	76	Jonah Boatright	Sophomore
17	John-Nathan Martin	Sophomore	94	Ben Flanders	Senior
19	Mason Williams	Freshman	99	Joshua Tanner	Freshman



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Cross Country Schedule 2023-24

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
August 29	Bulloch Academy	Away	
August 30	Vidalia Heritage	Away	(Boys @ 4, Girls @ 4:15)
September 12	Bulloch Academy	Away	
September 13	Vidalia Heritage	Away	(Boys @ 4, Girls @ 4:15)
September 19	Bulloch Academy	Away	
September 24	Vidalia Heritage	Away	(Boys @ 9:40, Girls @ 9:50)
October 3	Bulloch Academy	Away	
October 5	Edmund Burke	Away	

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DEA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 25	Monsignor Donovan	Away	7:30pm
August 31	Crisp Academy*	Home	7:30pm
September 8	Westwood Academy*	Home	7:30pm
September 15	Open		
September 22	Westminster-Watkinsville (HC)	Home	7:30pm
September 29	Westminster-Augusta	Away	7:30pm
October 5	Covenant Academy*	Away	
October 13	Windsor Academy*	Home	7:30pm
October 20	Open		
October 27	John Hancock Academy** (SN)	Home	7:30pm

*Region Games **Senior Night

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DEA Middle School Football Players

DEA Middle School Football Roster 2023-2024

NAME

Dalton Flowers
 Tyran Kirby
 Samuel Martin
 Bryton Rowland
 Tate Wilkes
 Joel Vautier
 Bentley Brinson
 Blaine Fordham
 Jake Lewis
 Charlie McRae
 Callen Sapp
 Lawton Wiggins
 Greyson Barger
 Hudson Beecher

NAME

Hayden Wren
 Mason Boatright
 Lake Bush
 Jace Farmer
 Jack Evan Fields
 Matthew Fordham
 Gannon Smith
 Eli Way
 Ben Griner
 Karson Kettles
 Riley Phillips
 Hayden Powell
 Lake Woods

Middle School Football Schedule 2023-24

Date	Opponent	Location
August 24	Covenant Academy	Home
September 7	John Hancock Academy	Home
September 14	Fullington Academy	Away
September 21	John Hancock Academy	Away
September 28	Fullington Academy	Home
October 3	Vidalia Heritage Academy	Away

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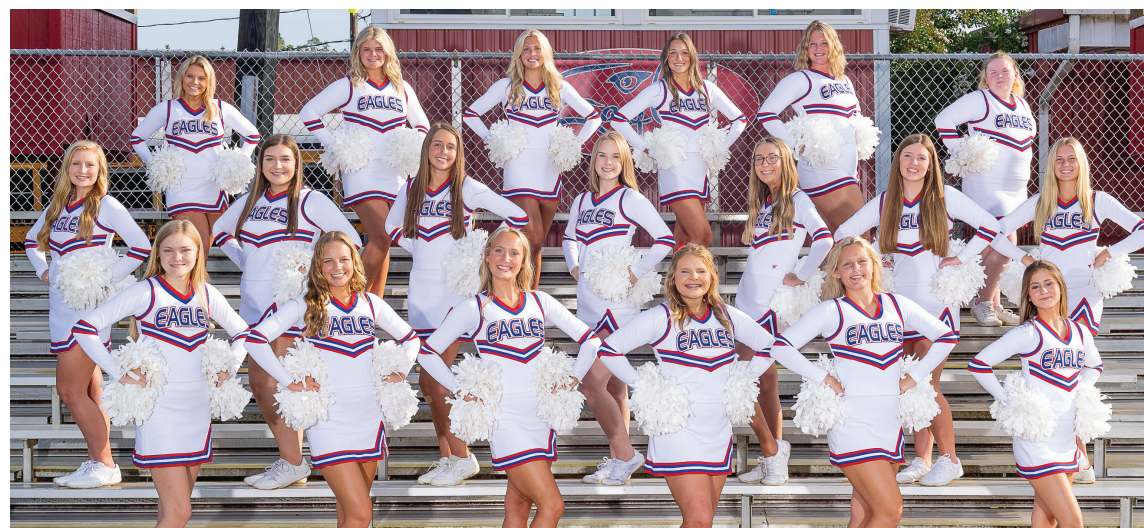
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DEA Varsity Cheerleading Roster 2023-2024

Name	Year	Name	Year
Josie Grace Black	Senior	Aaralyn Grimes	Junior
Ella Claire Claxton	Senior	Mattie Grace Lane	Sophomore
Haley Hagan	Senior	Lanie Phillips	Sophomore
Chirsten McCoy	Senior	Jayden Slater	Sophomore
Maddie Perkins	Senior	Addalyn Terwilliger	Sophomore
Emma Proctor	Senior	Brylee Beasley	Freshman
Bailey Ware	Senior	Lizzie Bowman	Freshman
Kyli Bell	Junior	Brook Fleming	Freshman
Maggie Black	Junior	Bailey McNure	Freshman
Addie Brown	Junior	Payton Peebles	Freshman

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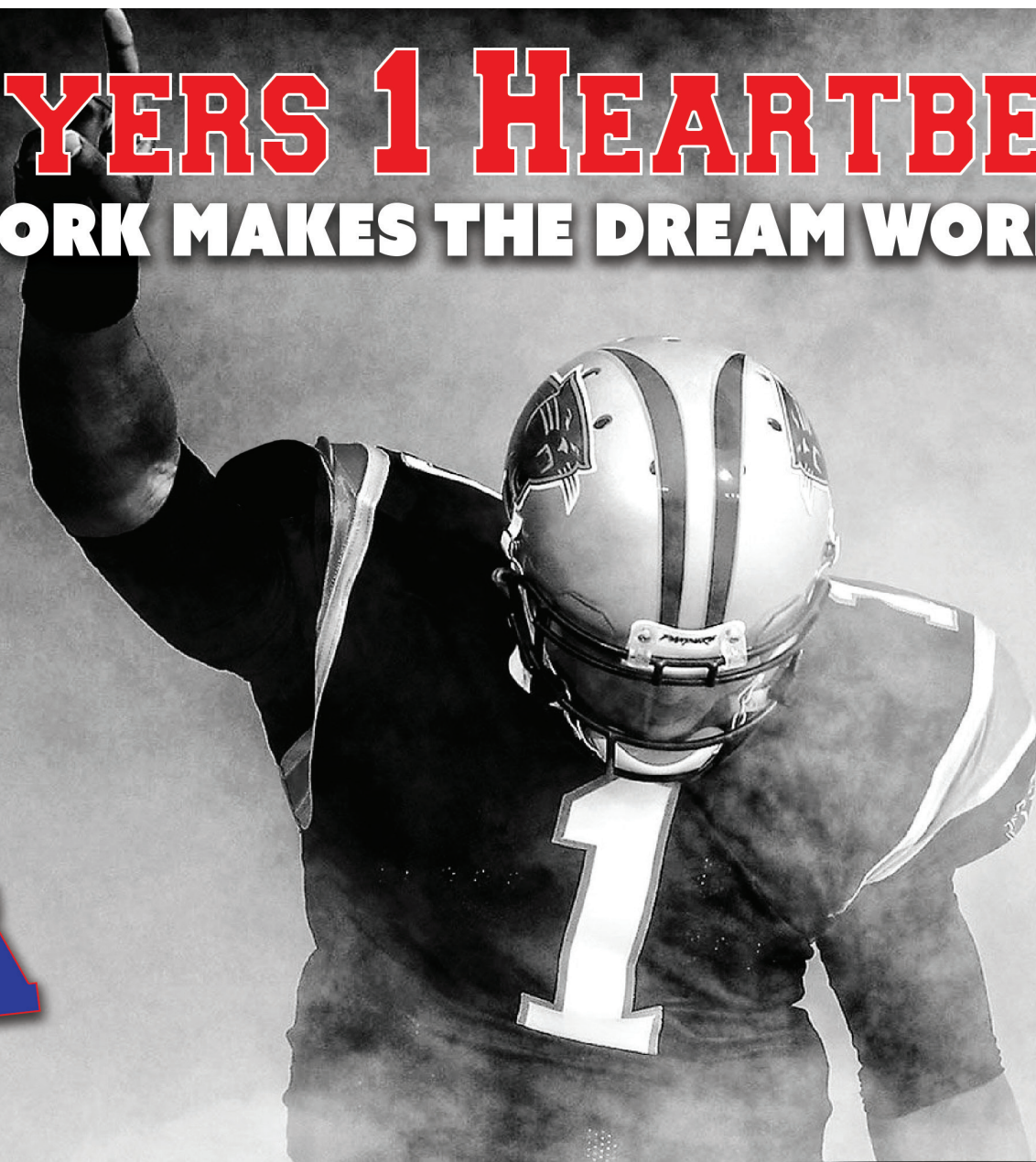
DEA Middle School Cheerleading Roster 2023-2024

NAME	GRADE	NAME	GRADE
Layla Clark	5th	Lyla Martin	8th
Mille Farmer	5th	Scout Hall	8th
Mary Bess Fields	5th	Chloe Daniel	8th
Asylin O'Keefe	5th	Presley Gowen	8th
Bethany Henry	6th	Madison Slater	8th
Emma Peebles	7th	Gracie Scruggs	8th
Loralee Scarboro	7th	Lexa Jukes	8th
Preslee Moore	7th	Jilli Davis	8th

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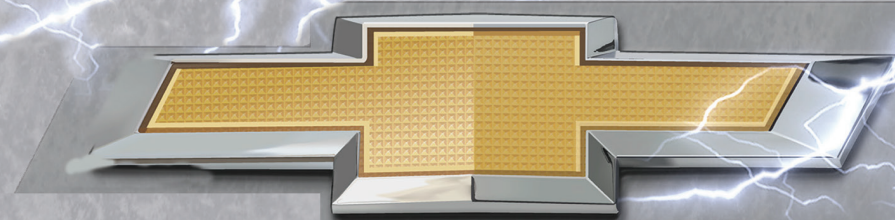
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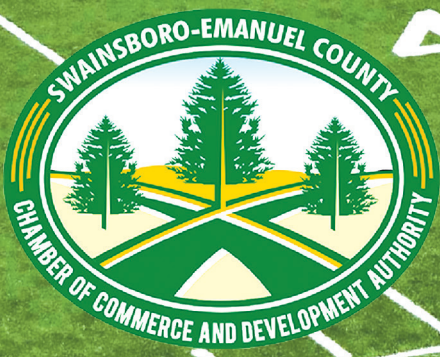
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David Emanuel Academy Softball Team

Good Luck Teams!

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DEA Varsity Softball Roster 2023 -2024

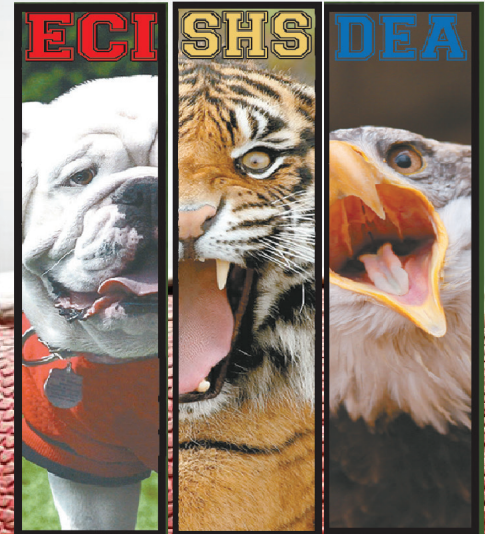
#	NAME	GRADE	#	NAME	GRADE
18	Sara Cate Fennell	Senior	11	Raleigh Andrews	Freshman
1	Ava Johnson	Senior	8	Lizzie Bowman	Freshman
22	Chirsten McCoy	Senior	13	Brook Fleming	Freshman
5	Maddie Perkins	Senior	21	Bailey McNure	Freshman
2	Emma Proctor	Senior	27	Payton Peebles	Freshman
15	Kyli Bell	Junior	14	Emily McRae	Sub-Freshman
12	Jayden Slater	Sophomore	11	Aubrey Scott	Sub-Freshman
3	Addalyn Terwilliger	Sophomore	6	Hensley Terwilliger	Sub-Freshman

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DEA Varsity Softball Schedule 2023-24

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
AUGUST 24	JENKINS COUNTY	HOME	5:00
AUGUST 28	VIDALIA HERITAGE	AWAY	5:30
AUGUST 29	PINEWOOD	AWAY	6:00
SEPTEMBER 5	CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP	AWAY	5:30
SEPTEMBER 11	PINEWOOD	HOME	6:00
SEPTEMBER 12	EDMUND BURKE	AWAY	4:00
SEPTEMBER 14	ROBERT TOOMBS	AWAY	5:30
SEPTEMBER 19	FPCA	HOME	4:00
SEPTEMBER 21	THOMAS JEFFERSON	AWAY	4:00
SEPTEMBER 26	ROBERT TOOMBS	HOME	5:30
SEPTEMBER 28	FPCA	AWAY	4:00
OCTOBER 3	THOMAS JEFFERSON	HOME	4:00
OCTOBER 5	BULLOCH	AWAY	5:00
OCTOBER 10	CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP	HOME	4:00
OCTOBER 12	BULLOCH	HOME	4:00

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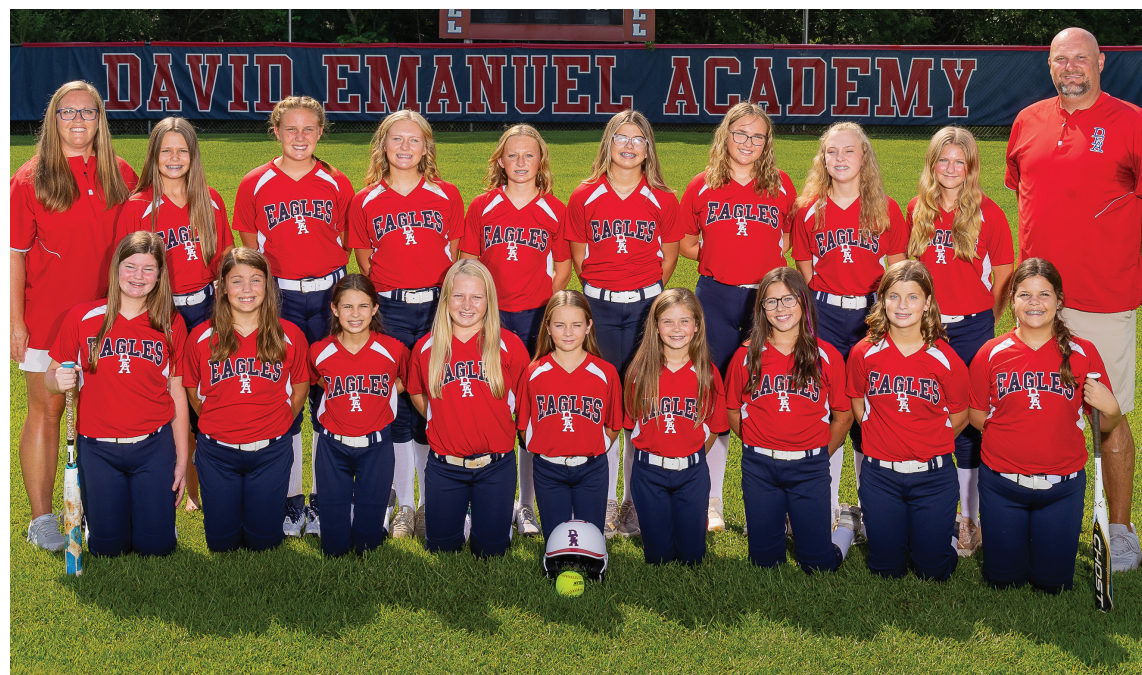


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DEA Middle School Softball Schedule 2023-24

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 28	Vidalia Heritage	Away	4:30
August 29	Pinewood	Away	4:30
September 9	#Bulloch/Rtca	Away	TBA
September 5	Central Fellowship	Away	4:00
September 12	Edmund Burke	Away	5:30
September 14	Robert Toombs	Away	4:00
September 18	Screven Christian	Home	4:00
September 20	Jenkins County	Home	4:30
September 21	Thomas Jefferson	Away	4:00
September 25	Screven Christian	Away	4:00
September 26	Robert Toombs	Home	4:00

#Games will be played at Bulloch Academy

David Emanuel Academy Middle School Softball

Front row, l-r: Halli Hammock, Evie Moore, Mary Bess Fields, Rayleigh Faircloth, Milly Farmer, Layla Clark, Madeline Griner, Kate Yeomans, Marlee Johnson

Back row, l-r: Carrie Johnson, Kaley Flowers, Hensley Terwilliger, Emily McRae, Aubrey Scott, Lara McNure, Zoe Polk, Sophie Young; Coach Daniel Flowers

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ECI Varsity Football Schedule 2023-24

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 25	Metter	Away	7:30pm
September 1	Lincoln County	Home	7:30pm
September 8	Dublin (HC)	Home	7:30pm
September 15	Swainsboro	Away	7:30pm
September 22	Johnson County	Home	7:30pm
September 29	Jefferson County	Away	7:30pm
October 13	Portal*	Away	7:30pm
October 20	McIntosh County Academy*	Home	7:30pm
October 27	Jenkins County*	Away	7:30pm
November 3	Montgomery County*	Home	7:30pm

*Region game

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2022 season not a typical year for Bulldogs

When the football schedule was posted last season, you could tell it could be a rough and tumble season for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs ended the year with a 4-7 record for their first losing season in over 20 years.

With only four region games, Coach Kearson was looking for six non-region games. With that in mind, the Bulldogs were on tap to face four teams ranked in the top 10 in their different classes. Five of the six teams made it to the playoffs.

First on tap for the Bulldogs was their longest running rival, the Tigers from Metter. Without the benefit of a scrimmage game last season, the Bulldogs were a little rusty the first half with Metter leading 21-7 at the half. The Bulldogs outscored and out rushed the Tigers in the second half but lost to Metter 28-14.

The Bulldogs traveled to Lincoln Co. the next Friday to face the seventh ranked Red Devils at the storied Buddy Buford field. PJ Farnum rushed for 185 yards with Bryce Kearson adding 110 through the air as the Bulldogs ended Lincoln's two game winning streak 41-27.

On September 9, ECI traveled to the Shamrock Bowl to take on Dublin. The Bulldogs went toe to toe with the Irish in the first half with the score 14-14 at the break. Dublin put 27 points on the Bulldog defense in the second half to give ECI their second loss of the season, 41-21.

ECI and Swainsboro renewed the county battle last season when the Tigers visited Rountree Stadium. The Bulldogs gave up over 300 yards rushing and another

41 points for the second game in a row as the eventual state runner-up Tigers trounced the Bulldogs 41-12.

The Bulldogs spent the next Friday night in Wrightsville to take on fifth ranked Johnson Co. With the Trojans leading 21-7 at the half, the Bulldogs offense got in gear in the second half to tie the game at 21-21. The defense shut down JOCO in the second half limiting them to just 40 yards of offense. With the score tied at the end of regulation, Johnson Co. scored a TD in overtime. The Bulldogs failed to match in OT to lose to the Trojans 27-21.

The Bulldogs hosted Jefferson Co. on Thursday, September 29, due to upcoming severe weather on the horizon for Friday. ECI overcame three turnovers to defeat the Warriors 34-27.

After six games, the Bulldogs finally played a region game when they hosted Portal the next Friday night. The defense limited Portal to 102 total yards defeating the Panthers 42-14.

The Bulldogs took the long ride to Darien on October 21, to take on another top 10 team, McIntosh Co. The Buccaneers took a 14-13 lead into the locker room. The Bucs limited ECI to one TD in the second half and took the game and the region championship, defeating the Bulldogs 28-21. It was a game of different halves against Jenkins Co. on October 27. The Bulldogs rushed for 240 yards in the first half, to lead the Eagles 21-14 at the half. ECI failed to find the endzone in the second half losing to the Eagles 31-24.

With a 1-2 region record, the Bulldogs were playing for the third seed in the state

playoffs when they faced Montgomery Co. in the last regular season game. The Bulldogs led the Eagles 28-0 at the half with the defense limiting Montgomery to just 15 total yards. The Bulldogs rushed for 277 yards and took the game 34-14.

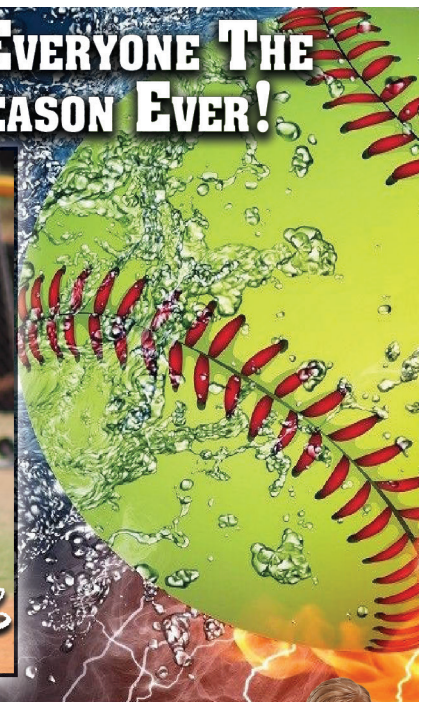
The Bulldogs faced Telfair Co. in the first round of the playoffs. It was the first playoff game the Trojans had hosted since 1993. The Trojans made the most of it knocking the Bulldogs out of the playoffs 62-37. If you like a defensive game this was not the one to watch. The two defenses gave up almost 850 yards, 419 by the Bulldogs, 428 by the Trojans.

The Bulldogs will have to find a way to stop opposing teams in 2023. The defense gave up an average of 31 points per game last season.

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Hudson Henry
(RB / LB)

Hudson is a three year starter and vital piece to the puzzle on both sides of the ball. He has been relied on primarily on defense the last two years but has played several positions throughout his career to help the team become better. He has increased his strength and speed this off season which should bode well for us.



Jack Walden(TE / LB)

Jack is and has always been one of the leaders on the team. 2022 started with promise but just like 2021 was cut short due to a shoulder injury. He did what always does and put his head down and worked his tail off to get back on the field. He's had a great summer and is poised to again start on both sides of the ball.



Heath Davis
(OL / DL)

Heath has really put on some good strength and size this off season coupled with his success on the wrestling mat that has enabled him to really become a better player. I look for him to push to start on both sides of the lines of scrimmage.



Jaden Handsom
(WR / DB)

Jaden is another player that has utilized the weight-room and wrestling program to increase his strength and speed. He will push for playing time at WR and special teams this season.

Emanuel County Institute Football Roster

2023-24 ECI FOOTBALL ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Position</u>
1	Chase Johnson	Fr.	RB/DB		50	Turner Bryant	Fr.	OL/DL
2	Tyler Foreman	So.	RB/DB		51	Vintavius Hughes	So.	OL/DL
4	Patron Mack	Fr.	RB/DL		53	Creed Sanders	So.	OL/DE
6	Sam Williams	Fr.	WR/DB		54	M.J. Williams	Jr.	OL/DL
7	Jackson Kennedy	So.	QB/DB		55	Terrence Carlyle	Fr.	OL/DL
8	Davis Johnson	Fr.	QB/DB		57	Gage Johnson	Fr.	OL/DL
9	Ab Marsh	Fr.	RB/LB		59	Marquez Edmonds	Jr.	OL/DL
10	Rashad Smith	Fr.	RB/DB		60	Holden Bowen	Fr.	OL/DL
11	L.J. Tarver	So.	TE/DE		63	Noah Johnson	So.	OL/DL
12	Brian Steele	Jr.	RB/DE		66	Gage Gay	Jr.	OL/DL
14	James Parker	Jr.	RB/DB		67	Wendell Coleman	Fr.	OL/DL
15	Clayton Stripling	Jr.	RB/DB		70	Landon Frederick	Fr.	OL/DL
					73	Jordan Handsom	So.	OL/DL
17	Daon Bethea	So.	WR/DB		75	Heath Davis	Sr.	OL/DL
19	Tuff Boddiford	So.	RB/LB		78	Justin Evines	So.	OL/DL
22	Kanyon Thompson	Jr.	TE/DE		85	Ryver Tharpe	Fr.	WR/DB
24	Brayden Rich	Fr.	WR/DB		Coach Chris Kearson Managers: Lawson Frye Liam Simmons Hane Henry William Kennedy Vaiden Kirkland Dylan Alexander			
28	Gabe Lee	Jr.	RB/LB					
34	Jack Walden	Sr.	TE/LB					
35	Jaden Handsom	Sr.	DE/WR					
40	Hudson Henry	Sr.	RB/LB					
42	Aaron Matthews	Fr.	TE/LB					
45	SteKevien Sinkfield	Fr.	WR/DB					
48	Oisin Matthews	Jr.	WR/DE					



ECI Middle School Football Roster

8TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	6TH GRADE
Tylaun Baker	Dylan Steele	Justin Nobles
Mason Collins	Jeremiah Tarver	Liam Simmons
Braylen Lanier	William Kennedy	Kayce Davis
Robert Reynolds	Hane Henry	Javon James
Lawson Frye	Tucker Bryant	Brayden Burke
Dylan Alexander	Vaiden Kirkland	Ja'Mir Robinson
Cesar Salinas	Skyler Wilcher	Carter Steele
Terrence Weaver	Malcolm Steele	Bentley Peebles
Hayden Wilson	Ashton Johnson	Eli Lane
Colt Freeman	Brayden Weyhrauch	KJ Dawson
	Maddox Sherrod	Ayden Carlyle
Head Coach:	Jake Marsh	Caprice Handsom
Greg Kennedy	Camden Hall	Jason Mendez
Assistant Coaches:	Bowen Ware	Yerik Perez
Artie Fields, Jarell	Angel Morales	Bentley Collins
Jordan and Lewis	Remi Wilcher	Hunter Fullmore
Handbury	Damos Handsom	Kaiden Smith
	St'e'von Robinson	
	Kyson Trapnell	
	Jayden Branch	



Emanuel County Institute Cheerleading Squad

Emanuel County Institute Middle School Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Thur. Aug. 24	North Tattnall	Twin City	5:00
Thur. Aug. 31	Toombs County	Lyons	5:00
Thur. Sept. 7th	South Tattnall	Twin City	5:00
Wed. Sept. 20	Metter	Metter	5:00
Thur. Sept. 28	Bryan County	Twin City	5:00
Thur. Oct. 5	Jenkins County	Millen	5:00
Thur. Oct. 12	Playoffs	TBA	5:00
Thur. Oct. 19	Championship	TBA	5:00

ECI Varsity Cheerleaders Roster

NAME	GRADE	NAME	GRADE
Halli Kate Johnson	Junior	Destiny Hirschy	Junior
Janna Scott	Junior	Weslyn Snellgrove	Junior
Smith Willoughby	Junior	Erin Stanford	Sophomore
Matti Cochran	Junior	Aubrey Hudson	Sophomore
Allie Rigdon	Junior	Samadhi Salgado	Sophomore
Grace Elaine Swygert	Junior	Lauran Bedgood	Freshman
Kanyon Oliver	Junior	Taylor Roberson	Freshman

ECI C-Team Cheerleaders

NAME	GRADE
Mary Ella Walden	8th
Alyssa Barnes	8th
Jonna Woodward	8th
Emma Durden	7th
Gabrielle Foreman	6th
Chelsie Grimes	6th
Jenna Best	6th
Dacey Lane	6th
Addison Harrison	6th





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ECI Varsity Softball Roster

NAME	NUMBER	GRADE	NAME	NUMBER	GRADE
Asia Gibbons	12	12th	Briley Womack	17	10th
Jarei Oglesby	16	12th	Jenna Grace Roberson	10	10th
Jayna Kearson	6	11th	Dot Russell	3	10th
Kayanna Thompson	2	11th	Breely Felkel	11	10th
Maddie Funderburk	20	11th	Jay'nn Harden	8	10th
			Ajlah Nobles	7	9th
			Mary Katherine Durden	4	9th

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ECI Softball Varsity / JV* Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/4	Harlem Tourn	Harlem	4:00 / 8:00
8/8	Harlem	Twin City	5:30
8/10	S. Effingham	Twin City	4:00 / 6:00
8/14	Toombs Co	Lyons	5:30
8/18-19	Crisp Co. Trn	Cordele	TBA
8/22	Statesboro*	Statesboro	4:00 / 6:00
8/25-26	Titan Classic	Winder	TBA
8/29	Portal	Twin City	5:30
9/5	Vidalia	Vidalia	5:30
9/7	McIntosh Co.	Twin City	5:30
9/9	Jeff Davis Trn	Hazlehurst	11:00 / 1:00
9/12	MOCO	Mt. Vernon	5:30
9/13	Harlem	Harlem	5:30
9/14	Jenkins Co.	Twin City	5:30
9/19	Portal	Portal	5:30
9/26	McIntosh	Darien	5:30
9/28	MOCO	Twin City	5:30
10/3	Jenkins Co	Millen	5:30
10/5	Dodge Co.	Eastman	5:30
10/9	Vidalia	Twin City	5:30
10/12	S. Effingham	Guyton	5:30
10/17	Super Regionals	TBD	TBA

Hard act to follow

Consensus is, if any size school loses eight seniors on a softball team, it would be rare to just pick up where you left off. That is certainly the case for a class A team. Consensus can't predict when confidence, togetherness and tradition is involved in a successful program.

The ECI softball team will begin the 2023 season having to replace eight seniors who were 28-6 and won the region and state championship in 2022.

Gone are region player of the year, region defensive player of the year, six first team all-region players and four all-state players.

"We graduated the most successful senior class in program history and most probably look at this as a rebuilding year," commented head softball coach Frank Wimberly. "We, however, feel this team has a lot of potential and a lot to prove. I believe on a talent level, we match up well with any team in our classification. If this group can "row the boat" together, I think we could have another incredible season."

With several lopsided games last season, these players stepping up this season gained a lot of

playing experience in 2022 which should bode well for 2023.

Two seniors will take the field for ECI this season. Asia Gibbons and Jar-ei Oglesby will be counted on to ensure the team and culture does not take a step back. "They have done an incredible job of ensuring the team is staying focused, positive, and creating a culture of togetherness," commented coach Wimberly about his two seniors.

Returning junior and all-state player Jayna Kearson will move over from her third base spot, where she has played the last two years, and take over the short stop position this season. Jayna is looking to continue her stellar defensive play and continue to be a hard out at the plate.

Also returning to the starting lineup will be all-region right fielder Kayanna Thompson. Kayanna will be at second and in the pitcher's circle for the Bulldogs this season.

Sophomore Lola Walden will cross the diamond, moving from her second base position, to take over at third base.

Dot Russell played the majority of the games behind the plate as a freshman

in 2022, subbing for injured starter and all-state player Shayla Stephenson until her return. She will wear the gear again this season and will be part of the new battery mates for 2023.

Sharing the pitching duties with Thompson this season will be freshman Mary Katherine Durden, who according to Wimberly, has made a lot of progress during her first summer with the program.

Other key players who will see starting roles for the first time for the Bulldogs are Juniors Kinley Grimes and Abby Marsh and who will solidify, what looks like, according to coach Wimberly, another strong defensive unit.

Wimberly also mentioned sophomores Briley Womack and Jenna Roberson taking on utility roles for the Bulldogs. Roberson will also handle some of the pitching duties this season.

This team has been working hard during the summer and are looking for another region championship and a return trip to Columbus.

The Bulldogs will once again be under direction of Frank Wimberly along with assistant coaches Mikel Clifton and Bryanna Riner.

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Just like the Dawgs in Athens, the ECI middle school football team enters the 2023 season after winning back-to-back championships. And just like the Kirby Dawgs, the Kennedy Dawgs are looking for a third in a row this season.

The 2022 middle school team dominated teams in the regular season, scoring 320 points while the defense only gave up 6 measly points. "We lost a lot of talent last season but look to still compete for the championship," commented head coach Greg Kennedy. "This will be the first season since I've been coaching that we don't have a returning starter on offense or defense. Inexperienced, young, and hardworking

is how I would describe this upcoming team. The lack of returning starters will breed competition at each position." Coach Kennedy gave the following updates on personnel competing for playing time this season. Eighth grader Robert Reynolds will be competing with seventh grade Bowen Ware at the quarterback position. The backfield, although inexperienced, does have a few guys competing to run the football. TJ Weaver, Malcolm Steele, and Cesaer Salinas will be frontrunners in anchoring the Bulldog backfield. Hayden Wilson, Dylan Steele, Hane Henry, Colt Freeman, Damos Hanson, Ste'von Robinson, and Jake Marsh will also be counted on to contribute.

There are also a handful of speedy sixth graders that will look to learn and contribute in the future.

The offensive line is the youngest group of this team. There will be many guys who will have to grow up quickly and contribute. Dylan Alexander, Tylaun Baker, Maddox Sherrod, Tucker Bryant, William Kennedy, Vaiden Kirkland, Ashton Johnson, Angel Morales, Jeremiah Tarver, and Camden Hall are all competing for a starting job. All these players will also compete to play on the defensive line as well. The tight end position will be potentially anchored by Braylen Lanier, Brayden Weyhrauch or possibly a lineman or running back that might fit that

position. Vying at the wide receiver position are Mason Collins, Lawson Frye, Kyson Trapnell, Skylar Wilcher and Remi Wilcher. The linebacking core will consist of Braylen Lanier, Cesaer Salinas, Hane Henry, Jake Marsh and Vaiden Kirkland. Several players will be competing in the secondary including Lawson Frye, Skylar Wilcher, Hayden Wilson, TJ Weaver, Malcolm Steele, Mason Collins, Dylan Steele, Colt Freeman, Robert Reynolds, Bowen Ware, Ste'von Robinson, Damos Handsom and Kyson Trapnell.

Coach Kennedy expanded on his comments about his team this season. "This young team is going to have to grow and learn

from their mistakes on the fly. Although young, the team goal is to win the league championship. This team has been putting in a lot of hard work this summer. The question mark for this group is, are they going to be physical and will they bounce back from adversity. This group of eighth graders have never been on a team that lost a game. I need to see how they react when things get tight and the game is on the line. I hope our strength and conditioning program will help them answer that call when things get tough."

The Bulldogs are led by head coach Greg Kennedy, along with assistant coaches Artie Fields, Jarell Jordan and Lewis Handbury.

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C-Team Schedule 2023			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/9	SEB	Twin City	4:30
8/15	Toombs Co.	Lyons	4:30
8/17	Vidalia Heritage	Vidalia	4:00
8/22	Screven Co.	Twin City	4:30
8/24	Jenkins Co	Millen	4:00
8/29	Metter	Metter	4:00
8/31	Portal	Twin City	4:30
9/5	Burke Co.	Waynesboro	4:30
9/7	Screven Co.	Sylvania	4:30
9/11	Jenkins Co.	Twin City	4:00
9/12	Vidalia Heritage	Twin City	4:00
9/16	Burke Co.	Twin City	10:00
9/19	Metter	Twin City	4:30
9/21	Portal	Portal	4:30
9/26-9/30	Playoffs	TBD	TBA



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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 25	Metter	Away	7:30pm
September 1	Lincoln County	Home	7:30pm
September 8	Dublin (HC)	Home	7:30pm
September 15	Swainsboro	Away	7:30pm
September 22	Johnson County	Home	7:30pm
September 29	Jefferson County	Away	7:30pm
October 13	Portal*	Away	7:30pm
October 20	McIntosh County Academy*	Home	7:30pm
October 27	Jenkins County*	Away	7:30pm
November 3	Montgomery County*	Home	7:30pm

*Region Games

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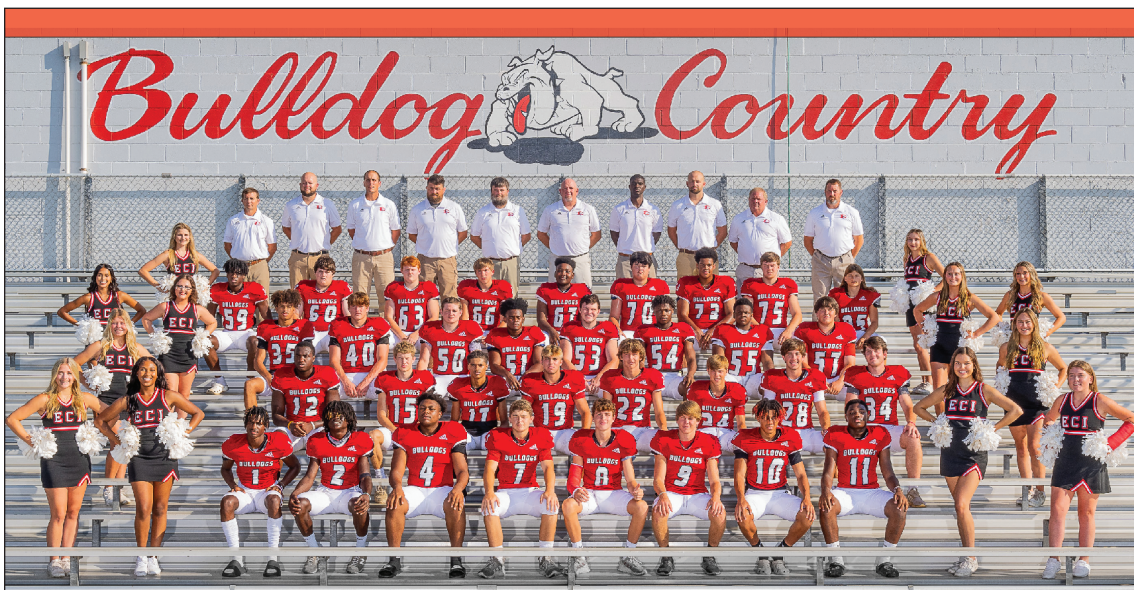


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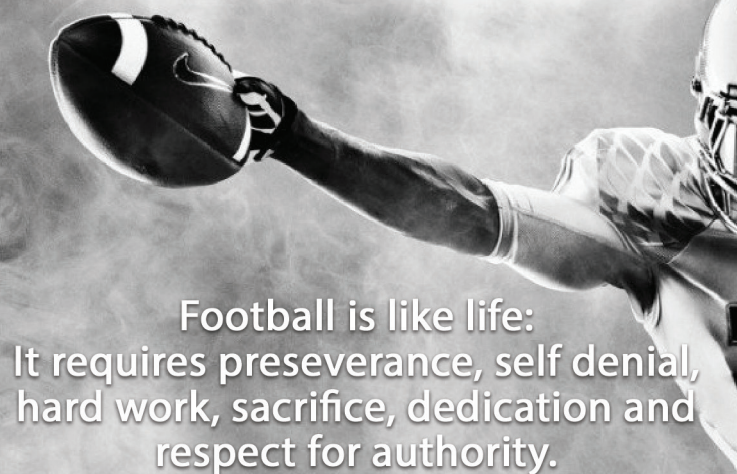
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SHS Varsity Tigers Football Roster

#	NAME	CLASS	POSITION	#	NAME	CLASS	POSITION
1	Demello Jones	12	WR, CB	39	Peyton Taylor	10	K
2	Bryson Tarver	11		40	Colton Braswell	9	DB, WR
3	Shannon Benjamin	9	WR, DB	42	Daivion Douglas	10	WR, DB
4	L.J. Morgan	10	WR	44	Elijah Holley	12	DL, TE
5	Jordon Williams	12	DB, RB	45	Allen Farley	10	LB, FB
6	Daron Coleman	12	DT	47	Jaydon Worthen	12	DE, FB
7	Jyllerius Williams	11	DB, WR	50	Aiden Foskey	10	OL, DL
8	Jerrod Steward	12	LB, FB	51	Kason Palmer	12	OL, DL
9	Jabios Smith	9	LB, FB	52	Trey Turner	11	DL, OL
11	Qindaruis Brown	11		54	Christian Tarver	9	T, DE
12	Kason Edenfield	10	QB	55	Rentavious Brown	11	OL, DL
13	Recardo Lockett	9	DB, QB	56	Shanon Ricks	12	G
14	Jaylen Clark	10	DB, WR	57	Kadorian Benjamin	10	OL, DL
15	Marco Danford	10	RB, DB	58	Kaleb Long	12	DL, OL, NG, G
16	Gzamone Gardner	9	DB, QB	59	Maddox Roberson	10	OL, DL
17	La'Marqus Webb	12	DR, WR	60	Isaiah Brown	12	DL, OL
18	Jayden Wilcher	9	WR, DB	61	Wendell McLeod	11	
20	Schuyler Coney	12	WR	62	Javon Moody	9	OL, DL
21	Daveyhon Williams	9	RB, LB	63	Ajontae Floyd	9	OL, DL
22	Ashton McCastle	9	DB, WR	65	Brian Gregory	11	OL, DL
23	Kam'ron Tillman	12	DB, WR	66	Tristan Poole	9	OL, DL
24	Benjamin Hughes	10	DB, WR	68	Jakobi Woods	9	OL, DL
27	Ahjiyous Harden	9	DB, WR	69	Deontae Walker	10	DL, OL
28	Wesley Reese	10	FB, LB	71	Xavier Strobridge	11	
29	Peyton Mason	10	WR, DB	74	Thomas Hancock	12	OL, DL
31	Shane Gamiza	11		75	Christian Kirkland	10	OL, DL
32	TJ Curry	12	LB, TE	78	Elijah Linton	9	OL, DL
33	Marcus Watkins	10	DE, FB	79	Jordan Willis	10	OL, DL
35	Keyshun Young	10	DB, WR				

SHS Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
August 18	Metter	Away	7:30 pm
August 25	Washington County	Home	7:30 pm
September 1	Jeff Davis	Away	7:30 pm
September 8	Dodge County	Away	7:30 pm
September 15	Emanuel County Institute	Home	7:30 pm
September 22	Open		
September 29	Irwin County (HC)	Home	7:30 pm
October 6	Jefferson County*	Away	7:30 pm
October 13	East Laurens* (SR)	Home	7:30 pm
October 20	Open		
October 27	Bleckley County*	Away	7:30 pm
November 3	Dublin*	Home	7:30 pm

(HC) Homecoming

(SR) Senior Night

*Region Game

A season to remember *Reliving the Tigers historic run to the state title*

by Justin Gray

The Swainsboro Tigers had a historic run to the State Championship in 2022. They were led by a great group of seniors who they will miss tremendously. They opened the 2022 campaign at home against a familiar foe, the Metter Tigers. Swainsboro played stifling defense holding Metter to only 35 offensive yards and the offense was good enough to win the game 21-7. They then went on the road to play Washington County, a game that had been a knock down drag out in years past, but this year was different. After a quiet first quarter, the Tigers exploded for three touchdowns in the second to jump out to a 21-0 lead. After half, they continued the beatdown by scoring three more times to finish off Washington County 42-0. Game three, the

Tigers hosted Jeff Davis, a game that was sort of a trap game in the last few seasons, but there was no trap this year as Swainsboro dismantled the Yellowjackets 47-0. The Tigers then hosted Dodge County and it was more of the same, a lot of offense for the Tigers and no offense for the opponent as it was another shutout win, 35-0. Through the first four games of the season, the Tigers defense allowed only one touchdown... truly remarkable. Game five, the Tigers took on ECI for the first time since 2017, and it was a big rivalry win for Swainsboro. ECI put up a fight for a while with the score only being 21-6 at half, but Swainsboro pulled away in the end with a 41-12 win. Returning starters for the 2023 season, Demello Jones and Qin (Continued on page 29)

SHS Flag Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
October 12	Jefferson County	Away	7:00 pm
October 28	Lakeside HS	Away	11:15 am
October 31	Wheeler County*	Home	5:00 pm
November 2	Washington Co.*	Home	12:00 pm
November 7	Dodge County	Home	TBA

*Region Game

SHS JV Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 24	Dublin	Away	5:00 pm
Aug 31	Jefferson County	Home	5:00 pm
Sept 7	Metter	Home	
Sept 14	Toombs County	Away	5:00 pm
Sept 21	Vidalia	Home	5:00 pm
Sept 28	Washington County	Away	5:00 pm
October 5	East Laurens	Away	5:00 pm

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A season to remember...

(From page 28)

Brown, dominated this one with three combined touchdowns. After a long non-region schedule, it was finally time for region play and the Tigers welcomed Jefferson County to "The Den" very rudely, by stomping them 48-0. Next up was a business trip to East Laurens and the Tigers handled business very easily as they held another shutout, winning the game 48-0 for the second week in a row. To this point, the Tigers hadn't been challenged at all, but their next two games would determine the region title and would be tough ones. First was Bleckley County at home, and it became the toughest game of the regular season for the Tigers. Bleckley jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead and that score stayed the same until the second quarter when the Tigers shot back in front going up 20-7 at half. The Tigers added eight in the third quarter and felt like they had the game in the bag comfortably, but Bleckley had a late surge scoring twice, and it wasn't enough as the Tigers escaped with a 28-21 win. The last game of the regular season was a trip to big-time rival Dublin for the region title. The Tigers bullied Dublin from start to finish to get the win 28-7 and capped off one of the greatest regular seasons in school history. Now, it was on to the real season, the playoffs. In round one, Bacon County made their way to Swainsboro, only to get man-handled and ran out of the building and the playoffs by a score of 47-0. Round two, the Tigers hosted Screven County, a two-seed from region three, and this one looked like it would be a good one as Screven was 9-1 on the season. Swainsboro came out firing on all cylinders and plucked

the Gamecocks, beating them 57-13. The Tigers won the coin flip to host Rabun County for the Elite Eight. Rabun County has been a dominant force in the GHSA for the past few seasons, so this was setting up to be Swainsboro's toughest test yet. After the first quarter, the Tigers found themselves down 10-7, but it didn't take long for the Tigers to turn it on as they took the lead 14-10 at half and kept it until they ran away with it in the fourth quarter for the 35-10 win, meaning they advanced to the Final Four. Now, it was time to take on an Irwin County team who had won back-to-back state titles coming into the season. Everyone expected this to be one of the best games of the year, and that it was. This was a battle from start to the finish. Coming out, it looked like Swainsboro would handle them easily after two touchdowns from Demello Jones, but Irwin slowed down the Tigers enough. Swainsboro found themselves down 21-19 with minimal time left in the game. They drove it down the field with less than a minute left in the game and had a major decision...go for the end zone or kick a field goal, and Coach Roberts elected to kick the field goal. Landen Scott came on for the field goal and hit it right down the middle to send the Tigers to the State Championship game; a play that will go down as one of the greatest plays in school history. In the state title, the Tigers faced off with Prince Avenue Christian and it was a physical fight to the end and the Tigers fought as long as they could, but eventually fell too far behind and were beaten 52-34 to end the season. What a great season it was from the Tigers.

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SHS Senior Football Player Profiles



60 ISAAH BROWN
OL/DL

This is Isaiah's first year in the football program. He has worked hard all summer to understand the game and will play hard when he gets the chance. He will provide depth on both the offensive and defensive line.



6 DARON COLEMAN
DL/FB

Daron will play a major role for the Tigers this season. He played football his Freshman and Sophomore year but didn't play his junior year. In that Sophomore season, he averaged almost four tackles a game and played in all 14 games that year. He is a big-time player for the Tigers to get back on the football field.



20 SCHUYLER CONEY
DB/WR

Schuyler has lettered in football for the last three seasons. He has been sitting back, learning, and waiting for his opportunity. He will be ready to help out in the passing game or secondary when needed.



32 TJ CURRY
LB/TE

This will be TJ's third year on the football team. He will play some linebacker, tight end, and be a help to the Tigers blocking scheme when he's in the game.



74 THOMAS HANCOCK
OL/DL

Thomas has played all four years of his career and has sat back and waited patiently for his turn while learning from the big guys. He will help out on both sides of the ball.



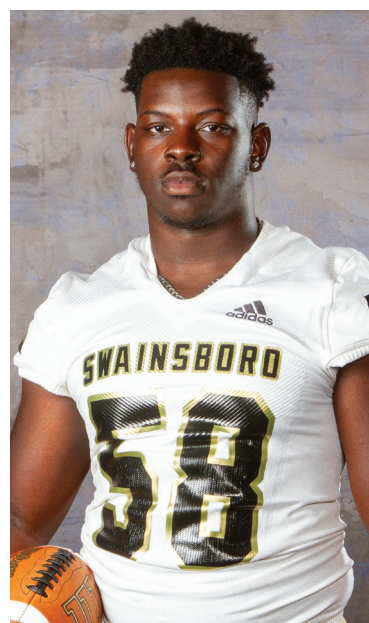
44 ELIJAH HOLLEY
DL/TE

Elijah played some last year for the Tigers on the D-Line and is looking to have a good Senior season. He will help fill in some of the void of losing multiple starters.



1 DEMELLO JONES
DB/WR

Demello is coming into his Senior year as not only one of the best players in the state, but the Nation too. He led the team in nearly every offensive category last year including scoring 27 touchdowns in only 14 games.



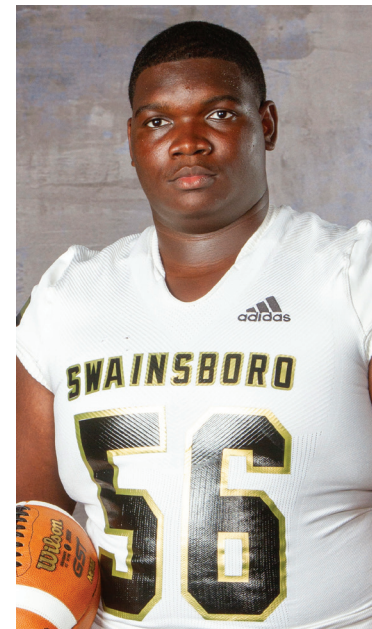
58 CALEB LONG
OL/DL

Caleb has played a lot for the Tigers in the past two seasons on both sides of the ball. He is a good nose guard and a great player at Offensive Tackle for the Tigers.



51 KASON PALMER
OL/DL

Kason is coming into his fourth year as the starting Center, his presence as the leader of the offensive line has been huge for the last four years. The offensive line goes as far as he goes, and he will help protect the quarterback.



56 SHANON RICKS
OL/DL

Shannon will be on the offensive line bulldozing the D-Line for the third consecutive year. His hard nose football style has been a major key in the O-line's success. He helps form that brick wall in front of the Quarterback.

SHS Senior Football Player Profiles



#8 JERROD STEWARD
LB/FB

Jerrod had the second most tackles on the team last season with 114 and averaged the third most tackles on the team with 8.8 per game. He will be the leader of this dominant defense.



#23 KAM'RON TILLMAN
DB/WR

Kam'Ron has also played all three years of his career. He has waited for his chance to make a difference and will help out on both sides of the ball.



#17 LAMARQUS WEBB
LB/WR

When Lamarqus was on the field last season, he was mainly a defender and he had 28 tackles on the season. This year his role will be even bigger and there is no doubt he'll have a great year.



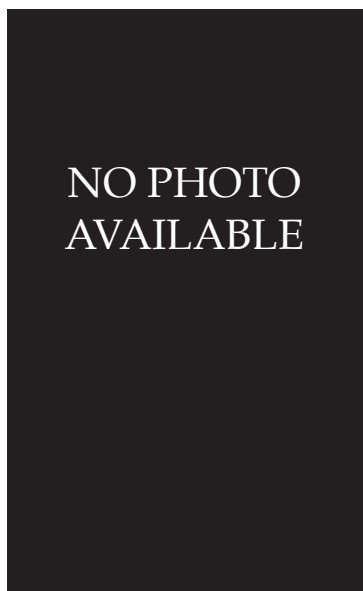
#5 JORDAN WILLIAMS
DB/RB

Jordan plays a big role on the offensive side of the ball, he had the fourth most rushing yards on the team last year with 595. He is a key piece in the running back room and will provide some depth in the secondary as well.



#47 JAYDON WORTHEN
FB/DL

Jaydon appeared in five games for the Tigers last year but will step up into a bigger role this year. Depth on the D-Line is major, and Jaydon will help provide that.



#13 CAMERON LOCKETT,
DB/RB

This will be Cameron's first year playing since his freshman year. He has worked to relearn everything and will be used as a depth piece in the running game and in the secondary.

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SHS Football Coaches

Previewing the Tiger football season

by JUSTIN GRAY

The Swainsboro Tigers are a heavily anticipated team to watch all across the state after their 13-1 campaign last year. The Tigers said goodbye to 11 seniors last year, including Quarterback Ty Adams and starting linebacker Jonorian Foots, both of which went to play division one football in the ACC. Even though they lost some big names, the Tigers aren't necessarily rebuilding as much as just reloading. The coaches prepared the underclassmen and juniors last season for this opportunity and there's no doubt they will be ready when their name is called. The Tigers return a major portion of the offense from last year including four of their top five rushers. The defense lost their leading tackler, Foots, but did return one of their star defensive players who had 123 tackles, Jerrod Steward. Losing 5-6 starters on the defensive side is never easy, but the Tigers have the guys to fill the holes. The Tigers are the favorites to win their region once again and are poised to do so. Their schedule is in their favor as it's the same as the one they ran through a year ago. They will take on Irwin County in game six of the year, which they didn't last year because of

weather, but still matched up with them in the Final Four. This is a game on the schedule worth circling. If you don't live under a rock, you know that the Tigers kicked a last second field goal to send them to the state title over Irwin, so I am positive they will be itching for revenge. The Tigers will play five games at "The Den" and five on the road. The teams they will host this season are Washington County, ECI, Irwin County, East Laurens, and Dublin. They will visit Metter, Jeff Davis, Dodge County, Jefferson County, and Bleckley County. This season will be another great one for the Tigers as they look to make a return to the game's biggest stage. Matt Stewart Sports of ESPN and GPB has the Tigers coming in as the sixth-best team in the state. I asked Coach Roberts about the upcoming season and here is what he said, "We're excited to get this season kicked off. We have a lot of guys with experience returning, but at the same time, we lost a lot of good players, good people, and experience to graduation. We've got to have some kids grow up and take those spots." We are wishing Coach Roberts and the Swainsboro Tiger football team the best of luck in the upcoming season.

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Swainsboro MS Football

looking to go back-to-back

by JUSTIN GRAY

Swainsboro has had a lot of success at the middle school level of football and last year was a testament of that. SMS had a team full of experience and that paid off as they became the 2022 MGMSAA Region Champions. This isn't uncharted territory for the Tigers, though, because they have dominated this region winning it three of the last four seasons. This year for the Tigers will be about reloading and preparing for another run at the 'Ship. They are returning six starters including Kyle Johnson, Kamaurion Dukes, Landon Claxton, Logan Claxton, O'Rion Butler, and A'Quavion Cuyler. These guys are expected to lead the team to meeting

their expectations. They expect to be physical and disciplined on both sides of the football, tackle very well, and be a fundamentally sound football team. I asked Coach Corey Chalker about the upcoming season, and he replied with, "We are looking forward to another season at Swainsboro Middle School. We are working hard to develop mental and physical toughness in the student athletes. We have a big group this year and we are excited to be able to compete for another championship." Expectations are high at the middle school, and I believe they'll be met. If you get a chance, go check out the middle school team play. Good luck on the upcoming season Tigers!



SHS Football Cheerleading Squad



SHS Competition Cheerleading Squad

SHS Football Cheerleading Roster

SENIORS

Sarah Beasley (C)
Kai'Yanna Henderson (C)
Allie Hendrix (F,C)
Analise Newsome (F,C)
Maggie Palmer (F,C)
Ayla Thompson (F,C)

SOPHOMORES

Lauri Allen (F)
Yi'zhariah Bell (F,C)
Dakota Bravo (F,C)
Brianna Gilmore (F)
Yasmin Rios (F)
Laynie Scott (F,C)
Kali Screws (F,C)
Natalie Sellers (C)
Kayleianna Swiley (F,C)

JUNIORS

Aeryn Brantley (F)
Kaylee Cox (F,C)
Redleigh Jackson (F)
Dekota Mason (F,C)
Madison Padgett (F)
Macie Purcell (F,C)
Dimya Snelling (F)
Allie Taylor (F,C)
Jada Thompson (F,C)

FRESHMEN

Yazz Bell (F,C)
Lexsy Brown (F)
Kamani Clark (F)
Paige Hooks (F)
Katelyn Kersey (F,C)
Zaylin Lee (F)
Braylee Ricks (F,C)
Emma Sconyers (F,C)

SHS Competition Cheer Schedule

DATE

September 30
October 14
October 21
October 28
November 4
November 10

LOCATION

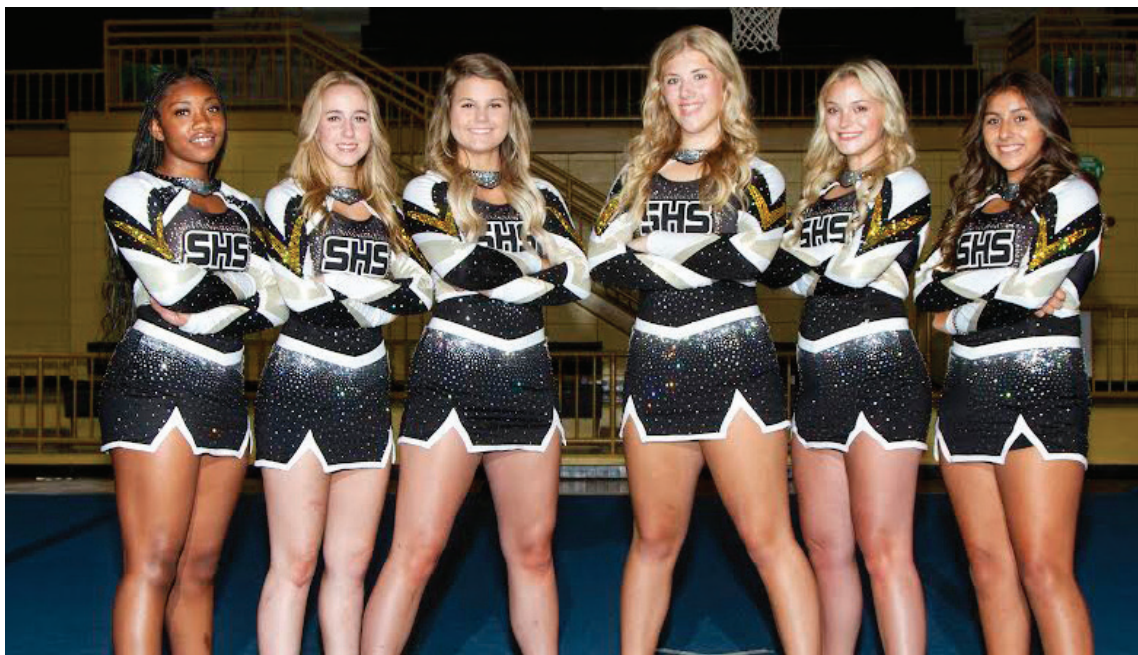
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Vidalia High School
Statesboro High School
Swainsboro High School
Ola High School*
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*Region/Sectionals

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F (Football Cheerleader), C (Competition Cheerleader)
Head Coach, Luci McNeely; Assistant Coaches,
Bob McNeely and Whitney Brown



SHS Senior Cheerleaders

SHS Flag Line Roster

Greenlee Johnson
 Kayla Powell
 Kirah Middleton
 Tisey Powell
 Abby Hopkins
 Jakayla Coleman
 Tana Owens
 Ansley Turner
 Kylie Brown
 Ziah Davis
 Raeylen Oglesby
 Ty/Kerria Phillips
 Emily Miller
 Yaretzi Castro
 Jennifer Hernandez
 Alexis Swans
 Jamariya Howard
 Leah Brown
 Quinia Boynton
 J'smyne Adams



SHS Dance Line Group

SHS Dance Line Roster 2023-24

Alexa Camarero
 FaithAnn Rogers
 Taniya Simmons
 Akyra Howard
 Lilly Wheeler

Maliyah Jones
 Jordan Wadley Gardner
 Makaylia Adams
 McKayla Hall
 Maci Sumner

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SHS Band and Dance Line

Band of Gold Roster

<i>NAME</i>	<i>INSTRUMENT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>INSTRUMENT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>INSTRUMENT</i>
Yadira Hernandez	Alto Sax	D'Andre Smith	Drum Major	Makaylia Adams	Guard
Kenzlee Bush	Alto Sax	Lashunta Shanks	Flute	Malyiah Jones	Guard
Kisna Patel	Alto Sax	Abigail Phillips	Flute	Mckayla Hall	Guard
Daylon Riner	Alto Sax	Maygen Lopez	Flute	Quinia Boynton	Guard
Alex Martinez	Alto Sax	Laila Strowbridge	Flute	Tana Owens	Guard
Christian Catt	Baritone	Aryah Lowe	Flute	Taniya Simmons	Guard
Zoe Carter	Bass Drum 1	Jackie Nava-Pina	Flute	Tisey Powell	Guard
Brayden Baxter	Bass Drum 2	Sadie Boulineau	Flute	TyKeria Phillips	Guard
Jimmy Aguilar	Bass Drum 3	Cari Phillips	Flute	Yaretzi Castro	Guard
Jason Wynn	Bass Drum 4	Abbiegail Hopkins	Guard	Ziah Davis	Guard
Emilio Talledo	Bb Horn	Akyra Howard	Guard	Ja'Ron Johnson	Snare Drum
Aceland Davis	Bb Horn	Alexa Camarero	Guard	Dei'vion Davis	Snare Drum
Blaze Riner	Bb Horn	Alexis Swans	Guard	Ja'Reese Williams	Snare Drum
Jacob Martinez	Bb Horn	Ansley Turner	Guard	Justin Leverette	Sousaphone
Elaina Hutcheson	Clarinet	Emily Miller	Guard	A'mani Shinhoster	Sousaphone
Cryslie Crapps	Clarinet	FaithAnn Rogers	Guard	Kolby Barber	Sousaphone
Lillian Mason	Clarinet	Greenlee Johnson	Guard	Jacob Silva	Sousaphone
Kynslie Crapps	Clarinet	Harleigh Oglesby	Guard	Adam Kay	Tenor Sax
Sarah Coxwell	Clarinet	J'smyne Adams	Guard	John Crapps	Trombone
Laja Lovett	Clarinet	Jakayla Coleman	Guard	Ayden Buie	Trombone
Yovanna Hernandez	Clarinet	Jamariya Howard	Guard	Kylee Farley	Trombone
R'reyana Williams	Clarinet	Jennifer Hernandez-Ruiz	Guard	Gracin Smith	Trumpet
Tarhea Mack	Clarinet	Jordan Wadley-Gardner	Guard	Bo Brown	Trumpet
Estrella Sanchez	Clarinet	Kayla Powell	Guard	Chase Coxwell	Trumpet
Michael Johnson	Clarinet	Kirah Middleton	Guard	Tyler Woodford	Trumpet
Brinzlei Webb	Clarinet	Kylie Brown	Guard	Grayson Brassell	Trumpet
Kennedi Hancock	Clarinet	Leah Wheeler	Guard	Christian Ford	Trumpet
Railyn Sumner	Drum Major	Maci Sumner	Guard	Braylon Thompson	Trumpet

2023 Lady Tigers softball team looks to build on last year's success

by JUSTIN GRAY

The players and coaches of the 2023 edition of the Swainsboro Lady Tigers softball team are excited about the upcoming season as they look to build on last season's success. Last year's team finished with a 17-12 record; a runner-up finish in region two of Class A division 1, and the team's first playoff win in eight years. The team will return 10 players from last year's team and coaches Alicia Hendrix, Daniel Overstreet, and Lori Smith all return to the dugout for the upcoming season.

Last year, the Lady Tigers graduated five seniors who led them to the 2022 Super Regional playoff round. Among those seniors who will have to be replaced are two of last year's leading hitters, Brianna Parks and Caley Wilkerson, who both hit over .400 on the season. Overall, matching last year's offense will be tough to accomplish as the 2022 team outscored their opponents by a score of 221-153 and ended the year with a team batting average of .339. This year, the team will also miss Brianna Parks' production in the pitching circle. Her 12-5 record and 2.89 ERA will be tough to replace.

The 2023 edition of the Lady Tigers softball team will feature four seniors. Jocie Hendrix (SS/2B), Savannah Hooks (P/1B), Hannah Howard (CF), and Callie Powell (P/3B) all come into the season with multiple years of starting experience and are expected to lead this year's squad. Callie Powell also looks to build on her strong performance from last year in the circle and lead this year's

pitching staff. Other pitchers who will likely see action include fellow senior Savannah Hooks, sophomore Kayla Crabb, and freshman Ariel Tapley.

The Tigers spent much of the summer in the weight room and on the field conditioning, practicing, and playing scrimmage games preparing for the upcoming season. The team also attended the FCA Softball Camp at Georgia Southern University. Now they look forward to the season opener at Burke County.

The early part of this year's schedule will be quite a challenge. After the season opener at 4A Burke County, the Lady Tigers will travel to Patriots Park in Grovetown for two games in the Harlem Fall Classic. They will then return to Swainsboro for their home opener on Tuesday August 8, against 5A opponent Statesboro High School. Then on Saturday, August 12, the Lady Tigers will play two games in the Rumble on the Ridge Tournament in Suwanee against two 7A powerhouse softball programs – Lambert High School and Mountain View High School.

The coaches and players hope that the tough early season schedule will get them ready for region play which begins in mid-August. This year's region opponents will again be very tough and will feature three games each against Bleckley County High School, East Laurens High School, Dublin High School, and Jefferson County High School. Please check out the entire schedule and go out to support the 2023 Lady Tigers Softball Team.



SHS Band and Dance Line Seniors

SHS Cross Country Schedule

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat, 08/26	Clash of the Classes	Bleckley Co. Elementary	9:15 AM
Thu, 09/07	Gator Invitational	Bulloch Academy	5:00 PM
Thu, 09/21	5th Annual Invitational	Toombs Co. High	5:00 PM
Thu, 10/05	Bleckley Co. Invitational	Bleckley Co. Elementary	5:00 PM
Thu, 10/19	Two Mile Tune-up	Bleckley Co. Elementary	5:00 PM
Tue, 10/24	Region Championship	Bleckley Co. Elementary	TBD
Fri & Sat, 11/03-04	State Championship	Carrollton High School	TBD

Head Coach: Salina Patton

Asst. Coach: Ryan Hirst





SHS Lady Tigers and Coaches



SHS Softball Seniors

Lady Tigers Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 3	Burke County (JV/V)	Away	4:30/6:00 PM
August 5	Harlem Tournament	Patriots Park	10:00/12:00 PM
August 8	Statesboro	Home	5:30 PM
August 12	Rumble at the Ridge	Peachtree HS	11:00/1:00
August 14	Wheeler County	Home	5:30 PM
August 17	Bleckley County	Home	5:30 PM
August 22	East Laurens	Home	5:45 PM
August 23	Washington County	Home	5:30 PM
August 24	Jefferson County	Away	5:30 PM
August 26	Portal	Away	10:00 AM
August 28	Treutlen County	Home	5:30 PM
August 29	Dublin	Away	5:30 PM
August 31	Johnson County	Away	5:30 PM
September 5	Bleckley County	Away	5:30 PM
September 7	East Laurens	Away	6:00 PM
September 12	Jefferson County	Home	5:30 PM
September 14	Dublin	Home	5:30 PM
September 20	Metter	Away	5:30 PM
September 21	Bleckley County	Home	5:30 PM
September 26	East Laurens	Home	5:45 PM
September 27	Treutlen County	Away	5:30 PM
September 28	Jefferson County	Away	5:30 PM
October 2	Washington County	Away	5:30 PM
October 3	Dublin	Away	5:30 PM
October 9	Wheeler County (JV/V)	Away	4:30/6:00
October 10	Screven County	Away	5:30 PM
October 12	Bryan County	Home	5:30 PM

SHS Lady Tiger Softball Roster

No.	Player	Position	Class
1	Kayla Crabb	P/C/INF	Sophomore
2	Gracie Beneteau	OF	Sophomore
3	Carly Jersey	OF	Freshman
4	Jalaya Freeman	OF	Sophomore
5	Ariel Tapley	P/INF	Freshman
6	Kyleigh Hostilo	INF	Freshman
9	Berklie Bishop	INF	Freshman
10	Callie Powell	P/INF	Senior
11	Jocie Hendrix	INF	Senior
12	Holli Schoen	INF	Freshman
13	Hannah Howard	OF	Senior
16	Cassidy Jordan	C/1B	Junior
18	Savannah Hooks	P/1B	Senior
19	Charlee Self	OF	Junior
22	Aa'caylah Murphy	OF	Sophomore
27	Jordi Armstrong	OF	Sophomore

Coaches: Alicia Hendrix,
Daniel Overstreet
and Lori Smith





SHS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 10	Northeast (Macon) Scrimmage	Home	7:00pm
August 18	Metter	Away	7:30pm
August 25	Washington County	Home	7:30pm
September 1	Jeff Davis	Away	7:30pm
September 8	Dodge County	Away	7:30pm
September 15	Emanuel County Institute	Home	7:30pm
September 22	Open		
September 29	Irwin County (HC)	Home	7:30pm
October 6	Jefferson County*	Away	7:30pm
October 13	East Laurens*(SR)	Home	7:30pm
October 20	Open		
October 27	Bleckley County*	Away	7:30pm
November 3	Dublin*	Home	7:30pm

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I am proud to support our community as Superintendent of Emanuel County Schools and am excited to be a part of the rich and storied traditions of athletics in our school system.

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Superintendent
Emanuel County Schools



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