

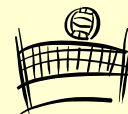
# ATHLETIC NEWS

...a note from the AD

Our Fall season sports experienced much success this Fall. Ten teams advanced to the UIL State Playoffs and competed extremely well throughout the playoff runs. At Haltom High, we enjoyed our volleyball team that returned to the playoffs for the first time in nine years. The cross country team at Haltom advanced to the Regional Meet and a week later cheered on Ashley Flores at the State Meet. At Richland High, the Rebel Football Team had an outstanding season and advanced to the playoffs. The Team Tennis Team of RHS participated at the Regional Team Tennis Tournament for the first time in many years. The Girls' Cross Country Team at Richland won the 3-5A District Championship and the boys were runners-up at the district meet. Birdville qualified in all four fall sports in the state playoffs. Congratulations to the BHS football, volleyball, cross country, and team tennis teams. That's a slam dunk! Our middle schools had a great fall season as well. The Watauga Warriors and Smithfield Raiders went undefeated in the football Big 12 Conference. The Raiders capped off a great season by winning the Showcase Championship game. In volleyball, the Watauga Warriors won the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Big 12 Tournament Championship. Numerous community service activities occurred this Fall and we are proud of the efforts of our staff and students for their selfless giving. The winter sports are now in full swing and we look forward to much success.

## PLAYOFF MANIA

### VOLLEYBALL:



**Haltom Lady Buffalos advanced to the Bi-District round of the playoffs.**

**Birdville Lady Hawks were Regional Semi-Finalist.**

### FOOTBALL:



**Richland High School advanced to the Bi-District round of the playoffs.**

**Birdville High School advanced to the Bi-District round of the playoffs.**



### CROSS COUNTRY:

**Haltom High School advanced to Regionals.**

**Haltom's Ashley Flores advanced to State.**

**Richland High School advanced to Regionals.**

**Birdville High School advanced to Regionals.**

### TENNIS:

**Haltom, Richland, and Birdville High Schools all advanced to Regionals.**



W O O N

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTION



8th grade Watauga Warriors went undefeated in district play with a record of 8-0.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CO-CHAMPIONS OF THE**  
**8th GRADE BIG 12 FOOTBALL:**  
**SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**& WATAUGA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**THE 2008 FOOTBALL SHOWCASE**  
**CHAMPIONS:**  
**SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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North Oaks 7th grade football "A" team was **undefeated** this year.

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7th grade Watauga Lady Warriors went undefeated to become the  
**Volleyball District Champions for 2008.**

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Watauga Warriors 7th grade boys Cross Country team won the  
**BIG 12 District Championship.**

**Smithfield girls Cross Country 7th grade "A" Champs**  
**Smithfield girls Cross Country 8th grade "A" Champs**  
**North Richland boys Cross Country 8th grade "A" Champs**  
**North Ridge girls Cross Country 8th grade "B" Champs**

*...they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint*

**Richland High School Coach Kathy Hudson was chosen as the 2008 FCA Jim Wacker Coach of the Year.** Also honored at the banquet were finalists for the Athlete of the Year:

Emily Booth (HHS) female winner  
Samantha Esslinger (BHS) finalist  
Hollyan Trainer (RHS) finalist  
Jonathan Hupp (RHS) finalist

**Congratulations Coach Chris Johnson of Richland High School for being voted "Coach of the Year" in District 3-5A for Team Tennis.**

**TALENTED COACHES**

**CONGRATULATIONS Coach Eddie Brown and Coach Ian Floyd for their "Works of Art" that were on display at the Horizons: An Exploration of the Landscape, November 7, 2008**

Shelby Simmons signed a letter of intent to play softball for East Central Oklahoma next year. Shelby played shortstop and lead off batter for Richland. We are very proud of Shelby.



While surrounded by friends, Keuna Flax signed to play basketball for Oklahoma State University.



Emily Booth signed a letter of intent to play college Volleyball next fall. Emily is an incredible athlete and not only a asset to Haltom's volleyball program but to the School as well. Emily was awarded the Tom Landry Female Athlete of the Year Award by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

# BRAGGIN' RIGHTS

**JOSH DORMAN AND COREY HINES** of Birdville High School received "Player of the Week" honors from the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

**JOSH DORMAN** of Birdville High School was also recognized as the **Built Ford Tough Player of the Week in Week 8.**

## ALUMNI WATCH

**Tommy Dorman**- Red Shirt Freshman at Texas A&M. Expected to compete for the starting QB position this spring.

**Beau Schmidt**-Freshman at Southwest Missouri.

**Cole Wilson**-Freshman at Harding University.

**Daniel Cortes**-Freshman at Tarleton.

**Andrew Burger**-Junior at the Naval Academy

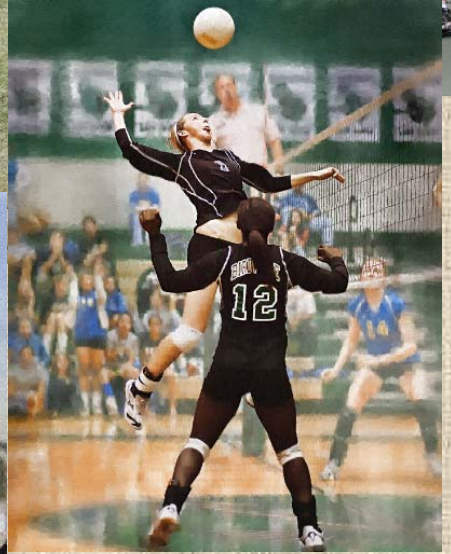
**Andy Braly**-Junior at Austin College.

**Jeff Bowen**-Senior at Texas State University.

**Whitney Gipson**- Freshman Track Athlete at Texas Christian University

**Hillary White**-Freshman Volleyball Athlete at Midwestern State University

# ATHLETICS ACTION



## *Community Service Activity*



HALTOM AND RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS SPONSORED A “PINK OUT” game in which donations were made to the SUSAN KOMEN FOUNDATION.

ATHLETES AND COACHES FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS COLLECTED AND DONATED TO THE “FEED THE HUNGRY” NOVEMBER , 2008.

RICHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
HALTOM HIGH GIRLS’ ATHLETICS  
BIRDVILLE HIGH FOOTBALL  
RICHLAND HIGH CROSS COUNTRY

BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM is hosting a “PINK OUT” game January 3, 2009 in which the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS