

The Southland Academy Cross Country teams competed Saturday August 25, 2012 at the Tattnall Invitational at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home course in Macon. This was another record-breaking run for the varsity runners. Varsity Girl Chris Shattles won the meet, edging reigning AA State Champion Ruthie Powell from Heritage in the final 400 meters to break her own school record with a run of 19:51. There were 114 runners who finished the race. The Lady Raiders finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place as a team, with runners from 20 different schools competing. The Varsity Boys ran to their highest finish ever in a meet this large, taking third behind the two reigning State Champs – AAA Mt de Sales and AA Heritage. – out of the 22 schools who entered teams in the race Wright Calhoun was the top runner from South Georgia of the 169 runners who competed,, taking 4<sup>th</sup> in a personal-best and school-record 17:26, twelve seconds better than the school record he set just last week. The Raiders had 4 of the top twenty runners, Calhoun (4<sup>th</sup>); Billy Calcutt (13<sup>th</sup>, 19:17 personal best), Geoffrey McDonald (16<sup>th</sup>, 19:29), and Brian Miller (19<sup>th</sup>, 19:52 personal best). McDonald is a sophomore, Calhoun and Miller Freshmen, and Calcutt in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The JV Girls took second behind Deerfield Windsor for the second meet in a row, with runners from 17 teams competing. Sydney Hayes was 4<sup>th</sup> and Ryleigh Bell 7<sup>th</sup> among the 117 runners in the meet. The JV Boys took 11<sup>th</sup> with runners from 17 schools competing, led by Zach Calcutt's 10<sup>th</sup> place finish among the 121 runners competing.

The Raiders host their second annual After-School Invitational on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m., with 12 teams coming to town to take on the Raiders.