FOOTBALL PLAYOFF LETTER

Dear Athletic Directors and Coaches,

Congratulations to the teams selected for the 2026 VISAA State Football Playoffs! The matchups are as follows, all hosted by higher seeds:

Playoff Matchups (Weekend of November 13/14)

Division I:
#4 St. Anne's-Belfield School @ #1 Trinity Episcopal School
#3 Collegiate School @ #2 Benedictine College Preparatory

Division II-A:
#4 Atlantic Shores Christian School vs. #1 Roanoke Catholic School*
#3 Nansemond-Suffolk Academy @ #2 Blue Ridge School
*Roanoke Catholic will use Christiansburg High School as their host site.

Division II-AA "Kemper Bowl":
#2 The Covenant School at #1 Hargrave Military Academy (Nov. 13, 5:00 p.m.)

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or setup concerns. Best of luck to all participating teams!

Best regards,
Wayne Lance
VISAA Football Committee Chair

Host Site & Game Scheduling Requirements

To maintain consistency and avoid unnecessary travel friction, higher seeds must meet the following facility and kickoff guidelines:

1. Facility Requirements

Host sites for all playoff games must meet the following standards:

- **Locker Rooms:** Dedicated, adequate locker room facilities for both visiting teams and officials.
- **Spectator Accommodations:** Sufficient spectator seating and parking.
- **Access Control:** The ability to restrict entry to collect admission or verify pre-purchased GoFan tickets.

  Note: If a higher seed's regular home field does not meet all of these criteria, the host school must contract to use an alternate venue that satisfies all requirements.

2. Kickoff Time Restrictions

Early kickoff times on Fridays create severe logistical challenges for visiting teams traveling long distances. The following start-time rules apply:

- **Fields Without Lights** (**Friday Games**)**:** A higher seed may not host a Friday game on an unlit field without the explicit agreement of the lower seed (as an unlit field requires a ~2:00 PM kickoff). If the lower seed does not agree, the game must be played on Saturday.
- **Fields With Lights** (**Friday Games**)**:** Friday games hosted on fields with lights may not start earlier than 6:00 PM unless the lower seed agrees to an earlier kickoff.

Once game details are agreed upon, notify both myself and Aaron Gregory before posting the information publicly.

Financial Reporting

Host schools must complete the VISAA Financial Form within 14 days following the event.

Game Operations & Ticketing

- **Officials:** VISAA will assign neutral site officiating crews (sourced from Colonial, Piedmont, Peninsula, and Southeastern associations) to each game. Due to concurrent VHSL playoffs, crew shortages may occur in some jurisdictions, but we are working to secure the best available crews. Once game times are confirmed, I will pass the crew chief's contact details to school athletic administrators.
    - ***Note:*** **If the officiating association does not provide a clock operator, host schools may need to secure a qualified local operator.**
- **Ticketing:** Host schools may collect cash at the gate, but online tickets may only be purchased online via **GoFan**.
- **Trophies:** Bunkie Trinite will ship trophies directly to the finals hosts once those matchups are determined.

Rosters, Programs & Championship Apparel

Please complete these submissions ASAP:

1. **Digital Program Rosters:** Submit team rosters via the **VISAA Roster Submission Form**. You may upload your roster as an Excel spreadsheet or Google Doc. Minimum required details: player names, coach names, jersey numbers, and grade levels (height and weight appreciated if available). The same roster file will be used to put rosters on t-shirts which will be available for purchase in the VISAA store. Once submitted, email Sierra Crowe at sierra.crowe@teallpropertiesgroup.com to confirm completion.