

VHSL Weekly Update, July 13, 2016

“Just because you’ve heard the same thing said a thousand times; doesn’t make it true.”

- Jack Kent Cooke

ATTENTION: Principals, athletic/activities directors, superintendents, forensics coaches, debate coaches, cheer coaches, region treasurers, bookkeepers

Weekly Update, distributed on Wednesday of each week by email, contains current League news and information. Weekly Update is also posted on the VHSL website (<http://www.vhsl.org/about.weekly-update>). Please forward this message to each of the coaches or activity advisers to whom this information pertains.

NEW UPDATES

VHSL office summer hours

The VHSL office will be closed on Fridays through August 12.

March meeting dates moved up

In view of the fact that the format for the state basketball tournament has changed to a Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we are moving the Group Boards and Membership Meetings from Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9 to Thursday-Friday, March 9-10. Please mark your calendars accordingly and keep this in mind when making your overnight accommodations.

The hotel will provide us a link next week for schools to make their reservations.

Conference and Region directory information needed

The VHSL Directory will go to press July 27.

Conference and District Form: <http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/adm-district-conference-officers-request1.doc>

Please forward this information to our office no later than July 25.

Region

Conference

Conference 4
Conference 10
Conference 19
Conference 22
Conference 24
Conference 30
Conference 33
Conference 34

Conference 38
Conference 39
Conference 41
Conference 44

PREVIOUS UPDATES

VHSL seeks applications for finance position

The Virginia High School League has re-opened the application process for the position of Director of Finance. General responsibilities of the position include managing the League's overall accounting operation and assisting the Executive Director on all financial matters.

Starting date for the position and salary/hours of employment to be determined with the candidate. Excellent benefits are provided.

Deadline for receipt of submissions is August 1, 2016. Please see attachment for qualifications, responsibilities and terms of employment. <http://www.vhsl.org/news.adm-2016-financial-administrator-announcement>.

If you have any questions, please contact Lora Bickley (lbickley@vhsl.org).

2016 VHSL area meeting UPDATE

The League staff will conduct a series of meetings throughout the state earlier this year in order to review VHSL eligibility regulations as well as provide information on all aspects of the League's athletic and non-athletic programs before the school year gets well under way – August and September. The meetings will be conducted by Tom Dolan, Assistant Director for Compliance and the new Executive Director Billy Haun when his schedule permits.

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude by 12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 2	Abingdon, Abingdon High School	Room 400
Wednesday, August 3	Salem, Glenvar High School	Glenvar Middle Lecture Forum
Thursday, August 11	Lynchburg, Brookville High School	Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, August 16	Bridgewater, Turner Ashby High School	Lecture Room
Tuesday, August 23	Fairfax, James Robinson Secondary***	Russell Theatre
Wednesday, August 24	Hampton, Bethel High School	Auditorium
Thursday, August 25	Virginia Beach, Landstown High School	Schola Room
Tuesday, August 30	Richmond, J. R. Tucker High School	Auditorium
Thursday, September 1	Charlottesville, VHSL Office	Lower Conference Room

Photo ID is required for admittance to James Robinson Secondary School

2016-17 Debate

1A, 2A and 3A schools, please confirm (via e-mail to jgiles@vhsl.org) your intent to participate in VHSL Debate in 2016-17 so that we may consider multiclass conference and region groupings. So far, those that are confirmed are:

Abingdon
Auburn
Battle, John
Blacksburg
Broadway
Bruton
Cave Spring
Central-Woodstock
Christiansburg
Clarke County
East Rockingham
Fluvanna
Fort Defiance
Hidden Valley
Madison County
Manassas Park
Mason, George
Monticello
Prince Edward
Randolph-Henry
Riverheads
Spotswood
Staunton River
Strasburg
Tabb
Turner Ashby
Walker, Maggie
Wilson Memorial
York

Patriot High School offers to host 2016-17 state gymnastics – site needed for 2017-18

Patriot High School (Nokesville) has stepped up and offered to host the VHSL State Gymnastics Meet on February 17-18, 2017. Patriot last hosted in 2014-15. The VHSL Executive Committee will be asked to approve Patriot as the site at their September meeting. A site is still needed for 2017-18. Contact Joyce Sisson (jsisson@vhsl.org) at the League office if interested.

Principal ID cards for assistant principals and assistant athletic/activity directors.

The May Executive Committee approved issuing VHSL Cards as Recognized Passes to athletic/activities directors (and assistant athletic/activities directors upon request). With this in mind, we have updated the Principal's Card request form to include assistant athletic/activities directors. The principal and athletic director will receive their cards automatically in the July School Mailing. They should be sure to be on the lookout for the envelope marked "PRINCIPAL" and "ATHLETIC DIRECTOR". Here is the link to the revised request form for assistant principals and athletic/activity directors: <http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/adm-principal-cards-request2.doc>.

Taking coaches pass requests now

Taking Coaches Pass requests NOW for the 2016-17 school year. For schools wanting to order their passes before the end of this year for the following year, please send in your requests now. The first batch of passes will be mailed out on August 1, 2016.

Only VHSL coaches (paid and/or approved volunteers) are eligible to receive a VHSL Coaches Pass. This form must be completed (except for the principal or his/her designee signature) and emailed to Carrie Little (clittle@vhsl.org) at the VHSL office. Only original electronic forms (no copies) will be accepted to process the requests. In addition to submitting the electronic form, schools should send payment of **\$25.00 per pass** along with a hard copy (with the signature of the principal or his/her designee) of this list to VHSL, ATTN: Carrie Little, 1642 State Farm Blvd., Charlottesville, VA 22911. Forms are listed under FORMS on the VHSL home page in alphabetical order as *VHSL Coaches Pass Request – Multiple* and *VHSL Coaches Pass Request – Individual*. New coaches are to be included on the form; however a separate list of the new coaches must be emailed to clittle@vhsl.org in order to mark these coaches as eligible for the passes. Passes will be mailed to the school for distribution to the individuals on the school request form and directly to the individual on the individual request form.

The 2016 New Athletic Directors Workshop will be held July 20 and 21

This workshop will provide a comprehensive overview designed for the new athletic administrator or for any athletic administrator desiring a refresher. The philosophy is to assist the athletic administrator in the many and varied duties associated with the position. The workshop will be 1) introducing topics, 2) provoking thought, and 3) providing resources. The 2016 Workshop will take place at the Virginia High School League Building in Charlottesville (1642 State Farm Blvd.) on day one at Fluvanna County High School (1918 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra, VA), on day two.

The two days will cover LTI 501 and LTI 502. There will be specific presentations on many topics including (but are not limited to) Financial Accountability and Human Resources procedures, Equipment, Coaches Education, Legal Issues, Athletic Training, Concussion Management, The First Year Experience, Getting Organized with Staff – Office – Community – Events, Independent School-specific Topics and VHSL-specific Topics.

The registration form is available at <http://www.viaaa.org/professional-dev-t>.

Korey Stringer Institute ATLAS Project

The Korey Stringer Institute and the NATA Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee are beginning a project to map the presence of Athletic Trainers' and collect information regarding the athletic training services provided at every school in every state! This is the next step in important research examining Athletic Training in the Secondary School setting and it is time for Virginia to participate. If you employ an athletic trainer please have them go to: <http://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas> to complete the survey. If your school does not employ an athletic trainer please have the Athletic Director or Director of Student Activities complete the survey. This will provide invaluable information to the Korey Stringer Institute, the National Athletic Trainers' Association and Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association to enhance medical care to Virginia's athletes.

Order VHSL state championship merchandise on-line anytime of the year

Fine Designs is the authorized supplier of all VHSL merchandise for all VHSL Championship events. Let your school community and teams know that they may order souvenir t-shirts, sweatshirts and VHSL apparel on-line by visiting www.vhslapparel.org.

Call for nominations for Regional Award of Merit, Lifetime Achievement and Torch of Honor awards

Schools are reminded to nominate deserving individuals for their Regional Award of Merit, and regions should designate these people at an upcoming region meeting. Nomination forms for the Regional Award of Merit may be found and for the Torch of Honor and Lifetime Achievement, go to <http://www.vhsl.org/about.awards>.

Selected award designees should be forwarded to Mike McCall at mmccall@vhsl.org; plaques will be sent back to the region for distribution at a future region meeting.

NFHS Network School Broadcast Program

The NFHS Network Sports School Broadcast program provides schools access to streaming software and technology platform. The NFHS Network School Broadcast Program is already being used by over 1,500 schools across the country.

Any Virginia school can be part of a program that includes the following:

- Network Benefits – National exposure, post-season coverage, college mentoring, unlimited free video storage
- Educational Benefits – Provide your students with the opportunities to produce, announce and broadcast professional events live online
- Technology – HD Streaming Capability, Customized Graphics Package, Highlight Creator
- Generate Revenue – Schools can generate revenue from fundraising, advertising and subscription sales
- Service – A dedicated team comprised of a territory manager, account manager, and marketing specialist
- Training – NFHS Network has many training tools available including one-on-one training options, online training, and school mentoring
- Support – Production Tech support, Subscription Customer Service, and Event Marketing support

If you would like more details about the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program and more information or would like to set up a meeting, please contact: Jason Rine at Jason.Rine@nfhsnetwork.com or call 304.281.0298.

Record Book updates needed

The VHSL Book of Records needs your submissions to properly recognize the outstanding achievements of your athletes. To access the record book, go to <http://www.vhsl.org/about.page197>. The record book is now updated on a rolling basis. Schools may submit applications for recognition with corresponding documentation at any time. This application may be found on the last two pages of the record book.

Please, I need your help. Let's recognize the outstanding achievements of your students with their inclusion in the Record Book. Any questions may be directed to Mike McCall at 434-977-8475 or mmccall@vhsl.org.