**Marbury Middle School Baseball**

Coach Hurst

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Parent Meeting Notes

1/5/2021

1. Mission Statement, Core Values, & Team Motto
   1. *Develop student-athletes who are committed maintaining integrity, placing service before self, and achieving excellence in the classroom, on the field, and in the community.*
   2. *Integrity First, Service before Self, Excellence in all that we do*
   3. *“100 Percent Zero Excuses” Same as Last year!*
2. Practice Schedule, Organization & Fundamentals
   1. *5 on 1 rule has changed and now we are able to engage in baseball workouts with many players for 2 hours per week.*
   2. *Due to AHSAA regulation, we are only able to throw and condition until Jan. 27. The throwing/conditioning sessions will be held on Monday thru Thursday, beginning January 5, and will end around 4:00 p.m. The scheduled Group will then stay for the workout until 5:30 p.m.*
   3. *On Jan 25, we will begin our three weeks of “Full Team Practice.”*
   4. *We plan to practice Monday – Friday and end around 6p.m. each day. (5ish on Wednesdays)*
   5. *Our ultimate goal is to get the player ready for the pressures and expectations of the next level.*
3. Attendance Policy
   1. *As fundamentals are emphasized at practice, Attendance is mandatory. We will follow all COVID protocols issued by the state/county.*
   2. *Unexcused absences or no shows will affect participation.*
   3. *If a player checks out of school or is out sick, please notify the coach in advance of practice. (text or email is fine, would prefer the player do it as well)*
4. Grades, Behavior, and Discipline
   1. *Grades will be monitored by the coaching staff and all players must maintain a 2.5 GPA. (Bulldog Period)*
   2. *Players are expected to conduct themselves appropriately, any behavioral issues will be dealt with by the coaching staff.*
   3. *Punishment for infractions of this policy will be handled on a case by case basis, progressing from an “OSI” (opportunity for self-improvement) and progressing to suspension from team activities.*
   4. *Zero tolerance policy for substance abuse. (including vapes and tobacco products).*
5. Injury Protocol
   1. *Let coaching staff know immediately of any athletics related injuries before going to the doctor.*
   2. *We may be able to arrange for the player to see a specialist.*
   3. *Be informed that if you go to a General Practitioner…*
   4. *Emergency Contact form.*
6. Traveling Protocol
   1. *Players are required to travel with the team TO athletic events.*
   2. *Players may be “signed out” and travel home with a parent or guardian.*
   3. *Players CAN NOT travel home with anyone except a guardian.*
   4. *ALL players must be accounted for before we depart!*
   5. *The exception to this rule is our Saturday tournament dates. Players will travel to and from the event independently. However, I will have a sign out sheet just to make sure that all players were accounted for.*
7. Communication & Chain of Command
   1. *24-hour rule (Sleep on it)*
   2. *Player to Coach (personal responsibility for their development)*
   3. *Parent to Coach (contact by email/text, to be followed by phone or in person conversation)*
   4. *Parent/Player to Athletic Director & Admin (email Athletic Director & CC Coach Hurst)*
8. Being the Model Sports Parent
   1. *Support all of the players (don’t down other kids)*
   2. *Respect the decisions of the coaches (we will make mistakes)*
   3. *Encourage your player without over inflating their ego or demeaning another player in the process.*
   4. *Don’t get caught up in the “Negative”*
   5. *Allow them to be “ours” while they are on the field/dugout. (Forces them to begin to take responsibility for their own development as a player)*
   6. *Volunteer Form*
9. Spirit Package and Player Fee
   1. *The $240 fee for the Spirit Package is due in full by Monday, February 15. (1st Half due by 1/22)*
   2. *All MMS baseball players must have their packages paid for in full by 2/15 in order to be eligible to participate in games.*
   3. *We can work out a payment schedule if necessary.*
   4. *Payments may be made with cash or check. If paying by check, please make the check out to Marbury Middle School.*

Thank you parents for all that you do and GO BULLDOGS!

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