

Bulldog Baseball 2026 – Parent Information Handout

Mission Statement & Core Values

- **Mission:**
 - Develop student-athletes committed to:
 - Integrity
 - Service before self
 - Excellence in the classroom, on the field, and in the community
- **Core Values:**
 - **Integrity First** – Doing the right thing even when no one is watching
 - **Service Before Self** – Team responsibilities come before personal goals
 - **Excellence in All We Do** – Commitment to continuous improvement

AHSAA Eligibility

- Players **may NOT** participate in league or travel baseball during the season
- Violations will:
 - Render the player **ineligible**
 - Result in a **fine to the program**

Practice Schedule & In-Season Routine

- **Throwing & Conditioning Workouts:** Per AHSAA rules
- **Full Team Practice Begins: Tuesday, January 21**
- **Practice Schedule:**
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday until **6:00 PM**
 - Wednesday, Friday until **5:00 PM**
- Players must bring **all baseball equipment daily**
- Game schedule:

- Available online
- Posted on the **Parent Square calendar**

Attendance, Grades, Behavior & Expectations

- Fundamentals emphasized daily at practice
- **Attendance is critical**
 - Notify coach **in advance** if absent
 - Text or email is acceptable (player communication preferred)
- **Academic Requirements:**
 - Minimum **2.5 GPA** required (MHS policy)
 - Grades monitored by coaching staff
- **Behavior Expectations:**
 - Players are expected to represent the program appropriately
 - Discipline handled case-by-case:
 - Opportunity for Self-Improvement (OSI)
 - Suspension from team activities if necessary
 - Ongoing issues may require a parent-player-coach meeting

Injury & Travel Protocol

- **Injury Protocol:**
 - Notify coaching staff **immediately** of any athletic injury
 - Contact coaches **before** visiting a doctor
 - Staff may assist in arranging specialist care
- **Travel Protocol:**
 - Players must travel **to games with the team**
 - Players may be signed out after games by a **parent or guardian**
 - Players may **NOT** travel home with anyone else

- All players must be accounted for before departure
- Tournament travel forms managed through **Dragonfly**

Coaching Objectives

- Develop players as athletes prepared for the next level
- Develop players as young men prepared for life
- Ensure team success on the field

Communication Process

- **24-Hour Rule:**
 - Take time before addressing concerns
- **Communication Path:**
 1. Player → Coach (in person)
 2. Parent → Coach (email, then phone or in person)
 3. Parent/Player → Athletic Director & Administration
 - Email Athletic Director and **CC Coach Hurst**

Being a Model Sports Parent

- Support players and coaches
- Respect coaching decisions
- Encourage your player
- Avoid negative conversations or behavior

Fundraiser & Spirit Pack

- **Fundraiser:** Vertical Raise
 - Goal: **\$400**
 - Funds used for:

- Facility upgrades
- Field seed and fertilizer
- **80% of funds raised may go toward player fees**
- **Spirit Package & Player Fee:**
 - **\$300 total fee**
 - Final amount settled after fundraiser completion
 - Payment required by **game time**
 - Payment plans available if needed
 - Payments accepted by cash or check
 - Checks payable to **Marbury Middle School**

Uniform Requirements

- Solid white baseball pants (knicker length)
- Baseball gray pants (full length)
- Any brand
- **No decoration**

Closing Information

- Concessions
- Summer Camp
- Being a Bulldog supporter
- Questions

GO BULLDOGS! 