

# Bulldog Baseball 2026 – Parent Information Handout

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## 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

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## 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**

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## 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**
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### **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
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### **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**
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### **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
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### **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**
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### **Being a Model Sports Parent**

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

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

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

**GO BULLDOGS!** 🐾🐾🐾