

Buckeye Central Baseball

Dear Parents of Middle School Baseball Players,

I hope your year is going well and that you are looking forward to the spring!

Baseball season is around the corner and it is time to get organized for the upcoming middle school season.

In this letter I have included some dates and important information concerning middle school baseball. Included in this email is this informational letter, indoor practice schedule, game schedule, and waiver.

We currently have 20 players (8 8th grade, 12 7th grade) signed up, therefore, we have scheduled both 7th and 8th grade games! The 8th grade has 18 games scheduled and the 7th grade has 17 games scheduled. We want to give all players the opportunity to play as much as possible. Therefore, because MOST of the teams we play are 7th/8th combined teams, we will ask some 7th graders to play with the 8th graders. This allows more opportunities for playing time. Coaches will decide which 7th graders will play with the 8th graders.

There will be a mandatory parents meeting before the first practice on February 25. This meeting will take place **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at 7:00** in the Buckeye Central cafeteria. You can turn in waivers and fee payment at that time. **NO PLAYER CAN PRACTICE WITHOUT A WAIVER COMPLETED AND FEE TURNED IN.** This is a mandatory meeting for parents; we want to answer all questions at this time. If you cannot attend please contact 8th grade coaches Bernie Bauer (419-689-2749) or Brian Schafer (419-566-3168) or 7th grade coaches Mike Dean (419-565-4576) or Randy Hiler (419-565-7723).

Because middle school baseball is a club sport and not supported by the school in any way, it is completely self-funded. There are two ways to help fund the team:

- Pay a **\$60** fee, which pays for a hat, undershirt, socks, and helps with umpire fees.
- Participate in the Baseball Program Fundraiser. If you participate in the fundraiser, you can limit or eliminate your own out of pocket expense. Information was sent home in November. If you lost this information please see our website www.buckeyecentralbaseball.com and click the Middle School Info tab.

Please note that your \$60 fee (direct payment or fundraising money and forms) MUST be paid before your child can practice on Feb. 26.

Practices will begin in the high school and/or auxiliary gym February 25 and will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-8:45 and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00. Times could be adjusted due to high school boys and girls basketball tournament games. Once the weather clears, practices will be at the middle school baseball field in the park (old HS field). Exact dates and times for outside practice will be assigned by the coaches. The first 8th grade game is scheduled for March 25 and the first 7th grade contest is set for March 26.

Additionally, if there is gym space, the coaches may organize optional open hitting and open throwing before the Feb. 25 starting date.

A reminder that there will be no busing to away games because this team is not funded by the school. The coaches will make carpooling arrangements. Please help in carpooling in every way possible.

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Without your support, middle school baseball would not happen. I want to thank all of you in advance for your help and support of these teams! With your help, middle school spring baseball is now in its seventh year!

If possible, please send your \$60 payment (fundraiser payment or fee payment) and waiver to me ASAP. You can email your form to cjensen@bcbucks.org or you can mail your form and/or payment to the following address:

Buckeye Central High School
ATTN: Chad Jensen
938 S. Kibler St.
New Washington, OH 44854

Checks should be made out to **Buckeye Central Athletic Boosters**. Please put **baseball** in the memo.

If you have ANY questions, please contact me by email cjensen@bcbucks.org, or cell phone 419-544-6022 (text or call).

You can also contact middle school coaches Bernie Bauer (419-689-2749) , Brian Schafer (419-566-3168), Mike Dean (419-565-4576) or Randy Hiler (419-565-7723).

All necessary forms, including waivers and fundraising forms, are available on our website. Check out our website www.buckeyecentralbaseball.com for schedules, announcements, and a whole lot of other stuff concerning Buckeye Central Baseball! For the most up to date information you can also follow us on Twitter @bcbucksbaseball or Facebook/Buckeye Central Baseball.

See you on Feb. 25!

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen

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