

Dear Mountain View Parents/Families of prospective 2018 Players

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I send this email out annually to families that have been associated with our program so that you are aware of dates, meetings, expectations, & policies going forward.

- First player meeting: November 7th at 3:15pm in room E225

This meeting is for players planning on trying out for baseball for the spring 2018 season. The meeting will last around 30 minutes. We will gather player info & discuss expectations for the 2018 tryout process.

- Off-season weight training and conditioning begins on November 27th, right after school, in the weight room

We offer a voluntary program staffed by MVHS coaches that meets after school Monday-Thursday. It's free & it will help prospective players to meet our tryout expectations.

- Pitcher/catcher workouts begin on January 10th at 7:30pm in the main gym

Pitcher/Catcher workouts will be Monday-Wednesday-Saturdays at 730pm-730pm-130pm respectively. All prospective pitchers/catchers are invited & highly encouraged to attend all sessions. This is another cost-free opportunity for players to train in the off-season.

- 1st official day of practice/tryouts is February 26th (site TBA)

We hope to be outside on the baseball field this day, but it will depend upon the weather. All players must meet two minimum requirements to tryout:

- 1) Be academically eligible (no more than one failing grade at semester)
- 2) Be cleared by the athletic office (done through Mae Svendsen in the Never Summer office)

Another email will be sent before the tryout date that will enumerate the details of the tryout process.

- Scrimmage weekend is March 3rd (site TBA)

The varsity and junior varsity prospective players will scrimmage on March 3rd. Plan on this being an all-day affair. We, at this time, don't have a place or start time. Once we do, it will be emailed out.

- Spring parent meeting is March 8th at 630pm in room E224

After tryouts are completed and the teams are chosen, we will have a parent meeting on March 8 to discuss program policies & expectations.

- Spring break is March 12-16

Despite school being out, we will still have games & practices over spring break. We expect all players at all levels to be present for practices & games at this time. We understand this is a sacrifice, but it's pretty standard for baseball season.

Expectations

- All players are present for spring break
- All players practice or play on Saturdays

All families & players need to understand that we play and/or practice Monday through Saturdays. Sundays are the only days that are mandatory off-days.

Policies

- All trim is black
- Each player needs to provide their own helmet & it must be black
- Each player needs to provide their own white game pants with single, black, 1/8 inch pipe down the side

We have decided to change the pants policy due to cost. We have purchased team sets of game pants for years. Between the cost to replace damaged & un-returned pants and the fact that so many players have their own pants, we have instituted this policy. It will also help us if players move up or down levels, then we only have to switch out jerseys.

Please, if you have any questions, send them to me, I'm sure I missed some things.

Thanks

Coach Smela