



HIGHLAND PARK BASEBALL



To all future Highland Park High School Baseball players and parents:

Sorry for missing meeting tonight, but I wanted to reach out to all parents with information about fall baseball offseason and tryout procedures for the baseball program. Please go to scotsillustrated.com for more information about the baseball program.

NOTE: We promote multiple sport athletes and will work with any sport to help your son have a memorable and successful high school experience. Below are tryout information for both multiple sport athletes and baseball "onlys."

For Baseball only - Off Season Tryouts: The students in 8th period baseball will start the first day of school with an explanation of tryout information, physicals, and other procedural items. On day 2, we will start our tryout procedures by evaluating every student athlete in 8th period baseball except for the returning varsity players. It is an eight day tryout where each player's attributes is evaluated by my coaches and me. We will then meet with the players individually to tell them if they need to change their schedule or not to stay into 8th period baseball. This is a way to help us make early schedule changes for those student/athletes that we feel won't need to have a formal tryout and would best fit in another class for the remainder of the school year. After Labor Day weekend, our true off season begins for baseball. Each student/athlete will be issued one pair of shorts and an off season shirt, which will be collected at the end of the semester. There are ways to purchase additional clothing items which will be sent out soon via email.

Formal Tryouts for all prospective players: The formal baseball tryouts for the spring start after the football season ends in November. Dual athletes will join us in off season and we will have a two week tryout period where my full staff will evaluate each player on different baseball skills. The evaluations will be looked at by our staff and then we will make our cuts. We will only have three teams for the spring 2018. On the Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving break, we will bring in every student into my office and have one on one meetings. We will tell them if they made the team or not and tell them what they need to work on in the future. Throughout the years, I have found telling them this way is the most fair. The ones who do not make the teams will be sent to their counselor to change their schedule for the second semester. They will have two weeks before that change is made so they will be sent to a study hall classroom to study for final exams.

Fall Baseball: There is two fall baseball teams for returning players to play in. The league is only for baseball "onlys." Incoming freshman players on the teams are based on a week by week basis. With this being said, incoming freshman have the choice to play in the fall or not, depending if they are on a select team during this time. It is not mandatory to play in the fall, just a way to stay in baseball shape. The league that they play in has nothing to do with our tryout procedures, just a way to keep our baseball "only" athletes in competitive competition. On these two teams, they do not consist of our varsity football players or any other dual sport athlete for that matter unless agreed upon. They can still play fall baseball just not for this league.

Summer Camp: This year's summer camp is Monday, June 8th through Wednesday, June 10th. I would like, but not mandatory, all baseball players to enroll in this camp. For incoming 6th graders through incoming 9th graders, we evaluate our future scot baseball players. This give our coaches and me a chance to see the players in action before the year starts. It is also a great way to meet your son. Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns after tonight.

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