



Baseball Parent Meeting Agenda



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to begin preparing for the **2026 Parkway South Baseball season!**

Below is important information regarding expectations, scheduling, requirements, and communication for the upcoming year. Please take a few minutes to read through everything carefully.

INTRODUCTION OF COACHES

- **Varsity: Matt Brown**, Mike Shanfeld, Paul Kruger, and Brandon Schlichtig
- **Junior Varsity (JV): John Barnabee** and Nolan Lombardo
- **Freshmen: Dave McFarland**, Luke Smith and Grant Stephens
- **Bolded name denotes head coach**

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

We are proud of what we accomplished in 2025, but our focus now turns to making 2026 even better. Here is what we expect from all players and coaches this year:

- **Be Where Your Feet Are:** We are turning the page and committing fully to this new season.
- **Accountability:** Players and coaches are expected to be on time and communicate in advance if problems arise. *"Early is on time, on time is late."*
- **Effort:** We can't always control the outcome, but we can always control our attitude and effort. We will play fast, play the right way, and pursue excellence in everything we do.
- **Growth as Players and Young Men:** Our coaches are dedicated to helping each player grow not only on the baseball field, but also in the classroom and in our community.

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

Parkway South Spring Break: March 15–22

- **Varsity:** Players are ***not permitted*** to go on Spring Break. MSHSAA requires 14 practices before our first game, which will take place during Spring Break. Any potential days off will depend on weather and practice completion.
- **JV and Freshmen:** No practice March 15–17. Practice will resume **Wednesday, March 18.**
 - Some JV players may be asked to stay and play with Varsity during Spring Break. Coaches will communicate directly with those players





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OFF-SEASON WORKOUTS

- **Morning Lifting:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from **6:00–7:00 AM**.
 - Attendance is *strongly encouraged* but not mandatory.
- **Open Fields:** Players should bring all baseball gear for their position (shorts are acceptable).
- **Communication:** All updates on off-season workouts will be sent directly to players moving forward.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- Players must maintain at least a **2.0 GPA** and have **no F's** during the spring season.
 - If a player earns an F, they may practice but will not play in games until the grade improves.
- For fall semester eligibility, players may not have more than **one F** or they will be ineligible to play in the spring.

EQUIPMENT & APPAREL REQUIREMENTS

- **Bats:** BBCOR-certified -3 bats only (MSHSAA rule).
- **Helmet, Belt, Socks, Sleeves:** Navy blue.
- **Pants:**
 - Varsity – White (no piping) **and** gray pants.
 - JV/Freshmen – White (no piping) pants only.
- **Patriot Baseball Shirts:** \$20 each. Purchase from Coach Kruger, Coach Brown, or Coach McFarland.

PLAYER PACKAGE

- **Fee:** \$150
 - Fee package Includes: short sleeve t-shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, shorts, t-shirt jersey, hoodie, cage jacket, hat (2 hats for Varsity), and helmet decal.
 - If you have financial concerns, please speak privately with Coach Brown—we will work with you.

TRYOUTS

- **Date:** Begin **March 2** immediately after school (weather permitting, on the baseball field).
 - Every player will have an opportunity to work with all coaches during tryout week.
 - Please note: *Baseball is a cut sport*.

CAMPS AND FUNDRAISING

- We plan to host several **winter and spring camps** this year to raise funds for the program.
 - Each player will be **required to work at least one session**. Dates and times TBD.
- Each family is expected to **purchase a table for our annual trivia night fundraiser**. We will share more details soon and will need volunteers to make the event successful! **Trivia night is February 28th!**





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WHY FUNDRAISING MATTERS

- The district provides about **\$600** annually for baseball.
- Last year, fundraising allowed us to:
 - Purchase cameras to stream games
 - Laser-level the field
 - Buy new hitting mats
 - Travel expenses for out-of-town games and playoffs
- This year, we hope to fund:
 - A new pitching machine
 - Defensive training gloves and other equipment (Rapsodo subscription)
 - New Practice baseballs, batting tees, hitting mats (for field), and training nets (cage and field)
 - Travel expenses for out-of-town games and playoffs

FINAL FORMS

- Final Forms has replaced Privit for all athletic documents and medical records.
 - All forms ***must be complete (including a physical on file) before tryouts.***
 - Be sure to **select “Baseball”** if your son participates in other sports.
 - Indicate whether your son can drive himself or ride with teammates to possible off-site practices. ***Coaches cannot transport players.***

COMMUNICATION

- **Remind App:** Used for important announcements throughout the year.
 - Please download the app and sign up if you haven't already. Contact Coach Brown or Coach McFarland with any questions.
- **Google Chat:** Used for daily communication with players (since phones are restricted during school).
 - Players will receive updates on schedule changes and other announcements through Chat.

BOOSTER CLUB

- Our **Booster Club officers** are:
 - Shaelene Plank, Anna Mannion, Todd Birkenholz, Kelly Grant
 - Please feel free to reach out to them individually or at psouthbaseballboosters@gmail.com
- We are incredibly grateful for their time and leadership in supporting our players and program!

Thank you for your continued support of Parkway South Baseball. We're looking forward to another great season of growth, teamwork, and competition. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

GO PATRIOTS!

