

GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG BASEBALL

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Dear Prospective Player and Parent,

The 2012 season is right around the corner, and the anticipation of a great year has everyone associated with our program excited. Hopefully this year we will take Mustang Baseball to an even higher level. We will again field four (4) teams and involve approximately seventy (70) players. The competition for roster spots will be as competitive as ever and I would like to answer a few questions that you might have. Attached you will find a general information sheet as well as a "Week 1" Schedule.

Tryouts will begin on Friday, January 27th and will run through Thursday, February 4th. Rosters will be announced on Friday, February 3rd. On Saturday, February 4th there will be a "**Long Ball Contest**" held at the ballpark that will serve as a fundraiser for the 2012 Mustangs. This will take place after the teams have been finalized. On Monday February 6th each player will receive some envelopes to address to family, friends, and businesses that may be willing to sponsor him in this fundraiser. We ask each player to address 15 envelopes and return them by Wednesday, February 8th. On that day we will have each player stuff his envelopes and put postage on them so that we can mail them. Each sponsor will have the opportunity to make a donation based on the distance that each player hit the ball. More information will follow regarding the fundraiser.

To participate in tryouts, each player must have passed a recent physical exam and turned in the appropriate paperwork. This consists of; (1) GCISD Athletic Participation Release (4 sheets- Acknowledgement of Rules, Medical History, Physical, and General Info Sheet), (2) GCISD Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Pledge Form, (3) UIL Illegal Steroid Use Form, and (4) Baseball "Mustang Style" Policy Form. The first three forms are available on the GCISD website and the Policy form is available through me. Because of the large number of player prospects, we will split the players into 3 groups. There will be a (1) varsity prospect group, (2) a group of sophomores and juniors, and a (3) freshmen group. All workouts will be held at the GHS ballpark. The annual Mustang Mile will take place on Saturday, January 28th. All players will run at the CTMS track at 8:15am (an additional opportunity at 6pm has been scheduled due to the number of players taking the SAT that morning).

Another important piece of information is that after the first week, our Freshmen and JV Blue teams will be working out in the morning. Most practices will begin at 7:00am. Varsity and JV workouts will begin during 8th period on most days. Our counselors will work to get all freshmen baseball players and any sophomore on the JV Blue team into the 1st period athletic class and all players on the JV or Varsity team into the 4th/8th athletic period. If this is not possible, we will deal with it on a case by case basis. A monthly schedule of practice times and events will be posted on our baseball website. I encourage each of you to become very familiar with our website (www.ghsmustangbaseball.org).

I wish each player good luck in his goal of attaining a Mustang Baseball uniform. The process is a difficult one and I have much respect for each young man that strives to achieve this. It has been exciting to see the work that many of these young men have been putting in to make sure they are ready for the first day of tryouts.

This season's motto is **WEAR IT!** The game of baseball allows young men an opportunity to learn many lessons that will prepare them for the road ahead. A few qualities that will help insure future success are **Work, Enthusiasm, Attitude, Respect, Integrity, and Toughness.** These traits will also go a long way in helping to make this a great season.

Go Mustangs!

Tim McCune
Head Baseball Coach