



# The Dugout Club



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## Coach's Welcome

2016 Baseball Season will be a success on the baseball diamond, in the classroom, and in the community.

Thanks for the tremendous support of the players, parents, and Booster Club!

Proud to be your Coach!

Coach Munoz



*When baseball is no longer fun, it's no longer a game.*

*Joe DiMaggio*

## Dugout Club Welcome

Hello MHS Dugout Club Members and New Freshman Parents!

I am happy that another school year has started! Work is already being done to field great Varsity, JV and Freshmen McIntosh High School baseball teams this spring. Even though baseball is a spring sport, much work will be done throughout the fall and winter by the coach, Dugout Club board, players, and hopefully the parents. This newsletter will serve as an informational piece which you can refer to up until the teams are chosen in January.

Included are: expectations for the parents and potential players from the head coach and the Dugout Club Board, a calendar of important dates, fundraisers, and approximate costs for each player. If you (parents or players) have any questions, feel free to contact me or any other member of the Board. Thanks so much for getting excited for the 2016 high school baseball season!

Mary Plant  
President  
MHS Dugout Club



## Important Dates to Remember

- Community dates 9/12/2015
- Dugout Club Board Meeting Dates: 9/14/15; 10/12; 11/9; 12/14; 1/11/16; 2/8; 3/14; 4/11; 5/7; 6/13
- Player meeting for all new interested players: 9/21/2015 IN HEALTH ROOM 4.209 @ 8:00AM
- Preseason Conditioning Begins: 1/4/2016; 4-5PM
- Tryouts dates time: 1/19, 1/20, 1/21
- Announce team on 1/22/2016
- January 23rd, @ 10AM: Player/ Parent meeting for 2016 teams
- PAPERWORK DUE: 1/24/2015
- Fee Payment Deadline: **2/1/2016**
- Luau: TBD
- Field Work days: TBD
- Remindme.com (more information from Coach to come)

## Coaching Staff 2016



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*"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."*

*Babe Ruth*



*"Baseball is 90 percent mental and the other half is physical."*

*Yogi Berra*

## *Raising the Bar- The Board's expectations of Players and Parents*

The Dugout Club is charged with supporting the coaching staff and enhancing the baseball program, as well as conducting the necessary business functions of the program. In order for the Board of the Dugout Club to be successful in fulfilling our charge, we need the support of all the parents. I know that none of us know whether our son will make one of the teams at this point, but we hope that you will engage as avid supporters of the MHS Baseball program in general until the teams are announced. Ways parents can support include:

- 1) Pay the designated fees on time. This year, parents can pay by credit card and the full amount will be due by 2/1/2016 .
- 2) Participate in the fundraising events. For most of the fundraisers, the boys can earn credit towards the fees that each player owes; therefore, decreasing the amount they have to pay to play.
- 3) Participate in the annual meeting and the business side of the Dugout Club by voting and/or responding to emails when requested.
- 4) Voicing any concerns to the President of the Dugout Club (or any member of the Board) before voicing your concerns to other parents of players.
- 5) Voicing any concerns to the Head Coach or President of the Dugout (or any member of the board) before voicing your concerns to other parents or players.

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## *What you can expect from the Dugout Club*

- (1) We promise timely communication via the website and emails. Our Dugout Club meeting minutes will be posted online along with other important information. We will push out communication via email to all members when appropriate. We need you to keep your email address updated!
- (2) We will give unselfishly the gift of our time. All on the board are volunteering our time to help make the whole MHS Baseball experience the best it can be.
- (3) Our votes on the budget and other important decisions that we make will be as informed members of the Board, and they will be what the group feels will best serve the coach and the baseball program as a whole.
- (4) We will seriously consider members' concerns when brought to the attention of the Dugout Club.



*"Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game!"*

*Babe Ruth*

## *Parent Night at IHOP*

MHS Baseball 2016 GET TOGETHER: Thursday, October 22 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at IHOP in Peachtree City. **GO CHIEFS BASEBALL!**

Whether this is your son's first year or fourth year, if he is interested in trying out for the 2016 MHS Baseball Team, The Dugout Club hopes that your family will enjoy dinner at IHOP and meet Coach Munoz, members of the Dugout Club Board of Directors, and other families who hope to be part of the program. An informational newsletter with important dates as well as a tentative game schedule will be handed out to all who come. Each family is responsible for their own food and drink costs. Hope to see you there.



*"it's hard to beat a person who never gives up."*

*Babe Ruth*

## *Cutting Costs– Fundraising / Sponsors*

**2 A-Day Fundraising** is a discount card program similar to the discount cards sold by some of the other schools and programs. Each player will need to sell 20 cards within a 2 week period. Coach Munoz will be enforcing the sales and has ideas on how to get the kids to sell them. Cards will have additional coupons for other items along with the card that is good for the whole year. There is also a phone app available . With the purchase and any discounts used through the app are good for the whole year.

Family and friends who would like to support the team can become a sponsor. They will now have the option of purchasing a sponsorship online through the website using a Visa/ MC.

**"...the Dugout Club will accept credit card payments for player registration fees."**

## *We've had an update!*

Check out the updates to the chiefs baseball website! Additional information has been added as well as a new online registration and payment system for both player fees and sponsors.

**NEW** for the Spring 2016 season, the Dugout Club will accept credit card payments for player registration fees. This will be available online through the chiefs website and will also allow for a payment schedule. Balance updates will also be sent as a tool to help ensure timely payments and all balances are paid in full by the 2/1/16 deadline.

You will also find a link to join our email list. All players and parents are strongly encouraged to join the email list in order to receive all current communication from the Dugout Club. This will be done annually allowing for parents and players to ensure the most current contact information is on file for all players.

Check it out!

[www.mcintoshchiefsbaseball.com/](http://www.mcintoshchiefsbaseball.com/)



*"Baseball is about hard work, talent, and strategy. But at the deepest level, it's about love, integrity, and respect."*

*Pat Gillick*