

MRBS Softball Pre-Season Information

To: Girls in Grade 7-12 and Parents
From: Mr. Leone
Re: Varsity Softball
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

The first day for Varsity Girls' Softball try-outs is Tuesday, February 28th. The team will practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The team will leave Berclair at 3:10 p.m. to travel to the East Campus and return to Berclair at 6:00 p.m. Practice will end at the East Campus at 5:30 p.m. Athletes may be picked up at the East Campus field at 5:45 p.m.

For students to be eligible for try-outs the first day, they must turn in the following items at the first day of try-outs (students who do not turn in the following items will not be allowed to participate in try-outs). **Do not turn forms in before the first day of try-outs.**

1. Sports Physical Examination from a Doctor (must be TAACS form!)
2. Sports Waiver
3. Information Sheet
4. Perforated Athletic Parent Voucher Permission Form turned in.
5. Fan Behavior Guideline Form

*****Note: Those who have NOT participated in any sport this year should turn in all paperwork the first day of try-outs. Do NOT turn any paperwork into the office! Athletes who have participated in sports this year do not need to turn in any paperwork.***

Playing Fee and Uniform Costs

There will be a playing fee of \$65.00 deducted from your child's voucher account on Monday, March 5th if your child makes the girls' softball team.

The girls will need to purchase their own royal blue spandex shorts and white athletic socks, with blue stripes. Players must also purchase their own cleats (color: black). A royal blue team visor (with the MR logo) will need to be purchased through the school if the player does not already have one (\$12.00).

Eligibility:

All athletes must be passing all subjects and maintain a C average overall. For example, an athlete can have all A's, but if he has one F he will not be eligible to play. Also, if a student is passing all classes but has 3 C's and 3 D's he will not be eligible to play because he is not maintaining a C average overall. These are the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools' (TACS) eligibility policies. **All grade averages are cumulative from the first day of each semester.**

If a student is off for grades, he will still be required to attend practices and home games unless instructed differently by his coach. Ineligible players are not allowed to attend away games. Some times when an athlete is off for grades, he is required by the coach to not participate in practice. If an athlete is ineligible due to grades, he is still required to wear "game day" dress to school on game days since he is still part of the team. If the coach does not deem it necessary for an ineligible athlete to attend the game competition with the team, the athlete will not be allowed to attend the athletic function.

Game Season:

The game season for softball begins around the second full week of March and ends around early May.

The Varsity Softball team will travel to Nashville and Huntsville, AL for games.

Practice Times:

Most practice times will be every day of the week except Wednesdays. The times for practices are from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to the East campus and back. Players being picked up at the East Campus must be picked up by 5:45 p.m.

Try-outs and Playing Time:

Please realize that the players exemplifying the best skills, attitude, and work ethic will be chosen for the team. Players chosen for the team will be given as much playing time as possible; however, these are competitive sports and **there is no guarantee to the amount of playing time each athlete will receive.**

Athletic Handbook:

Athletes are expected to abide by the policies in the Athletic Section of the Student Handbook.

Once you have committed to the team, you are expected to complete the season. Students who do not attend practice for any length of time for any excuse other than a medical excuse when present at school will be dismissed from the team. Athletes who do not compete in the final games of the season will be considered dismissed from the team.

Transportation

The athletic program would like to make it clear that most practices will be at the East Campus. Macon Road will provide transportation to all weekday practices but transportation may not be provided back for some games.

We look forward to a great softball season. We appreciate your support and dedication to the MRBS athletic program.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 683-6363.

MRBS Varsity Girls Softball Uniform Information for 2012

Below is the information for the softball uniform. Please fill out the information and mark the correct sizes. At the bottom of the form, please total the amount of money you will owe. **Please bring this form with you at the 1st day of try-outs!**

All uniform payments will be deducted from the student's voucher on Monday, March 5th.

Softball Cleats: All girls must have dark colored cleats

Softball Visor: All softball girls must have a team visor. Girls who have last years style will not need a new one.

Athlete's Name: _____

_____ Softball Visor = \$12.00 (one size fits all)
(required-if you do not have one already)

Total Due (including \$65.00 playing fee)

MRBS Athletic Parent Voucher Permission Form

I give permission for MRBS to deduct all appropriate soccer playing fee (\$65.00) and uniform fees as noted above on March 5th from my voucher account if my child makes the Softball team.

Athlete's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

*****Please turn this form in the first day of try-outs!***