



Dear Parents,

With our summer break approaching, it is time we begin preparing for the 2010 Tiger Baseball season. We wanted to take the time to share some important information with both parents and potential players.

- ◆ Please make note that tryouts will be held on **August 2-4** (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday) from **8:30 – 11:30 AM at Hickory Creek Middle School** (field next to track). It is very important that your son makes it out for all three days of tryouts. **No shorts** allowed at baseball tryouts and please bring water!
- ◆ The practices before school starts (Aug 5-13) are mandatory for all players to attend due to our short season! Contact Mr. Smit with any questions or concerns regarding this issue.
- ◆ Please inform us if your son will have any conflicts during our short season. We want players who can fully commit to this team and attend all practices and games. **According to the HCMS Athletic Handbook, athletes are required to attend all practices and games. Students will be excused for illness and family emergencies. For every unexcused absence (game or practice), the athlete will be unable to participate in the next game date (An unexcused absence equals one game date). If an athlete misses more than 3 practices/game dates total, they will not be able to participate on the team.** If you have any thoughts or concerns in regards to this, please e-mail Coach Smit at jsmit@fsd157c.org.
- ◆ If your son makes the team, he must have a physical for the first day of practice (August 5).
- ◆ No metal baseball cleats allowed in game during the season according to the IESA. Athletes must use molded baseball cleats for games, but can tryout and practice in metal.
- ◆ All bats 31 inches and longer in length must meet all NFHS guidelines, including the three ounce weight vs. length differential, 2 5/8" maximum barrel diameter, and BESR label.
- ◆ A player **cannot** play both baseball and participate in cross country or volleyball at Hickory Creek.
- ◆ Players must be completed with playing on a travel baseball team by Monday, August 9. **During the Hickory Creek baseball season, athletes cannot play on another baseball team (travel or fall ball).**
- ◆ All members of the baseball team will be required to pay an activity fee and purchase a uniform package.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Coach Smit at 815.469.4474 or jsmit@fsd157c.org.

Coach Smit and Coach Perich



Hickory Creek Baseball Permission Form



Please complete the following form and return to Mr. Smit on or before the first day of tryouts (August 2).

Additional forms will be mailed out in July and can be printed off school website.

Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Position(s) _____

Health Concerns
(please provide any health information or allergies) _____

Baseball Pants Size (circle) Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large

Baseball T-Shirt Jersey Size (circle) Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large

_____ (parent initial) I have looked through the rough draft of the practice and game schedule and I understand the expectation for my son (if he makes this baseball team) to be at all games and practices.

_____ (parent initial) I understand Hickory Creek's stance on the removal of an athlete from the sport team for missing more than 3 unexcused practices or games total.

_____ (parent initial) Any conflicts or concerns will be brought to Mr. Smit's attention on day 1 of tryouts.

Parent Signature _____

August 2010

Additional games may be added before the start off tryouts. Final practice and game schedule will be issued then.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Tryouts Day 1 8:30 - 11:30 AM	3 Tryouts Day 2 8:30 - 11:30 AM	4 Tryouts Day 3 8:30 - 11:30 AM	5 Practice Day 1 8:30 - 11:30 AM	6 Practice Day 2 8:30 - 11:30 AM	7
8	9 Practice Day 3 8:30 - 11:30 AM	10 Practice Day 4 8:30 - 11:30 AM	11 Practice Day 5 8:30 - 11:30 AM	12 Practice Day 6 8:30 - 11:30 AM	13 Practice Day 7 8:30 - 11:30 AM	14 HCMS vs. Kankakee DH 10:00 AM
15	16 Practice 8:30 - 11:30 AM	17 HCMS @ Troy DH 10:00 AM	18 HCMS vs. Steger DH 10:00 AM	19 Practice 8:30 - 11:30 AM	20 Minooka Tournament 1 Game	21 Minooka Tournament 2 Games
22	23 HCMS vs. BUG 4:00 PM	24 Practice 2:20 - 4:15 PM	25 HCMS @ Gardner 4:30 PM	26 HCMS @ Manteno 4:15 PM	27 Practice 2:20 - 4:15 PM	28
29	30 HCMS vs. Summit Hill 4:00 PM	31 HCMS @ Oak Prairie 4:00 PM	<p>*Practice times subject to change with advanced notice! *Additional Saturday morning practice maybe added with advanced notice!</p>			

September 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HCMS vs. Channahon 4:15 PM	2 HCMS @ Beecher 4:30 PM	3 No Practice	4
5	6 No School Labor Day	7 Practice 2:20 - 4:15 PM	8 Practice 2:20 - 4:15 PM	9 HCMS @ Peotone 4:15 PM	10 Practice 2:20 - 4:15 PM	11
12	13 Practice 2:20 - 4:15 PM	14 Regionals TBD	15 Practice 2:20 PM TBD	16 Practice 2:20 PM TBD	17 Practice 2:20 PM TBD	18 Regionals TBD
19	20 Regionals TBD	21	22	23	24	25 Sectionals TBD <i>Must win regionals</i>
26	27	28	29	30	1 State Finals TBD <i>Must win sectionals</i>	2 State Finals TBD <i>Must win sectionals</i>

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