

# BOOKER T. WASHINGTON BASEBALL



PARENT INFORMATION  
PACKET  
2019-2020

# WELCOME TO THE BASEBALL FAMILY!!

Welcome all new and returning players and parents! We are excited about the future of our program, and we look forward to an excellent season. Enclosed in this packet is the information that will help you prepare for your participation with the 2019-2020 Wildcat baseball program.

We look forward to your input so that we can make this another exciting and memorable season for all!

## BTW Baseball Booster Club

Washington High School Baseball Booster Club, Inc. is the official organizational name. We are a Florida Registered 501c3 non-profit business that exists for the following purposes:

- a) To bring together persons interested in Booker T. Washington High School so as to provide a vehicle for a unified effort toward promoting baseball programs of Booker T. Washington High School
- b) To give recognition to Booker T. Washington students having engaged in baseball competition and to show appreciation for their efforts in representing their school.
- c) To encourage students to participate and to support all Booker T. Washington High School baseball programs.
- d) To stimulate and promote greater student and community interest in Booker T. Washington High School baseball to the end that the student body and community might support the program with greater enthusiasm.
- e) To provide a cooperative bond between the membership of this club and the coaching staff, school administration and athletes at Booker T. Washington High School.
- f) This club shall not at any time seek to invade the province of the coaching staff or the school administration so as to not interfere with them in the performance of their duties.

The Baseball Booster Club is made up of parent volunteers who coordinate and manage all off diamond activities associated with the baseball team including field maintenance, fundraising, hosted camps, merchandise sales, special activities (i.e., senior night, teacher appreciation, etc.) beginning and end of season celebrations, and much more.

The Baseball Booster Club has an Executive Board of Directors. The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. They act in an official capacity as the operational and administrative staff for the Head Coach and his coaching staff.

The foremost purpose of the executive board is to provide the Wildcat baseball program with the necessary equipment, tools, and activities needed to develop players and coaches both in the off-season and the regular season. In addition to this, we are going to try and add more focus to community support and service in order to ensure that each of our players support and give back to the community where they live and play. The board complies with all state and school district regulations, tax reporting, legal, and business requirements.



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## Mission Statement

The Baseball Booster Club is dedicated to supporting our coaches, athletes, and school programs in a positive way both on and off the field. Our goal is to facilitate and enhance a cohesive relationship among the parents, administration, faculty, coaching staff, baseball players, and our surrounding community. We strive to promote a spirit of inclusiveness, unity, and kindness for all involved. Additionally, we want to be another tool to help encourage excellence in academics and personal character of the young men who participate in the game of baseball.

We encourage you get involved with the Baseball Booster Club and help make the baseball program and Booker T. Washington High School even better.

## Executive Board

The Executive Board is the leadership team for the Baseball Booster Club. This team is elected by the membership during the annual meeting held at the end of the season. When elected, the leadership team will hold their office for a 1-year period that runs from July 1 to June 30. Re-election of the leadership team will take place in May of each year. The newly elected team can take over duties as soon as is best for the operation of the club but no later than July 1.

## Communication

Constant communication is imperative for our baseball program to be successful. The coaching staff, in conjunction with the Baseball Booster club will make every effort to keep our players and families up to date on our program events. Our main method of communication is email. However, information will also be provided via our website, Facebook, Twitter, and, Instagram accounts.

To ensure that we have the most accurate information, please complete the attached Contact Sheet in this packet and return it to a member of the baseball board.

## Booster Club Membership Fees

Membership fees for the Booster Club are as follows:

Family: \$50 (mother, father, bonus parent, siblings)  
Grandparents: \$25  
Single: \$25

The membership fees cover entry into all Junior Varsity and Varsity home games. You will receive a card that you will need to show at the gate before entry into the game. These fees should be paid at the meet/greet along with the player commitment.



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## Booster Club Meeting

To further enhance our communication efforts, we will have monthly Booster Club meetings during the summer, fall, and winter months.

We will also have monthly meetings during the Spring season, but those dates will not be announced until after we have received our Spring schedule so that our meetings do not interfere with us watching the Wildcats compete. Please be mindful and mark your calendars for the dates presented.

## Class Representatives

We want to make sure that all players and families are represented within the Booster Club. For this reason, each class will have a representative.

Class representatives are here to ensure that all parents, no matter your players graduation date, are abreast of everything going on in the baseball program. He/she will be asked to attend all booster club meetings and some executive board meetings as needed so that he/she has all the latest information about program events, activities, requirements, etc. Please text or email your representative to be added to their distribution list, so you will be informed of all spring, summer, and fall off season activities.

Class representatives are also here to learn the operational and administrative side of the Booster Club. So, when athletes and families graduate, operations for the Booster Club can continue smoothly. Undoubtedly, each leadership team will have their own way of doing things, but this ensures that the baseline knowledge needed is passed along to those who will continue to carry out the operational and administrative duties.

Class Representatives are needed for all levels. Please contact a member of the Executive Board for more information or to dive right in and take the role.

- Freshman Class (graduating 2023)
- Sophomore Class (graduating 2022)
- Junior Class (graduating 2021)
- Senior Class (graduating 2020)

## Community Service

As these young men prepare for the next steps in their lives, it is essential that they understand the importance of giving back. Not only does it add to their character as men, it also helps to build their college resume if they are choosing to attend. Each player will be required to participate in the community service activities.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Just as it takes a team to play the game of baseball, it takes a team to run the program off the field. We cannot stress enough how important it is for all families to be involved. We need fresh, new ideas and input from different viewpoints in order to have a successful program.

To ensure that the workload is distributed equally, we require that each parent/guardian work one shift in the concession stand, at the gate, and on the grill when the Wildcats host home games. If your child plays on the Junior Varsity team then you can work the Varsity game so that you can enjoy watching him compete on the baseball diamond. Likewise, Varsity parents can volunteer to work during the Junior Varsity games. You are free to work during the time your athlete is playing if it is more convenient for you to do so.

We understand that there are times that you will be unable to work the shift that you have selected due to job requirements or some other reason. When this happens, we ask that you sign up for another available shift.

If you do not want to volunteer to work any shifts, you can opt-out by paying \$200 to help cover the cost to hire outside assistance. Many parents volunteer when their schedules allow, and it is not always possible to volunteer at another time. Fewer parent volunteers make it necessary for us to hire outside help. We hope that this option is not used because parent participation is really needed, but we do provide this as an option.

Listed below are some additional areas where volunteers are needed. Please review what each opportunity entails and choose the one that best suits you and your availability. You can sign up for more than one opportunity if you desire.

- **Fundraising Committee Lead and Personnel** - coordinate and help with all fundraising efforts and sponsorship
- **Events Committee Lead and Personnel** - coordinate and help with all our special events that we host like Senior Night, Teacher Appreciation, Community Service, and End of Season Banquet or party
- **Concessions Lead and Personnel** - coordinate and help with volunteers in the concession stand, ordering inventory, pricing, and pre/post-game meals
- **Communications and Media Lead and Personnel** - coordinate and help get the word out about events, game results, and the program in general via Facebook, twitter, Instagram, and news media.
- **Field Maintenance Lead and Personnel** – coordinate and help with keeping the field cut, weeded, and groomed
- **Capital Projects Lead and Personnel** – coordinate and help with any capital projects proposed for the program
- **Spirit Lead and Personnel** – coordinate the sale of baseball spirit gear and apparel
- **Community Service** – coordinate community activities for the team



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# PLAYER / PARENT CONTACT FORM 2019-2020

Please complete this form and provide it to a Booster Club personnel so that we can contact you on program activities.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: FR / SO / JR / SR

Player Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (food or other): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive text message when applicable? Y/N

I am interested in joining / learning more about the following volunteer opportunities or committees:

- Fundraising       Events       Concessions       Communications  
 Field Maintenance       Capital Projects       Spirit       Community Service

**Please make sure to provide the email that you check most often as we will be sharing and providing information mainly through this means of communication.**



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## PLAYER COMMITMENT

Many of you may already be aware of the player dues that are needed from each player in order to fund the Booster club and continue to make our program the best place to play. Essentially, player dues are your fundraising commitment that goes toward a variety of things including, player & team apparel, coach stipends, field maintenance and improvements, umpires, baseballs, travel expenses, etc.

We have established several ways to meet your player dues requirement. Each of these activities in some way will allow you to directly reduce the amount of your player dues. The activities are:

- Blue Wahoo's Parking
- Gallery Night Parking
- Sign Sales

Although Wahoo Parking and Gallery Night Parking occurred during the offseason, we still have time to sell as many field signs as possible.

Monthly installments will also be accepted as early as August to help make it easier to meet this commitment. Please note that if your player does not make the team in the Spring all monies that you paid personally will be refunded to you. There will be **no refunds of any monies raised during fundraising activities.**

**Player dues will be \$1000 per player. A portion of this amount (\$500) is due at the team meet/greet which is held after tryouts and announcement of team. This amount will need to be paid prior to issuance of any team apparel and uniform.**

**The remaining amount of player dues will be due by March 6, 2020**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a member of the board or your class representative.

### **Executive Board – 2019/2020**

President - Nikia Anderson  
Vice President – Billy Hale  
Treasurer – Jennifer Sherlock  
Secretary – Kate Baumann

### **Class Representatives – 2019/2020**

Freshman Class Representative – We need someone as our original volunteer has transferred  
Sophomore Class Representative – Jennifer McBride  
Junior Class Representative – Michelle McCullers  
Senior Class Representative – Keshia Blount



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## Calendar of Events

Please mark your calendar and make note of some important dates for the Wildcat Spring Season.

### Spring Season 2020:

Tryouts: January 20, 2020 (January 21, 2020 if necessary)  
Field Clean Up/Workday: January 18, 2020 (ALL HANDS-ON DECK)  
Sonny's Spirit Night: January 23, 2020 (time to be determined)  
Team Meet/Greet: January 25, 2020  
Team Picture Day: January 30, 2020  
Spring Players Camp: February 8, 2020 (hosted at Bill Bond)  
Spring Coach's Camp: February 15, 2020  
Preseason Games: Week of February 10, 2020  
Opening Week of Regular Season: February 17, 2020  
Teacher Appreciation – March 26, 2020  
Senior Night – April 3, 2020  
Blue/White Night – Students get in Free – April 14, 2020  
Alumni Night – April 16, 2020  
End of Regular Season: April 25, 2020  
District Tournament Begins: April 27, 2020 – Matchups to be announced  
End of Season Celebration - TBD



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