

AUGUST 2006- BARRACUDA BASEBALL NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to a new 2006-07 school year. I want to thank everyone in our Barracuda baseball family for your support. Just a short while ago we were celebrating the success of our past season at a fabulous end of the year banquet. The satisfaction of having witnessed the maturation of our senior class should serve to rejuvenate all of us to crank it up again and provide the leadership and support that has made the Barracuda baseball program a truly significant experience for our student-athletes.

We will continue striving to implement our ambitious plans by providing the best possible venue for our student-athletes to succeed. So with many thanks, I call on each of us to step up and make this season as memorable as the rest.

LATEST FACILITY NEWS “ELECTRIC POWER IS COMING!”

It appears that very shortly we will have what some of us have dreamed about for over five years. POWER. We hope to have things complete soon. With that we will put together a committee to upgrade our concession stand with appliances to make the duties of running the stand much more pleasant and accommodating.

We will also contract an irrigation outfit to bring us our much anticipated infield sprinkler system. Hooray! No more generator. In fact, electric power will allow us to look into the many options we had only seen on the drawing board up to now. Barracuda Field will be our “home away from home”.

As we contemplate other upgrades to the facility, we would like to start a “*Buy a Brick*” program in order to recognize the many wonderful people who have passed through the program. As part of the facelift we began last year with landscaping around the concession building, we would like to enhance the area by constructing a patio built with red brick which individuals, families, and alumni can purchase and have their names or a message engraved. This will form the beginning of a legacy for those who wish to contribute. Look for the order form soon.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We have them for you. The new ‘*Barracuda Diamond Card*’. This discount card is customized for our organization and sells for \$10. We have the exclusive rights to sell it and will earn half of the selling price. We’ve ordered 750 cards and could stand to make over \$3500. Coach Bisceglia will meet with the players as early as this week to begin the program. It will be our focus for the first month of the school year.

Of course, we will outline all our fundraising plans at the first Diamond Club Booster meeting and everything will be posted on the web site. Please visit the website often for all of our important information.

FALL BASEBALL NEWS

After mulling things over to come up with the best situation for our upcoming season, it has been decided that we will have two (2) Under-18 teams and one (1) Under-16 team playing in fall leagues. As new FHSAA rules stipulate, school coaches, including the head coach, may coach a legitimate fall league team that is sanctioned and affiliated with a reputable league. That is now the case. We will field one Under-18 team and one Under-16 team to play in the South Florida Travel League. Games will primarily be played as double-headers on Saturdays at Barracuda Field. That’s a full day of baseball of course, with each team playing two games. The second Under-18 team will be a traveling squad, playing one week night (Tues./Wed./ or Thurs.) and one Saturday game. As was the case last fall, weeknight games will be played primarily at Southwest High or South Dade High. Saturdays could find the team at any of the other 10 sites. These will all be in Miami-Dade however. The coaching staff is currently organizing the final schedules and will determine cost once all the details are finalized. There may be an extra charge for game shirts and hats. All information should be available shortly.

TRYOUTS FOR FALL LEAGUE TEAMS WILL BE SATURDAY- AUGUST 26th - All sophomores, juniors and seniors should report at 9AM. Freshmen report at noon.