



■ As we head toward the winter break, I hope everyone in the Barracuda family will enjoy safe and festive holidays. Our student-athletes should remember the next few weeks of school are as important as all the rest. This year midterm exams will be given immediately upon our return to school in January. Therefore, please don't forget to schedule some quality study time to prepare.

■ The first annual *Barracuda Diamond Classic Golf Tournament* at the Miccosukee Golf & CC was a huge success. As the photographs on our web site can attest, it appeared that everyone involved, including our boosters, had a wonderful time. To have *over 100 participants* for the first year shows the commitment of the Barracuda Family. We hope that this prosperous first event will lead to many more to come. Excellent job by organizer *Tom Prongay*, and the many boosters who solicited all the superb donations. **A great job!!**

■ I would like to thank all those who helped out at the *Homestead Races*, especially all the selfless parents who volunteered. Without your help, an event as big as that could never happen. Also, though we didn't quite reach our target at the *Yard Sale*, it was a very pleasant experience because of the advance planning and early donations. We should be proud as an organization that we can pull off events like that and run them so smoothly.

■ Our last fundraiser for the year will be on **Saturday, Dec. 18-** the *Barracuda Car Wash* at the Texaco station on the corner of Marlin Rd. in Perrine. *Mo Blanco* will distribute the sheet of 9 tickets for all players to sell. If you have not purchased your tickets please contact Coach Bisceglia in the upcoming weeks. Coach will assign players for each shift.

New Yearbook Ad & Sponsorship Form
Be advised that a new form is available on-line. We removed the golf section and added some other pertinent information.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

It was decided at the last booster meeting that proceeds from the car wash will be earmarked for the purchase of *Varsity baseball jackets*. This will initiate a tradition so that all varsity players receive and keep their baseball jackets. Coach Bisceglia is currently investigating a manufacturer who can make the flight satin version of the traditional baseball jacket as worn by the New York Yankees. It will be black with silver and teal trim.

FALL BASEBALL

The fall baseball season will finish with a CABA varsity tournament December 9-13.

12/9-Thursday-5PM @Southridge

12/11-Saturday-10:30AM @ Coral Gables

12/12-Sunday- 1PM @ Southridge

12/13-Monday-7:30 @ Southridge

FIELD MAINTENANCE

As we have reported M-DCPS Grounds Department has agreed to provide us with extensive maintenance help. We will receive the service of the Tru-Green turf specialists getting our field treated for fire ants and weeds. There is a plan to also re-seed or re-sod our outfield once the 2005 season is complete. The grounds service also includes an aeration of the facility. This work should begin very shortly. We will also receive a load of clay.

ELECTRIC SERVICE

Once again we have received a response to our request to install electricity at our field. There are a few issues still to be resolved concerning voltage calculations and structural plans for the installation of light poles at the batting cages. *Randy Flick* will be meeting with school board engineers shortly in an effort to resolve these issues and finalize our permit.

BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

Athletic Director *Maria Siegfried* has agreed to purchase some needed items for our field: two new batting cage nets to help us complete the project; new netting and a vinyl shirt for our on-field batting cage; a new pitcher's L-screen; and 10 dozen game balls.