



Great Oak High School Baseball Program
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Great Oak Baseball Families:

Welcome to the 2020 baseball season at Great Oak High School! I am looking forward to a great year and am extremely excited to be back on the baseball field. 2019 was a memorable year with many accomplishments. The varsity team won its first CIF championship in school history, had its first CIF Player of the Year (Cameron Mabee) and Coach of the Year (Eric Morton), and won the Riverside County Academic Award for having the highest GPA in Riverside County. Our junior varsity and freshman teams also won league titles last year.

Our coaches and players have been hard at work over the last few months and I am really looking forward to what this year will bring for all of our teams. Now that our teams have been selected, all the players will get their spirit pack gear on Wednesday, February 12. I strongly suggest they put their initials or names on all of their gear in case they happen to get “misplaced.”

It has been great getting to know all of our new players and parents and I appreciate all of you who have attended our “Meet the Coach Night” in the PAC and the numerous booster meetings we’ve hosted this fall and winter. Without your support, our program would not be the success it is.

As some of you are aware, we have a new athletic and baseball website. The link is <https://www.gohsathletics.com/gohsbaseball> I especially want to thank alumni parent Kerri Mabee for all the hard work she has put in to make the site look professional. The calendar link on the website has all of our important dates, practices, and games so you can plan ahead. If any dates change, I will be sure to change them on the calendar. I also suggest joining the baseball *Remind 101* app. Once you get the app, enter 81010 for the phone number and text the message @2020gohsb.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February 13th “Meet the Team Night.” It is a great night to meet the coaching staff, all the players in the program, and the other baseball parents. Plus, it’s always exciting to hear the players introduce themselves and their parents. We have a special group of young men in our program. Baseball spirit wear will also be available to purchase at this event.

I also want to touch on a few things about our program. With the support of our parents and booster program, we are able to do a lot for our players and families of the program. We are able to hire quality coaches who are on the field with your sons almost nine months a year. We are able to maintain and upgrade our facilities so the players can play on one of the nicer fields in this area. We don’t have to charge for summer or winter baseball like many other programs around this area. Bottom line is, that whatever we raise during the baseball season helps the program survive for the year. My goal when I started this program 15 years ago has always been for this program to have a “family-like” atmosphere. I love watching our parents come together at different events like the Hit-A-Thon, Mother/Son game, Poker Tournament, and our main fundraiser, the Golf Tournament and Dinner/Auction. This message reaffirms the need for the requested financial support to run the Great Oak High School baseball

program. We have outlined the program needs based on stakeholder input from all player families who attended meetings, ideas generated by the booster officers and our coaching staff. In order to maintain a quality program for your son to participate within, we will raise funds through the following programs:

\$250 Fair Share Donation

All families are requested to make a voluntary \$250 donation. This is equal to or far less than similar fair share requests from other Great Oak student programs. Please make checks payable to GOALS, note baseball, and bring to "Meet the Team Night" on February 13th.

\$200 Auction Dinner Contribution

Our annual auction and dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at Redhawk Country Club. All players are requested to sell \$200 in tickets. More details will be communicated in the near future.

\$50 Hit-A-Thon

Scheduled for March 7th along with our Mother/Son game. Your son is expected to solicit a minimum of \$50 in sponsorships. More details will be communicated in the near future.

In addition to your direct support we also generate funds through the following programs:

- Men's League Baseball
- Golf Tournament
- Baseball Auction
- Poker Tournament
- Banner Sponsorships
- Summer Baseball Camps
- Dinner at local restaurants

We will review the fundraising expectations in greater detail at "Meet the Team Night." Thank you in advance for your continued support of Great Oak Baseball.

Sincerely,

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