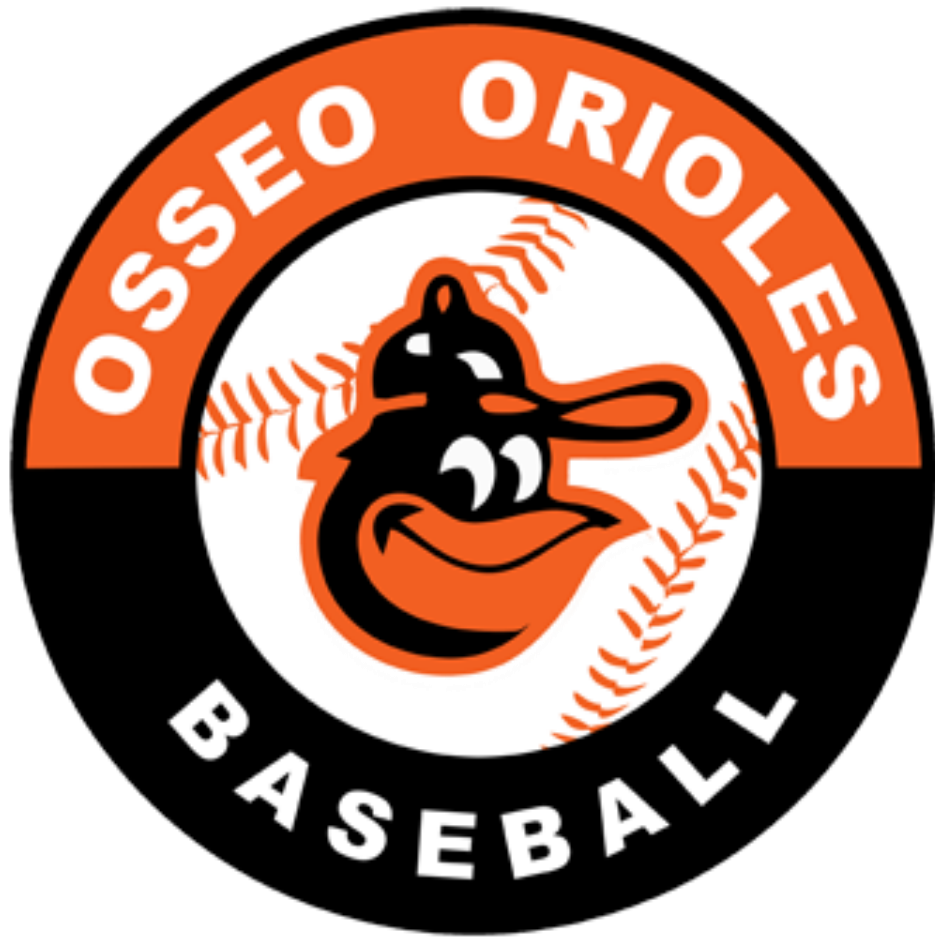


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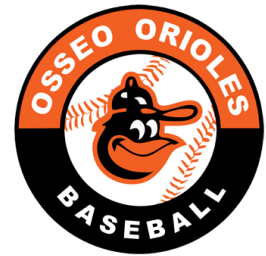
OPENING NIGHT



MARCH 21, 2024

Osseo High School Baseball

2024 OPENING NIGHT



The Osseo Baseball Booster Club is pleased to host Opening Night to formally introduce you to the Osseo baseball program, teams and coaches. Players and parents will get to meet coaches, ask questions and take care of baseball business.

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FORMS

PLAYER CONTRACT	due April 2nd
SALT SALES SHEET & ORDER FORM	due April 15th
HEGGIES SALES SHEET & ORDER FORM	due April 15th

PRE and POST-MEETING STATIONS

Parent Questions, Player Contract, Individual Team meetings (select liaison, gamechanger volunteers)

Player Pack Pickup (Varsity, JV, 10B, 9A)

Pay Player Pack Fee (\$160) and Booster Club Fee (\$150)

Concession Stand, Griller, Scoreboard, and Announcer Sign Up – expectation is a parent or family member for every player should volunteer for 3 shifts during the regular season games.

Review Contact Information

Osseo Baseball Apparel will be available for purchase, if interested

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INTRODUCTION



Congratulations on your player's selection to the 2024 Osseo Baseball Program. We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding experience for all players, parents and fans.

INTRODUCTIONS

COACHES

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| • Varsity Head Coach | Joe Lavin |
| • Varsity Assistant Coach | Matt Contreras |
| • Varsity Assistant Coach | Nat Croaker |
| • JV Head Coach | Sean Minder |
| • JV Assistant Coach | Tim Lavin |
| • Sophomore (10B) Head Coach | Rudy Alexander |
| • Sophomore Assistant Coach | Charlie Thompson |
| • Freshman (9A) Head Coach | Jason Goins |
| • Freshman Assistant Coach | Andrew Lanners |

TEAMS

- Varsity, JV, Sophomore (10B) & Freshman (9A)

OSSEO BASEBALL HANDBOOK

Players and parents should review the Team Handbook and become familiar with team policies, player guidelines and expectations (*see Team Handbook in separate document.*) Must be signed by BOTH player and parent before 1st game.

SUMMER BASEBALL

Osseo baseball currently runs two summer teams for current Osseo baseball players.

- AMERICAN LEGION (Coaches Ben Johnson, Justin Clark): typically Juniors & Seniors (separate tryouts usually in May)
- VFW (Coaches Sean Minder, Tim Lavin): typically Freshman & Sophomores

Osseo Baseball also holds Summer Fundamental Workouts and Strength Conditioning for all players.

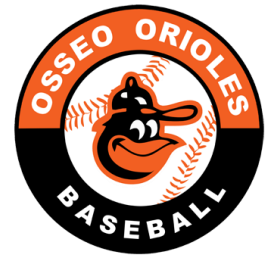
APPAREL

PLAYER PACKS

- Required for the season for a cost of \$160 due on opening night.
 - Includes game cap, practice cap, practice shorts, and practice shirts (long and short sleeve).
 - All players are responsible for supplying their own white game pants with a single thin black piping down the side.
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BOOSTER CLUB



The Osseo Booster Club is made up of parents, fans and coaches and is governed by our mission statement and by-laws. The Booster Club by laws, meeting minutes, board members and committee chairs are available on our website.

BOOSTER CLUB OVERVIEW

BOARD MEMBERS

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| • Head Coach | Joe Lavin |
| • President | Matt Weum (11) |
| • Vice-President | Alan Johnson (11) |
| • Treasurer | Tammy Haag (11) |
| • Secretary | Kris Bohnsack (12) |

GOALS

- Work cooperatively with the coaches, staff, athletic department and players to enrich the participation in the baseball program.
- Facilitate communication and support between parents of the baseball program, and the community.
- Provide the necessary resources, communications and initiatives that will result in a strong baseball program built on tradition and pride.

REACHING OUR GOALS

We reach our goals by leveraging fundraising and volunteer activities to support and improve the program. Monies raised help cover the following costs:

- Assistant coaches' salaries
- Equipment (baseballs, catchers gear, pitching machine, L-screens, etc.)
- Field maintenance (turf repair, sod, Ag-Lime, weed and fertilizer management, etc.)
- Dome fees for winter workouts & spring tryouts
- Facility improvements (paint, bullpens, batting cages, field upgrades such as backstop, batters eye, safety netting, etc.)
- Machine maintenance (infield groomer, lawn mowers, pitching machine, tractor maintenance)
- Subsidize cost of Player Packs
- Subsidize out of town baseball trips

Booster Club Fee

- Required for the season for a cost of \$150 due on opening night.
- Fee is tax deductible, as a donation to a non-profit – we are a 501(c)(3) (EID 90-0738804).
- The fee goes into the general fund with monies from fundraising to help cover expenses associated with reaching our goals listed above.

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Getting Involved



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Attend monthly Booster Club meetings
- Apply for open positions on the Booster Board
- Participate in fundraising activities
- Volunteer for field clean-up or improvement work days and other events
- Chair a committee or be a supporting member
- Work in Concessions/Scoreboard for games
- Assist with special events (Senior Night, Opening Night etc.)

COMMITTEE CHAMPIONS

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| • Banner Sales | Tim and Cheri McHugo (11) |
| • Fundraising | Matt Weum (11) |
| • Apparel | Tammy Haag (11) |
| • Field Maintenance | Joe Lavin, Jim Krzoska (11) |
| • Player Development | Joe Lavin |
| • Concessions | Kim Ordner (10), Lisa Skov (12) |
| • Senior Night | Tammy Haag (11) |
| • Banquet | Matt Weum (11) |
| • Team Liaisons | OPEN (1 parent from each team) |
| • Game Changer | OPEN (1 parent from each team) |

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to a Booster Club Board member.

FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- Water Softener Salt and Heggies Pizza Sales
- Outfield Fence & Backstop Sponsor Banner Sales
- Gerten's Flower Sales (closes 3/28/2024)
- Concession Stand (food, snacks and drink sales)
- Donations
- Cub Bagging
- Chow for Charity Nights with local restaurants
- Pancake Breakfast / Steak Fry
- Golf Event or Other Activities

PLAYER FUNDRAISING EXPECTATIONS

- Raise a minimum of \$250 **profit** through salt & pizza fundraiser (**see separate handouts**).

PARENT FUNDRAISING EXPECTATIONS

- Promote sale of sponsorship banners (see website for current sponsors.)
- Support the efforts of the fundraising committee

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SALT & PIZZA FUNDRAISERS



The Water Softener Salt and Heggies Pizza sale is one of our major fundraisers. Our baseball program would not exist without your fundraising efforts!

GUIDELINES

- Sell as many bags of salt and pizzas as possible between **Friday, March 22nd** and **Monday April 15th**.
- Each player **MUST** sell \$250 worth of **PROFIT** (sell roughly 50 items), or buyout the difference.

ORDERING & PICKUP INSTRUCTIONS

- Use Sales Sheets and Order Forms for both salt and pizza sales.
- Customer payment is required at time of order. If possible, we ask that your customers write a check payable to YOU, and you write ONE check payable to "Osseo Baseball Booster."
- Add up all columns and double check totals and payment.
- Turn in order forms and payment on **Monday, April 15th** to team liaisons, fundraising coordinator or booster club treasurer – additional information will be provided prior to turn in date.
- Do NOT give forms or money to coaches.
- Questions? Contact Matt Weum

WATER SOFTENER SALT

- PICK UP salt orders date is the week of May 13th at Fleet Farm in Brooklyn Park.
- ORDER FORMS will be returned to each player at pick up to confirm orders.
- DELIVER salt and offer to carry the bags into their home and fill their water softener. This "service" is part of the fundraiser and encourages customers to buy again!

HEGGIES PIZZA

- PICKUP date April 29th - OSH. We are using the school freezers.
- ORDER FORMS will be returned to each player at pickup to confirm orders and distribute pizzas.

SELLING GUIDELINES

- INTRODUCE yourself and let your customer know you are with Osseo Baseball.
 - INFORM them that you are fundraising by selling water softener salt and Heggies pizza.
 - SHOW customer the Sales Sheets for types of salt and pizzas.
 - EXPLAIN what this fundraiser helps pay for:
 - Coaches' salaries, equipment and gear
 - Field improvements and maintenance, and equipment/supplies needed
 - Equipment (batting cage netting, hitting screens, baseballs, catcher's gear, etc.)
 - Remind customers of the benefits of purchasing from Osseo Baseball
 - Salt delivered directly to their home and water softener
 - Support of local youth baseball programs
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COMMUNICATION

As a high school sport, communication primarily occurs between the coaches and their PLAYERS. This is a shift from youth athletics where communication primarily occurs between coaches and parents. This puts more responsibility on the players to communicate information with their parents.

However, the Coaches and Booster Club will do our best to communicate important and time-sensitive information to both parents and players in a variety of ways. Please check the following means of communication to receive information.

WEBSITE

OSSEOBASEBALL.COM

- Time-sensitive announcements on home page Facebook feed and Twitter
- Email blasts, sign up to receive these through Sports Engine
- Individual team pages and rosters
- Calendars for games and practices for each team
- DIBS volunteer signups
- Links to Northwest Suburban Conference games/standings
- Booster meeting minutes and information
- Program sponsors and advertisers

TWITTER

@OSSEO_BASEBALL

- Time-sensitive announcements (sent by coaches)
- Receive tweets via text message, by texting "Follow @osseo_baseball" to 40404

FACEBOOK

OSSEOBASEBALL

- Time-sensitive announcements
- Share pictures and baseball information
- Communicate with Osseo baseball fans
- All Facebook posts appear on website home page

EMAIL

- Regular baseball program updates and information from Booster Club
 - Team specific information from your team liaison
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