



# Issaquah High School Baseball FAQ

## Housekeeping

- **Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct** Every year, for each sport, parents are required to sign an Issaquah High School Code of Conduct form. These forms are turned in during Spring Sports Night the first week of March.
- **KingCo Website:** To be current on all game changes it is strongly encouraged that every family signs up for Game Alerts on the KingCo Athletics website. <http://www.kingcoathletics.com>
- **Baseball Uniforms** Baseball team clothing is sold February - March through Kimmel Athletics. Don't overlook the emails warning of the deadline! Team Hats are sold separately once the season starts for \$20 each. Checks are collected at the baseball portion of the Spring Sports Parent Meeting in February for hats.
- **Team Pictures & Issaquah Eagles Baseball Media Guide:** Team and player pictures are taken the first week of March. A beautiful Baseball Media guide is done by **Gameday Media**, free of charge to our teams. The Guide includes team pictures, headshots of each player and the game schedules. Gameday makes their money off the sponsors. Enough Media Guides are produced to give out numerous copies to every family.

## How can parents support I.H.S. Baseball?

- Support your son's efforts in academics. Sports require a lot of time and so does school. Set family benchmarks and encourage time management.
- Respect the Coaches methods of coaching.
- Do not interfere during games by yelling at the Umpires or your player. Your job is not to help win games, but to help your son take away life lessons.
- Attend all games, team and program functions. Parental support is one of the keys of any athlete's success.
- Talk and *listen* to your son about their goals. Don't impose your goals on them.
- Financially support the program's fundraising efforts and the IHS Booster Club.

## Team Building Ideas:

It is up to each team to decide if they want to socialize outside of practices and games.

**Team Dinners** – Historically team dinners have been very successful. Each week, a different family hosts a dinner for the players at their home after practice. These functions have been just for players and are casual. Closer to the end of the season, some teams have held their own **Family BBQ or Dinner** – which is a larger event that takes some coordination by the team.

**Home Run Derby** - Fun after-game activity. Collect about \$20 from each family to pay for beverages and pizza delivery at the field. **TIP:** Arrange for pizza the day before. Pine Lake Pizza offers the lowest price (even better than Papa Johns).



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## **Fundraising:**

The Baseball Program relies on a few annual fundraisers to make the program successful. You will get more information in the future, but here is a look at our fundraisers for 2016. If you would like to be more involved in fundraising and have some ideas, please contact Lida Buckner, [lidaj@mac.com](mailto:lidaj@mac.com). All fundraising donation can be done through the District's Online Payment site. <https://web.issaquah.wednet.edu/touchbase/>

### **Mariners Tickets (March)**

Each year the Mariners organization gives local high schools a chance to play in the High School Baseball Classic at Safeco Field. High school invitations are based on a program's ability to sell an allotted number of tickets to a preselected Mariners game in June. In turn the Mariners make a generous donation back to those high school baseball programs. In order for Issaquah High School Baseball to be able to participate and qualify for the donation, each player, on all three teams, is responsible for selling or purchasing 20 tickets (\$240 value). Players are encouraged to re-sell the tickets in order to recoup the cost. Some families in the past have purchased the tickets and chosen to give them as holiday or birthday gifts. Our baseball program also organizes an option to donate to a non-profit group, which benefits kids and families in the Issaquah area.

The Issaquah team participating in the High School Baseball Classic at Safeco Field is formed with players from the varsity team and some select JV players. Please keep in mind this is a fundraiser for the program. The memorable perk is playing at Safeco. Although not always possible, the program's goal is to give every player in the program the opportunity to play at Safeco during their baseball career at IHS.

The ticket sale donation (\$240) is due not later than March 25. Payments can be done online through the ISD Online Payment Site (click - make a donation), or by check, payable to Issaquah High School, memo: Baseball Mariners Fundraiser.

### **Field Banners**

Baseball field banners offer the perfect outreach opportunity for businesses in the community to support the baseball program. These banners are sold annually and are seen not only during the high school season, but stay up through the summer and fall baseball seasons (more than 150 games) and football season. Banners are taken down in October, cleaned and stored.

### **Baseball Media Guide done by Gameday**

Gameday sells the advertising, produces the IHS Baseball media guide and makes a generous donation to the IHS Baseball program. Player-parent Laura Morimoto works with Gameday to provide player photos, coaches letters and a fun senior player bio. The program includes every team, headshots, rosters and season schedules. The players will be sent in small groups to thank the advertisers once the program is released. Enough media guides are printed for every family to have a stack to share with family and friends.

### **Little League Clinic Day**

The Issaquah Little League is a long time supporter of the high school baseball program. To show thanks for their annual financial donation, the Issaquah Baseball program puts on a training day for the Little Leaguers. All IHS players are required to participate in the clinic. The event is usually held the third week of March from 12pm-2pm. Players are expected to arrive at 11:15am in full uniform and with gloves and stay through 2:15pm. The clinic is applicable for high school volunteer hours.



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## **The Issaquah Booster Club**

The Baseball program encourages all families to be members of the Issaquah High School Booster Club. The booster club supports not only baseball funding requests, but all non-curricular IHS clubs, activities and sports. In 2015, the booster club purchased the pitching machine (\$2,812) currently used by the boys in the new batting cages. They also provide academic scholarships, sports fee scholarships, school social event support, and much more. Issaquah High School Booster Club is a 501(c)3 Tax ID# is 91-1099559. For more information on funding history and impact visit their website: <http://ihsboosters.org/Home>

## **Fundraising Proceeds:**

What do donation dollars benefit? Over the years donation dollars have improved the players' baseball experiences tremendously. The district provides very little funding, mainly enough to cover game balls. We can thank fundraising for the press box, new batting cages, scoreboard, safety nets and so much more. On the horizon the biggest need is a roof and lights for the new batting cages. While plans are still being talked about, the estimate for this project is around \$50,000.

## **End of Year Banquet:**

- **When:** Date set after the Playoffs / State. Usually around 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.
- **Where:** High School Commons, Time TBD – historically 7pm
- **How to Help:** Varsity parents lead this event but they will ask for help from all the parents in the program for food or food costs.
- **Program:** After everyone is settled with food.
  - Coaches recognize their team in a speech and certificates.
  - Members of the team then present their Coaches with a gift and say a few nice words about the coach – personal reflection is nice. Coach Reese speaks after each group presentation.
- **Slide Show (6-10 minutes):** A parent volunteer produces a slide show. They will request pictures from all 3 teams. Each section of the slide show includes a picture of each player with their name as well as a team picture. **TIP:** Select the slide show parent early in the season so they have plenty of time to collect pictures and make the presentation. Parents taking pictures of the games, please share the pictures with the Slide Show parent lead.
- **Coaches Gifts:** Thank you gifts to the coaches are up to each team. Members of the team then present their Coaches with a gift and say a few nice words about the coach – personal reflection is nice.