

# Parent Letter

TO: Greenhill Parents

From: Coach Lowry

RE: Parental Guidelines

Dear parents. It's that time of the year again... baseball season is upon us. Having said that, I just want to give you a few reminders from myself and the other coaches in my program. Baseball is not easy! It is difficult to take a group of young men and develop them into a baseball team. Please don't make it any tougher by making this season a negative experience with your comments or behavior. Win or lose, stay positive. If you are negative about coaches or the team, your son's attitude and body language will reflect that negativity and his playing time may decrease.

Decisions about playing time are among the most difficult choices we coaches make. When concerns arise, help your son learn the value of personal responsibility by encouraging him to ask the coach HIMSELF why he isn't in the lineup. Please don't tell us your son is shy and that you are contacting coaches on his behalf. Our experience tells us that 99% of the time it is YOU who are not happy and not your son. **Please observe the 24 hour rule when you feel that a situation is not to your liking.**

We will sometimes be reminded that we are not using Major League umpires. We will get some good calls and bad calls during this season. If we get "robbed" on some calls, please keep your opinions to yourself. It is the duty of the coaching staff to discuss bad calls with umpires. We do not want to be labeled as "That whiny Greenhill team".

Please resist the temptation to approach the dugout during games *for any reason*. You will have plenty of time to chat with your son after the game. We demand your son's undivided attention during the game...from pre game until after the last out. Please also remember that your son needs to hear your voice offering positive words of encouragement...NOT your opinions about how to "coach them up". Please allow us to coach the players without having to compete with you. **REMEMBER** we all want success for Greenhill athletes.

The last thing I would like to remind you about is that baseball is a very unpredictable season when it comes to the weather. Sometimes it can help us while other times it may inconvenience us. Scheduling is almost impossible sometimes and you have to be very flexible. Please, Please, Please do not schedule spring break trips, senior trips, doctors appointments, or college visits during the season without checking to see what is going on with us first. Remember...this is a class. Don't be the reason your son bails out on his teammates.

Thank you for your support of Hornet baseball!!

Sincerely,

Coach Lowry

