



# SOUTH BASEBALL

*Tradition Never Graduates!*

**Dan Griesbaum,**  
*Head Coach*

**State Champions**  
2001, 2018

**State Runner-Up**  
2014

**State Final Four**  
1987, 1996, 2001,  
2003, 2005, 2014,  
2015, 2018

**State Elite Eight**  
1987, 1992, 1996,  
2001, 2002, 2003,  
2005, 2014, 2015,  
2018, 2019

**State Sweet 16**  
1987, 1992, 1996,  
1997, 1998, 2001,  
2002, 2003, 2005,  
2009, 2012, 2013  
2014, 2015, 2018,  
2019

**District Titles**  
1986, 1987, 1992,  
1994, 1995, 1996,  
1997, 1998, 2001,  
2002, 2003, 2004,  
2005, 2006, 2008,  
2009, 2010, 2011  
2012, 2013, 2014,  
2015, 2016, 2018,  
2019

**Conference Titles**  
1987, 1988, 1992,  
1993, 1997, 1998,  
2001, 2002, 2003,  
2004, 2008, 2010

To: South Baseball Families  
From: Dan Griesbaum  
Re: Fall Baseball  
Date: August 23, 2020

I hope you are all doing well! As we get into the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted to make you aware of some recent developments from the MHSAA as they pertain to athletics in general and South Baseball in particular. As you may have heard, football, (and possibly other fall sports), has been moved to the early spring. We still do not know the status of soccer, girl's swimming, and girl's volleyball.

The MHSAA has said that football and baseball WILL have separate seasons, for the most part, so players will NOT have to choose between the two. We do not know specific dates yet as far as exactly when the seasons will occur, but it looks like football will go first in early spring and baseball will follow. We will definitely be later than our usual mid-March start. Football looks to begin around late February to early March with baseball beginning some time in late April to early May. We have been assured that baseball will NOT go into July but may go later than mid-June with the MHSAA tournament. Our 38 game dates should also not be reduced, according to an MHSAA representative.

Due to the loss of our 2020 season, the MHSAA has now allowed baseball a total of 16 fall practice dates that we can use any time between September 8 and October 31. No games with other schools are allowed during this period. There are also NO restrictions as to how many players we can work with during a particular session. After October 31, we will have to go back to the usual 4-player limit. I want to emphasize that these sessions are NOT mandatory tryouts. If your fall sport is on as scheduled, please continue to do so. You will NOT be punished in any way. Just communicate with us as to your status.

Therefore, what we will be setting up shortly, are specific dates for each grade level to take the field after the traditional school day, around 3:30-5:30, 4:00-6:00. These will begin shortly after September 8. For the most part, we will have 9th, J.V., and Varsity levels come in on separate dates to scrimmage, but it is possible that we can use Elworthy field as well as South. The exact schedule will come out later after conferring with football and possibly other sports, who have the same regulations, so as to not conflict as much as possible.

It has been a very trying time for all of us in the age of COVID-19, but let's all hope that we can begin to return to normalcy as soon as possible. During these practice sessions, we will be following MHSAA guidelines to the letter as to conducting the activities as safely as possible. As I mentioned previously, I will get back to you with more details and a specific schedule after communicating with other coaches, our athletic director Mr. Booth, and the MHSAA.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at: [griesbd@gpschools.org](mailto:griesbd@gpschools.org) or call me at 313-347-3672. I look forward to taking the field with you soon!

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