2024 LANIER BASEBALL

Dear Lanier Parents and Student-Athletes,

Lanier Baseball will start our 2024 season in February. The season consists of practices, 10 regular season games, and concludes with the HISD Middle School Baseball Championship Tournament. The season runs from February through April.

All eligible student-athletes must complete their Aktivate profile (www.registermyathlete.com) before tryouts. If a player makes the team, I ask that he make Lanier Baseball a priority over other extra-curricular activities. With multiple games during the week, it helps to have everyone available when needed.

Tryout Dates:

Friday February 9th Pitcher / Catcher tryouts at Lanier fields 4:15 - 5:45pm.

Monday and Tuesday February 12th & 13th all players at Linkwood Park 4:30 - 6 pm.

Thank you for your interest in Lanier Baseball. Please read through the rest of the baseball packet and complete the google form to register for tryouts.

If you have any questions, please email me at SCABELL@houstonisd.org

Coach Cabell

What to expect this season:

Practices and games will be played Monday – Thursday from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. All games will begin as close to 4:30 as possible; however, we will have at night games due to field availability. These games will have a later start time of 6 pm due to field availability.

Players who make the team will each pay a \$250 fee that will cover field rental, umpire fees, game jersey, cap, socks, belt, game balls, and tournament fees.

Academic Policy

Our first priority is to ensure that each athlete is successful in academics as well as on the field. Student athletes must maintain a grade of 70 or above in each of his classes. Grades below a 70 will result in the no pass / no play rule. If a student fails to maintain a 70 average, he must sit out until the next reporting period grades are available. The athlete should still attend practice but is not able to play in any games.

Athletes can miss practice if they need to go to tutoring or to receive outside academic help; however, the athlete must notify a coach before practice or game time. We also encourage good behavior in the classroom. Unacceptable behavior in the classroom can result in reduction in playing time, suspension from the team, or removal from the team.

Being Late or Missing Practice or Games

Upon making the team, each athlete / parent will be given contact information for the coaches. If a player will be late or miss practice or games, he is responsible for contacting a coach BEFORE the start of scheduled practice or game time. We will use the messaging system SportsYou to communicate when the team is selected.

Playing Time

No athlete is guaranteed playing time during games. Playing time is earned in practice and game performance. Based on the substitution rules, once a player has been substituted for the player cannot come back into the game. We will try to play as many players as possible during our games.

<u>Transportation</u>

As a club sport, the Lanier does not provide bus service to practices or games. Parents must arrange for transportation to and from all activities. We travel for practices and games during

afternoon traffic so delays and being a little late is understandable. Practice / Game times are scheduled Monday - Thursday during the season from February through April from 4:30pm – 6:00 pm. We do not have a designated home field but will use Linkwood Park for practices or opponents team facility for games. The season concludes with the HISD Championship Tournament in mid - April.

Linkwood Field is located at 3699 Norris, Houston, TX 77025.

<u>Fees</u>

Middle school baseball is not funded by HISD or the UIL, therefore Lanier baseball must ask for some assistance from players to keep our program running. The fee will be \$250. The fee will cover field rental, umpire fees, game jersey, cap, socks, belt, game balls, and tournament fees. The fee is only required for those players that make the team.

If there are any questions, please contact Coach Cabell at SCABELL@houstonisd.org