

RAIDER BASEBALL CAMPS

"Developing the Future of Raider Baseball"



October 18, 2011

Dear Raider Baseball Campers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we head into the fall/winter baseball season. No matter the temperature or weather outside, the Raider Baseball Program is always working hard to improve individually and collectively as we look towards another successful season in spring 2012. I hope the beginning of the school year has been smooth and successful for you, and that you understand the importance of doing well in school and being a true *student-athlete*.

Our high school student-athletes are already hard at work both in the classroom and on the baseball field; their dedication and hard work are positive examples for you to emulate as you continue your goal towards one day being a Raider baseball player. Our hard work at the high school paid off last season as the Varsity baseball team at Shaker Heights High School advanced to the Regional Tournament, the *Sweet Sixteen* of Ohio's state baseball tournament. We won four consecutive road playoff games, including defeating the defending Division I state champions, to advance to the *Sweet Sixteen* for the first time in 10 years. I am so proud of the 19 players and 4 other coaches in the Raider Baseball Program as it was a true "team effort" that led to our success.

I also want you to know that you played an important role in our team's success; your attendance at our camps and games helped provide additional motivation and support for our successful season. I hope that our success last season and the proud tradition of nearly 85 years of Raider baseball continue to motivate you to do your best so that one day you might be a member of this proud baseball program.

This letter also serves as an invitation to attend our 6th annual Winter Baseball Camp at which we will focus on *Hitting and Offensive Skills*. Each year, the coaching staff and camp counselors strive to make it a valuable and rewarding experience for campers of all ages and abilities. In fact, nearly 90% of last year's high school Varsity roster at one time attended Raider Baseball Camps. We are proud of the success that our camps have had in creating a knowledgeable and smooth transition from youth/travel baseball to high school baseball, a transition that has resulted in increased success on and off the field.

As we continue to grow at the high school level, so too do our camps develop and evolve to address what we as a high school staff see as the most important fundamentals for the future of our program. Whether you are a returning camper or a first-time attendee, our Winter Baseball Camp will afford you the opportunity for new and continued individual growth in a variety of areas; it is our hope that this individual growth will continue to strengthen the Raider baseball program for years to come.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to stop by and see one of our off-season workouts. I look forward to seeing you at our Winter Baseball Camp or at a Raider baseball event in the near future. Remember, continue doing your best in the classroom and on the athletic field; you are the future of Raider baseball!

Sincerely,

Coach Babinec

Head Baseball Coach
Shaker Heights High School

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WINTER BASEBALL CAMP – HITTING & OFFENSIVE SKILLS

The Raider Baseball Program invites all boys and girls **currently** in grades 1-8 to attend the 6th annual *Winter Baseball Camp & Skill Sessions*. This exciting opportunity allows young players to work with the coaches and current and former players from the Raider Baseball Program to continue their development and improvement as aspiring baseball players.

	<u>MORNING SESSION</u>	<u>AFTERNOON SESSION</u>
Grades:	Grades 1 thru 4	Grades 5 thru 8
Dates:	December 27, 28, 29	December 27, 28, 29
Times:	8:30 – 11:00am	12:00 – 2:30pm
Location:	South Gym – SHHS	South Gym - SHHS
Cost:	\$ 75	\$ 75

Deadline: Registrations are requested by **Friday, December 23, 2011**. Late registrations may be accepted after the deadline or on the first day of camp if open space remains.

Payment Info: See registration/waiver form for payment & payment address information

Camp Staff: The Winter Hitting camp will include the following instructors:

- Michael Babinec – Camp Director & Head Baseball Coach at SHHS
- Members of the Raider Baseball coaching staff
- Former collegiate players from the Raider Baseball program

Activities: The following areas of instruction and activities will be covered during camp:

- Stance and Footwork
- Pre-Swing Movements
- Swing Plane
- Bunting
- Hip Rotation & Weight Transfer
- Base Running
- Individual, Small/Large Group Instruction
- Instructional Videos
- Situational Offense – Individual & Team-Based “Chalk Talk” & Instruction
- Daily Guest Speaker & Daily snack and drink
- Evaluation, Certificate, and Raider Baseball souvenir (last day of camp)

Equipment: Players are responsible for being properly dressed/equipped for camp activities: Suggested clothing and equipment includes athletic pants, indoor sneakers, bat (optional), batting gloves (optional). All other equipment (balls/helmets) will be provided by the Raider Baseball Camp staff.

Refunds: Refunds of any kind (partial or full) will be handled on an individual basis.

Information: Contact Coach Babinec at (216) 295-4703 or via email at babinec_m@shaker.org for more information or to register for camp.

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CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM & WAIVER

Return this registration form, waiver, and payment to the address listed below. Registration and payment are due by **Friday, December 23, 2011**. Late registrations will be accepted with the understanding that those campers may forfeit his/her award and daily snack.

Camper Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Camp Sessions (check one): AM Session (Grades 1-4) PM Session (Grades 5-8)

Emergency Contact 1: _____ Phone () _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____ Phone () _____

Physician Name: _____ Phone () _____

Hospital Choice: _____

Please note any medical concerns, food allergies, or relevant information related to camper named above that may assist the Raider Baseball Camp Staff in making the camp experience rewarding and safe:

Winter Baseball Camp - Waiver Form

The undersigned, as parent or guardian of the child named above (Camper Name), desires that my child participate in the Raider Baseball Winter Camp offered by the Raider Baseball Program; and by execution of this release I agree that my child must abide by the rules of conduct and use of equipment set forth by the coaching staff, and any use of equipment or facilities are for the benefit of my child.

In consideration of the Raider Baseball Program's efforts on my child's behalf, I do hereby voluntarily assume all risk of accident, injury, damage, and/or loss of property which may arise out of my child's participation in the Raider Baseball Winter Camp, hereby intending to release and discharge the Raider Baseball Program and Winter Camp & Skill Sessions and all personnel affiliated with the baseball camp in case of accident, injury, and/or loss of property.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Send signed registration & payment to the following address - cash or check payable to Michael Babinec

*Raider Baseball Winter Camp
4473 Groveland Road
University Heights, Ohio 44118*