

# Baseball / Softball Try-Outs

Try-out guidelines that will be followed when enough 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are available

## 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Baseball

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- Try-outs will be conducted over a 3 day period
- Baseball & Softball only field one team. (A Team)
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders who are evaluated high can be selected over an 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

### Try Out Dates:

- **Baseball**  
Feb 18-20  
5:30p – 7:00p
- **Softball**  
Feb 18-20  
4:00p – 5:30p

Team Selections will be posted on Thursday by 8pm on School Webpage

Both teams will begin practice on Friday 4:00p – 6:00p

## Try Outs

The purpose of tryouts is to fairly evaluate all students' athletes on their talent, sportsmanship and knowledge of the game. All in attendance (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> for baseball / 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> for softball) will be fairly evaluated by using a rating system that will rank each athlete in several categories that pertain to each sport tryout. The date and number of days the tryout will be conducted will be determined by the

published AIAL calendar, Athletic Director and School Principal.

**Categories will be determined by each coach and approved by the Athletic Director for that sport.**

Athletes trying out for each sport must attend all posted tryout dates. Failure to attend all tryout dates will disqualify you from making the final roster for that sport.

Each player will be identified on the field prior to conducting each evaluation. This will help coaches to identify and select players in accordance with their abilities. The worksheet is solely a tool to assist the coaching staff with making final team selections. Team selection results are considered personal in nature and will only be disclosed to St. Matthew School coaching staff and administration.

**Tryout Meeting – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm at St. Matthew New Gymnasium**

## Important Information

- **All physicals must be on file with the Athletic Department no later than 3pm on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.** You will not be able to try out without this on file.
- **Meet or exceed the Student – Parent Handbook minimum academic requirement for eligibility**
  - Must be enrolled in St. Matthew Catholic School
  - Must have a 70 or better cumulative average of all subjects and are not failing more than one subject at progress report grading periods
  - Must maintain 75 or better cumulative average of all subjects and no grade lower than a 70 in any subject at report card grading periods
- **Full commitment to the Team**
  - Baseball / Softball allows the students to be involved with more than the school team. **School team comes first!**
  - A student trying out for Baseball & Softball can also do Track & Golf. But they are unable to do both Baseball / Softball & Tennis.
  - **Leaving early or coming late to practice, missing games, tournaments and team functions because of other sport team's activities will not be allowed and will result in removal from the team.**
- **Sport Fee**
  - Baseball / Softball sports fee of \$150 must be paid by the first game of the season. The sports fees are deducted from your FACTS account with the school.
- **Boys Baseball**
  - **All boys trying out need to be aware that the base paths for the season will be 90ft and the pitching distance is 60'6". Only Bats allowed are -5 Drop or higher.**