

February 8th

MS Softball Parents/Guardians and Players,

Hello Chargers! It is that time of year to start thinking of Spring and the upcoming softball season! The purpose of this letter is to give you some information on the upcoming middle school softball season.

- The middle school head coach this year will be Shannon Inderdahl.
- Please make sure that your child has a valid physical on file for the upcoming season and the online registration filled out.
- Go to the district website to see the scheduled games posted on the “rSchool” calendar.

Practice

- The first practice date will be Monday, April 8 at either the Wittenberg Elementary Gym or at the Wittenberg Village Diamond, depending on the weather. The practice times will be from 3:45-5:30 P.M.
- Practice attendance is mandatory. If your daughter will be absent for any period of practice due to an excused reason, please let their coach know beforehand.
- Players, be sure to always be prepared for practice by having the appropriate clothing and equipment.
 - **Clothing:** I would highly recommend being prepared for all types of weather. Shorts and a t-shirt is fine if it is warm out, but always have a pair of long pants (leggings, sweatpants, etc.) and a long sleeved shirt or sweatshirt just in case the weather changes quickly. A long sleeve shirt will also keep your arm warm and reduce the chance for an injury.
 - **Equipment:** Be sure to bring your cleats for outside practice or tennis shoes for inside practice, glove, facemask, individual water bottle, and any other piece of equipment that will be needed for practices or games.

Transportation

- Bussing will be provided for the players who have to travel from Birnamwood to Wittenberg for practices and games. Players will stay at the Wittenberg

MS/Elementary Commons until the Birnamwood girls arrive, then the players can start to walk as a group to the Wittenberg Village Diamond.

You are welcome to bring your daughter to the Wittenberg Ball Diamond for practice if you choose.

- All players are expected to ride the bus to and from all away competitions. Players may ride home with a parent/guardian if the parent/guardian signs the travel release waiver confirming alternate transportation arrangements in writing. Players are NOT permitted to ride home with another student, sibling or any other person under the age of 18. Exceptions to these transportation procedures can be made upon administrative approval.

Grades

- A middle school student becomes ineligible for participation if he/she receives one or more failing grades during grade checks.
- If an athlete is declared academically ineligible, the athlete has 20 school days to regain eligibility or the athlete will be dismissed for the remainder of the season.

I look forward to watching our middle school girls learn and grow, while participating in the game of softball. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming season please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jladika@wittbirn.k12.wi.us or by cell at 608-434-2758.

Sincerely,

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