



# WALTON BASEBALL 2024 SEASON





# BASEBALL UPDATE



## Varsity Coach Introduction

### Head Coach Shane Amos



-  Coach Amos starting his 38th season
-  36<sup>th</sup> season at Walton
-  466 Career Wins
-  Georgia Dugout Club Hall of Fame Inductee
-  Three GHSA State Championships





# BASEBALL STAFF



## Varsity Coaching staff

Coach Miller – Varsity Pitching Coach

Parker Orr – Varsity Coach

## Junior Varsity Coaching Staff

Austin Driskell – Coach

Pierce Smith – Coach/JV Pitching Coach

Chuck Payton – Coach/JV Pitching Coach

# VARSITY SCHEDULE

- ❖ 30 games (15 non-region/15 region)
  - ❖ Region games: M/W/Th or T/Th/F
- ❖ First Scrimmage Feb 8th at Walton vs N. Forsyth
- ❖ Dugout Club tournament
  - ❖ Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at Lakepoint
- ❖ Games throughout winter & spring break

# JV SCHEDULE

 21 games (20 league, 1 Playoff Game)

 Games during winter break

# IMPORTANT DATES

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# WALTON RAIDER DUGOUT CLUB





# WRDC BOARD



2023 - 2024

- **President:** Mimi Christman (12)
- **Vice President:** Jamie Dastou (11)
- **Treasurer:** Heather Brown (11)
- **Secretary:** Amy Crowell (11)
- **Board Rep:** Kristie Wright (12)
- **Board Rep:** Michelle Reuter (11)
- **Board Rep:** Chris Lucas (10)
- **Board Rep:** Kevin Killimett (10)
- **Board Rep:** Ricky Tse (10)
- **Freshman-at-Large:** TBD

# WALTON RAIDER DUGOUT CLUB

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Walton Raider Dugout Club (WRDC) is a charitable, non-profit, fully recognized 501(c)(3) organization. The WRDC strives to make the most of the high school baseball experience for our players, coaches, and parents while maintaining a level of excellence that is consistent with the reputation of George Walton High School and the rich history of its baseball program.

The success of the WRDC hinges on parent involvement and community support. Since there is no Cobb County athletic funding, the WRDC's fundraising efforts, volunteerism, and sponsorships are essential to provide the financial and organizational assistance needed to maintain a high quality baseball program. Furthermore, the WRDC recognizes the activities and achievements of its teams and players and makes every effort to promote those accomplishments in the community.



# SEASON BUDGET

- ❖ Capital Fund Raising Campaign Season
- ❖ New Field requires more funding than we've had the last 2 seasons
- ❖ Sponsorships opportunities and commemorative bricks
- ❖ Budget generally based on \$1,200-\$1,500 projected annual dues
  - ❖ Amount set to help level costs across seasons
  - ❖ Fundraising each year will impact final dues for that season

# CAPITAL FUND RAISING SEASON

-  Sponsorships
-  Commemorative Bricks
-  Raffle Tickets – Sept/Oct 2023
-  Day at the Yard – Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>
-  Baseball Clinic – Nov 7<sup>th</sup>
-  SnapRaise – Jan/Feb TBD
-  Booster Club

# SPONSORSHIPS

## Sponsorship Incentive Program

### Fall Early Bird

-  \$200 credit towards dues for every \$500 raised

-  Up to \$1000

-  ends Oct 13

### Season Incentive

-  \$100 credit towards dues for every \$500 raised

-  Up to \$1000

-  Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Feb

## Sponsorship Levels and Bricks

<https://waltondugoutclub.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/242925>

# DAY AT THE YARD

- ❖ **Sunday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> @ TBD**
- ❖ **Combination of Auction and HR Competition from the past**
- ❖ **Community event – carnival-like atmosphere**
- ❖ **HR Competition mandatory participation for players trying out in Jan**
- ❖ **BBCOR bats only**

# BASEBALL CLINIC

-  Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ TBD
-  Clinic will be held for Elementary (AM) and Middle School (PM) players at the new field
-  Run by current players and retired professional baseball players
-  Walton alumni/current MLB players will be present to talk with participants
-  More information to come

# PLAYER INCENTIVE – COACH ORR

## Goals – What are we trying to accomplish?

-  Looking to create a fun & competitive environment for Walton Baseball fundraising
-  Prizes (TBD)
-  Weekly updates on social media (IG & X “Twitter”:  
@Walton\_Raiders)
-  Rankings/standings sent out to players
-  Players throughout all grade levels will be grouped together & communicate with one another
  -  Ideal Team: 1-2 Seniors, 2-3 Juniors, 2-3 Sophomores & 3-4 Freshmen
-  Underclassmen will be given a point of contact
-  Raise as much money as possible for Fieldhouse, Player Pack, Turfed Bullpens, Maintenance & Upkeep to “The Yard”,

# PLAYER INCENTIVE – COACH ORR

Sponsorships		
	Rookie – Pavillion Banner	5 points
	Minors – Fence ACM	5 points
	Majors – “Bunt” Fence Banners	8 points
	Majors – “Single” Fence Banners	10 points
	Majors – “Double” Fence Banners	18 points
	All Star – Entrance	20 points
Bricks		
	Standard Brick	2 points
	Premium Brick	4 points
Donations		
	Every \$100 donated	1 point
Raffle Tickets		
	Every 10 Tickets sold	1 point
Pictures/Selfie		
	Future Sponsor/Purchaser of brick/Volunteer Service/At Walton Sporting Event	2 points (each)

# PLAYER INCENTIVE — COACH ORR

## Why is this important?

- ❖ Growth of Walton Raider Baseball Program in the community
- ❖ The purchasing of:
  - ❖ 2 Hack Attack Jr.'s with wheels
  - ❖ Sofa, TVs, stools, etc. in locker rooms
  - ❖ Social Media Software for edits/announcements
  - ❖ FREE GameChanger subscription
  - ❖ And so much more!
- ❖ Builds accountability, teamwork & determination

# INVOLVEMENT/VOLUNTEERS

- ❖ Ten board members
- ❖ Need volunteers for all events
  - ❖ Fundraising – Day at the Yard, sponsorships, bricks
  - ❖ Social Events – First Pitch Banquet, Senior Night, End of Season Banquet
  - ❖ Game Day – Pregame meals, concessions, field maintenance and post-game clean-up
  - ❖ Parade – Float Decoration
- ❖ Each family will be required to volunteer for various events via signup in Toolkit

# FIRST PITCH BANQUET

-  Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Cafeteria (Tentative date)
-  Pay dues, join Booster Club/purchase merchandise, etc
-  Discuss volunteer requirements via Toolkit
-  2024 Varsity and JV team introduction
-  Schedule for Varsity and JV season

# WINTER WORK DAY

## RAIDER MOUNTAIN

- ❖ Tentatively 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 7\*
- ❖ Painting, debris removal, power washing, etc.
- ❖ Sign-Up Genius list circulated
- ❖ JV and varsity players required\*\*

\*Subject to change



# SENIOR NIGHT

-  Date TBD
-  Celebrate 2024 seniors
-  Introduce players and families after game

# END-OF-SEASON BANQUET

-  Varsity & JV teams
-  Date, time and location TBD

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# PLAYER DUES

 2024 dues \*TBD/player for Varsity / JV

 Sponsorship opportunities can offset some of your dues

 First pitch banquet: Pay 2024 dues

**WEBSITE**  
**WALTONBASEBALL.ORG**



**THANK YOU!**

