

Parents of Track and Field Athletes
Manatee High School
2/16/2012

First of all on behalf of the Manatee High School Track and Field Coaching staff, congratulations to your student athlete for making the grade and being selected to the Junior Varsity or Varsity Track and Field Team for 2012. Track and Field demands a rigor and personal excellence that is not present in all sports. We wish them the best of luck and appreciate your support in their endeavors.

SCHEDULE

The Track and Field Schedule is posted on the MHS website under “Athletics” and “Spring Sports” and “Track and Field” or you can go to <http://www.ManateeTrack.com> to seek information. This year we have at least four home meets, including the Freshman/Sophomore Championships and the Varsity County Championships. Additionally, we will compete in Tampa, Orlando, and Charlotte County and Tampa for District and Regional Championships. We hope you will come and cheer your athletes on at all of our meets, but especially at our home meets. Our first home meet is Tuesday, the 21st of February, at the MHS Track. Field events start at 3PM and running starts at 4PM. Come on out and cheer!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we continue in our search for excellence we will be posting most of our information on the Manatee track and field Website. The Team Handbook, required forms, schedule, training advice and loads of information for the parents will be posted as well as the Team Rules for the Athletes. Please visit the website at <http://www.ManateeTrack.com>.

FUNDRAISING

It takes money to support our programs so we can provide the best for the athletes. Unlike other programs we generally do not charge athletes to participate. Football is in the neighborhood of \$200 just to participate. This year we have opted to charge \$30 per athlete or \$50 if you have two athletes participating. If financial ability comes into question please contact one of the coaches. We also operate a concession stand during our home meets. We request your help and involvement in the operation of this fundraising venue. More information will be forthcoming. To help out please contact Mrs. Smith through Coach Smith.

UNIFORMS

Your athlete will be issued a uniform. Please wash these uniforms as per directions (No hot water and No Dryer) and return them at the end of the year. If a uniform is not returned after the season, a card is turned in which holds the student financially responsible and they will not be able to receive their final grade or graduate without replacement or repayment. Please help them help themselves.

If you have any questions we ask that you feel free to contact any of the coaches. Our contact numbers are on the website. Thank you in advance for your support and “GO CANES.”

Coach Mike Smith- Head Coach – Men’s and Women’s Sprints
Coach Dave Pate –Head Coach – Men’s and Women’s HH and IH Hurdles, 400
Coach Rae Ann Darling Reed - Asst Coach – Men’s and Women’s Distance
Coach Tom Beckerleg - Asst Coach - Men’s and Women’s Discus, Shot Put
Coach Domonique Dunbar – Asst Coach – Men’s and Women’s Jumps