

January 1, 2024

Dear Homeschooling Family,

We will be offering boy's baseball again this year, for homeschoolers ages 13 (by December 1, 2023) to 18 (before September 1, 2023)! For boy's baseball this coming spring, 2024 season, we will have a high school team that we will allow some older JH players to participate, as well, depending on numbers.

Due to the nature of "competitive" team sports, it is necessary to practice as a team and to learn technique and important rules of play. A practice schedule and game schedule will be available soon and will be posted on the website at www.faithhomeschool.net, on the calendar page. Our season will begin the first week of March (or shortly after, indoors). Practices will be 2 times during the week, the month of March and once the weather is good enough, we will move outdoors 2-3 times a week, with optional practice on Saturdays. Practices will be held at First Baptist Church (Lapeer) indoors, in March, then North Branch Wesleyan field (North Branch), when the weather breaks. Once games begin in April, we will continue to practice - commitment being about three times a week between practices & games. Games will be in the afternoons and evenings during the week with an occasional Saturday game. The season's games will conclude at the end of May/beginning of June and will conclude with a Spring Sports Awards Program, the beginning of June, where each player will receive a participation certificate. NOTE: We have reserved Jimmy John's Baseball field for a game "under the lights" this year! This will be an exciting event!

We want our teams to feel and look "official" so we will be using team uniforms at all games. Shirts, hats, belts, and socks will be ordered by the F.A.I.T.H. Sports Program and paid for by the player. The player's shirt will have their last name and number printed on them and will be used for consecutive years of play so keep this in mind when ordering sizes! If you played FAITH Baseball in the past, it will not be necessary to purchase the uniform again this year (unless you need a new size, or it was damaged). It is the responsibility of the player to purchase white, full length baseball pants, baseball cleats and their own baseball glove. If you wish to purchase and bring your own bat, please check with your coach for the proper size and weight for the level of play before purchasing. Players will keep their uniform and be responsible for laundering between games.

For a first-year player requiring a full uniform, the total cost is \$455. The uniform will be used for consecutive years of play. For returning players, only the player fee will be incurred unless uniform replacement pieces are ordered. Cost breakdown is as follows:

- Player Fee \$350
- Uniform Jersey Shirt \$60
- Belt \$10
- Hat \$25
- Socks \$10

Our home game field will be at North Branch Wesleyan Church. Away games will be played at the opposing teams' field. It will be the responsibility of the players to obtain transportation to all games and practices. We will be competing against private schools, charter schools, as well as other homeschool groups in the area and surrounding areas (opposing fields are approximately 1-hour from the Lapeer area in distance; not accounting for traffic).

If you wish to allow your child to participate in the spring, 2024 Baseball Season, please fill out the registration form online at our FAITH website www.faithhomeschool.net under the "registration" tab. You may pay via PayPal or Venmo to @faithhomeschool.net or send payment to FAITH's Treasurer, Kim Bolin – 2691 Graham Road, Imlay City, MI 48444 by the deadline of **February 15th** (late registration will be \$25 additional) *Make checks payable to FAITH Homeschool, Inc.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

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