



**PARENT MEETING – BASEBALL 2024**  
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**Junior Varsity – Coach Ryan Kanusky – [kanuskyr@eastonsd.org](mailto:kanuskyr@eastonsd.org)**

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- **Athletic Department Staff:**
- **610-250-2575 Ext. 13000**
- **Athletic Director – Dr. Matthew Baltz**
- **Assistant Athletic Director – Mr. Greg Hess**
- **Assistant Athletic Director – Mrs. Elaine Arnts**
- **Secretaries Mrs. Gretchen Braidon and Mrs. Robin Catalano**
- **Sports Medicine – Ms. Rochelle Gilbert / Omar Mas Vaya**
- **Equipment Manager – Mr. Scott Austin**

**Varsity Baseball Staff 2022:**

**Carm LaDuca – Head Baseball Coach - ESU**

**Greg Hess- Associate Head Baseball Coach – Pitching Coordinator – Team Building – ESU**

**Mike Palos – Assistant Baseball Coach – Hitting/Pitching – Lafayette College**

**Michael LaDuca – Assistant Baseball Coach – First Base Coach / Catchers - Temple University**

**Matt Rusnock – Assistant Baseball Coach – Hitting /Outfield -Bloomsburg**

**Greg Vogel – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach – All Duties - Penn State University**

**Scott Ordway – Assistant Baseball Coach / OF / Hitting / All Duties – Shippensburg University**

**Chris Hess – Assistant Baseball Coach – IF/Hitting – Centenary University**

**Junior Varsity Baseball Staff:**

**Ryan Kanusky – Head Coach - Pitching - Kutztown University**

**Sean Boylan – Assistant JV Coach – Misericordia University**

**Alex Cameron – Assistant JV Coach – EAHS Baseball Alumni 2021**

**Junior High Baseball Staff:**

**Ryan Miller – Head Coach – 2006 EAHS Graduate - Baseball**

**Ryan Klippahn – Assistant Coach – 2006 EAHS Graduate - Baseball**

**Dan Eckel – Assistant Coach – 2010 EAHS Graduate – Baseball**

### Program Information:

- Program – 277– 188 over 21-year period.
- 2016 – District 11 Champions
- 2015 District 11 Runner-up
- 2010 League Champions.
- 124 – 71 since 2014 – 2020 excluded. - No games Covid
- 2018 Steel Division Champions
- 2018 EPC League Championship Runner Up
- 2016 Steel Division Champions
- 2016 District XI Champions
- 2016 PIAA State Playoff Quarterfinalist - Final 8 in 6A Playoffs
  
- Philosophy – To establish a yearly winning tradition that results in competing for EPC League and District 11 Titles and teaches life skills and teamwork.
- Provides support system academically to help all our players attain a college education if they so desire and to help communicate with college baseball coaches for our players who desire to play college baseball!
- 16 players currently playing College Ball. Facts - Less than three in 50, or about 5.6 percent, of high school senior boys' interscholastic baseball players will go on to play men's baseball at a NCAA member institution. Only 4.1% will play for 4 years and only 2.9% will ever start a game for their institution. The NCAA reports that only about 1.3% of students receive full or partial athletic scholarships.
- Provide Community Service opportunities for our team to help people in need and those who need our support!
- Teach the mechanics of baseball.
- Teach the mental side of the game.
- Teach a respect for the game and all that surrounds it.
- Focus on Teamwork and Team building skills. Character Building activities!
- Show respect for opponents, umpires, and show class.
- Represent Easton Area High School with pride!
- ACADEMICS are first!
- Promote a disciplined team with good character.
- Give our kids the best that we can! Diamond Club!

### Tryouts:

- EAHS – Parking Lots/ Gyms/ Turf Field / Baseball Fields Times (3-9pm)
- First Day of Practice PIAA - Monday - March 4, 2024 for Varsity and JV
- Practice schedule done weekly – due to weather and facility availability
- Junior High will need to listen to announcements for practice times and check Twitter and website as well!

- Spike and Turf packages will be offered – Mandatory for Varsity  
Color of spikes should be red or black in nature at the JV/ Freshmen level – helmets must be white Varsity and will be offered to purchase. JV and Freshmen – Matte Red
- What position should I tryout for?
- Be versatile. Be a BALLPLAYER. Avoid thinking you are only a shortstop or centerfielder. We believe there is a difference in ability between corner outfielders and centerfielders and corner infielders and middle infielders. Show multiple position ability if you can.
- How well do you run, hit, and throw?
- What are the coaches looking for?
- There are many factors that affect the selection process. The following list gives you a better understanding of what the coaches are looking for:
  - be a team player
  - be competitive
  - be a leader
  - be coachable
  - be a good decision maker
  - be dedicated
  - have baseball intelligence and instincts (pay attention to how the game is played)
  - handle adversity in a positive way
  - use positive body language
  - be a solid student
  - be organized (pay attention to announcements for you and your parents)
  - understand that on time is early
  - Communicate with your coaches – YOU – Not your parents! You are in High school now!
  - realize that everything counts, your habits determine your success, and you determine your habits
  - hustle, hustle, hustle
- Players will be judged on their skills over a fair period of time in this process. Coaches will be watching carefully all of the aspects on the previous slides. Meetings will be held daily to share the evaluations of the players. This will not be a time of teaching; it is a time of evaluation.
- Coaches build their teams based on players who can do certain things.
- A player may make the team for example who can run well.  
Speed, Power, Defensive Abilities, Offensive Abilities, Pitchers, Catchers all provide different skills and a balance of those areas create the best teams. The unknown is team chemistry and attitude and coachability play into this also. This may be the most important part of a team's success!

- A player in grades 9-12 is eligible to play Varsity or JV Baseball
- Grade 11 players at times will be asked to play JV if their development is improved by the assignment.....they may be rostered to the Varsity team at any time during the year. There are no restrictions on V/JV moving up or down.
- Seniors must make the varsity team and will not play JV baseball.
- Grade 8-9 players who play Junior High are not eligible to move up during the year due to PIAA rule once rostered at that level.
- All players will try out with grade level unless directed by the Varsity coaching staff.
- All days of release from the tryouts will be done in a face-to-face manner as to talk with the player and explain why they did not make the team and what it is they can do to improve future chances. Many players have improved dramatically over grade levels and others don't work as hard and year to year rosters can look different!

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Cooperstown Trip – May 10-12,2024 (West Chester East)
2. Phillipsburg and Nazareth Games
3. AppRabbit – will be operational in next few weeks!
4. X (Twitter) @roverbaseball and website [www.roverbaseball.com](http://www.roverbaseball.com)
5. Fundraising – Uniforms, Camo Hats and Shirts- Military Day, Black Uniforms 2023, Hats, Bullpen Net and Radar Gun, Senior Gifts and Picnic, Some Cooperstown Expenses shared with parents, Locker Tags, Uniform Bins and Storage, Website Domain name, access, and Upkeep fee per year, Next Level Lineups Program, Press Box Heaters, Shed , Gipper Technology for Twitter and website, Protective Insurance – Diamond Club, Coaches Insider Subscription, Trophies and Plaques Senior Gifts, Batting Mats, Practice Baseballs, Pitching Training Balls, Graphics in Dugouts, and other miscellaneous items throughout the year.
6. Rapsodo Computerized Program /Camera for Hitting and Pitching \$7500 purchase State of the art analytics used by colleges and professional teams. Yearly Subscription \$1500.

**Blast Fundraiser / Donut Sale and Car Wash will be key fundraisers this year...**

**First Pitch Banquet – Tentative March 18, 2024 – Details to follow.....**

**Schedules posted on EASD Website under Athletics**

**Questions to Levels – Coaches by levels.....**

