

Dear Wellesley HS Baseball,

I wanted to take a brief minute and introduce myself. My name is Ted Novio and I am the new Varsity Baseball Coach of the Wellesley Raiders. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet each of you, maybe at a Diamond Club event or meeting, as we approach the upcoming season. Just a few things about me:

Probably the most important thing to know about me is that I absolutely love this game. I've given my life to baseball, having played from Little League in Braintree and through college at the University of Maine, where I was fortunate enough to play on a top 20 team nationally each year. Subsequently, I have been coaching at many levels over the past 32 years. After graduation, I began at Massasoit Community College but quickly returned to my alma mater, joining the University of Maine staff for five years while I completed my master's degree in Education. During that time, I also coached in the Cape Cod League and overseas with Major League Baseball International. For the past 20 plus years, I have been coaching travel baseball including the past 17 years with the New England Ruffnecks where I am also an administrator.

After all these years, the game still has the capacity to thrill and awe me. I hope to instill some of that passion, respect and enthusiasm in our program. I have many goals for the program, some of which I have already shared with the players when I met them in December. First and foremost, we will respect our opponent, the officials, our teammates, and most of all the game of baseball. We're going to work hard and we will give our school, our team, and our community everything we've got. If we do those things, I believe success will follow.

As you probably know, tryouts will be March 18-20 and I aim to have the roster shortly after. We are currently working each day to fill the schedule to the 20 game regular season max. At this time we have 18 games scheduled (13 league games and 5 non-league). I am hoping to have the final 2 games scheduled in the coming weeks. We will be playing during school vacation week, April 15 -19; there are at least two games scheduled during that week and players should expect to practice on the non-game days.

Wellesley Baseball has a rich history, in no small part thanks to supporters like you. The support of the parents and boosters has led to decades of success on and off the diamond for the teams and individual players of the program. It will take a collective effort from everyone including coaches, players, and families to make this a success. I am eager and excited to extend that partnership for many years to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will do everything I can to get back to you in a timely fashion.

Thank you very much,

Ted Novio
Wellesley HS Varsity Baseball Coach