



## Lutheran-Prairie Parent/Athlete Information

### Coaching staff

Jeff Wilson, head coach (jwilson@prairieschool.com; cell: 262-498-6300)  
Adam Schmidt, varsity assistant/hitting coach (schmidty2832@gmail.com)  
Lee Jaramillo, varsity assistant (lee@northterra.com)  
Bill Sweetman, JV head coach (bill@bsweetmanins.com)  
David Reske, JV assistant coach (david.reske@marquette.edu)

### Important dates

3/16 - 3/20 Pitchers & catchers practice (voluntary); @Prairie fieldhouse, 5:15-6:45  
3/21: Simmons Field (Kenosha) cleanup (varsity/seniors/juniors), 10:00-noon  
3/23: First full team practice; meet @ Prairie fieldhouse classroom, 5:15-7:00  
4/2: First varsity game, @ Kenosha Christian Life/Simmons Field, 4:30

### Player expectations/rules

- Practices are mandatory. A coach must be notified if player will miss practice.
- Players must treat teammates, coaches, umpires, teachers, and opponents with respect. Good sportsmanship is required at all times, regardless of opponents' actions or difficult situations.
- Players must take ownership-level pride and care of all facilities and team equipment, including city baseball fields, Prairie fieldhouse/soccer field, and all visiting fields.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco (including chewing tobacco and vaping equipment) or illegal substances is strictly prohibited. Each school's guidebook regarding penalties/infractions will be followed.
- Bullying, hazing, and harassing behavior (physical and/or verbal) toward teammates, classmates, or others is strictly prohibited and are grounds for immediate dismissal from the team.
- Players must attend a full day of school on the day of a practice or game to participate. If tardy for an excused reason (doctor appointment, college visit, etc.), see the AD.
- Players must be academically eligible per their school's requirements.

### Notifications

Spring game and practice schedules can be a challenge because of weather. Players will be texted if schedules change, and schools will make announcements.

Parents: Go to the Metro Classic site for either school ([www.metroclassicwi.org/public/genie/449/school/9/](http://www.metroclassicwi.org/public/genie/449/school/9/)). From there you'll see weekly schedules. On the right of the page is a tab that allows you to sign up for notifications. Do this and you'll receive texts/emails as soon as schedules change. This page also includes practice schedules. You can also follow LP Baseball's Twitter page (@LutheranPrairie) for updated practice and game information.

## **Uniform/equipment**

- The team issues jerseys and pants: Players are expected to care for them and keep them clean. Players may buy their own pants (any brand) — they must be gray with navy side piping (varsity) or black piping (JV). Caps are provided for purchase (\$20).
- Players must supply (navy for varsity; black for JV): Socks (no visible logos); Baseball belt (adjustable/elastic); undershirts (long- and short-sleeve; no visible lettering or patterns). Arm compression sleeves must be plain navy/black (no lettering/patterns).
- Practice: Pants, not shorts (baseball pants, sweatpants, or windpants); cap, and a shirt (no sleeveless; shirts may not have alcohol, tobacco, or political slogans or logos). Always bring outdoor gear (long sleeves/jacket/sweatshirt/hoodie). Have dry shoes for practice indoors at Prairie, and non-spiked shoes to wear on artificial turf.
- Spikes: Varsity plays on artificial turf fields several times; some don't allow steel spikes. Have both steel and turf/plastic cleats with you.
- Bats: Must have BBCOR stamp, with a weight drop of -3 (no -5 or -7 bats allowed).
- Helmets: We have team helmets, but many players opt to buy their own. These must be navy (varsity) or black (JV). We'll provide an LP sticker for varsity players.

## **Varsity/JV and playing time**

Lutheran-Prairie is a no-cut program. However, there are no guarantees of being placed on varsity, of playing time, or lettering. Juniors and seniors are not guaranteed a varsity spot. Playing time will vary based on playing ability, game situations, positional needs, and attitude/effort. All players will not play every game; some players will see limited roles.

## **Parent rules/requirements**

- Parents are not allowed in dugout/bench areas (other than responding to an injury). Parents are not allowed in areas where athletes are practicing, meeting, or warming up. Once an athlete arrives at the field, other than cheering or a simple greeting, please do not talk to, give signs to, or offer coaching advice to any player. This includes approaching the bench/dugout area to communicate with players.
- Practices will end promptly at their designated times (7:00 unless otherwise specified). There's no need for players to call/text when practice is done. Please pick up athletes promptly at the end of practice (usually Door 1 at the fieldhouse).
- Please do not criticize umpires or players of either team, and be respectful of opponents and their parents/fans.
- Feel free to talk to or ask questions of the coaching staff. If you have a concern or grievance, we ask that you adhere to the 24-hour rule. If you wish to request a formal meeting, the player and a minimum of two coaches will also attend. Playing time will not be discussed with parents, nor will other players' skills or situations.

We're all looking forward to a fun season—and fun should be what high school sports are all about. Welcome back to baseball, and to new players/parents, welcome to the Lutheran-Prairie family!

*Coach Wilson, Coach Schmidt, Coach Jaramillo, Coach Sweetman, Coach Reske*

