

# LANCASTER GOLDEN GALES BASEBALL



Welcome to the 2022-23 baseball season! In an effort to assist our student-athletes, we are holding an online donation drive! Our team goal will be to raise \$10,000. This funding is essential to the growth of our program, our student-athletes, and ultimately our community. The proceeding illustrates a few of the items we were able to purchase last season through the generosity of our sponsors:

- 50 Brand new Junior Varsity & Freshmen uniforms
- Team Posters & Awards at end of year Banquet
- Baseball Equipment (Grades 7-12)
- Dan Carson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)
- 45 books for Team Book Study (Legacy, James Kerr)

## **About the Lancaster Gales Baseball Team**

We went into last season with a lot of returners from a district title winning team that finished 25-6. We had an outstanding Senior class that played together as a family. We faced some adversity during our season losing the reigning conference player of the year for the season after just five games. We stayed together, made strides & would finish with an outstanding 21-6 record. We lost a heartbreaker in extra innings in the District final to the eventual State Runner up, Grove City. Over the last four years, Gales Baseball has went 92-26 winning four straight OCC titles and three of four District titles. As a whole, the program consists of around 50 families, varying each year to some degree. The program's primary focus is giving 100% in each aspect of life. We discuss how 'Excellence' is a lifestyle, not an event. We want our players to ultimately become great members of our community. While winning games is enjoyable, our main focus is on developing leaders and young men. We do this in numerous ways:

- **Book Study**
  - Each year, we choose a book to read as a team through the winter
  - We will have weekly readings and discussions and how that pertains to us as a baseball team and the individual student-athlete's life
- **Giving Back**
  - LHS Adopt-A-Family- Juniors & Seniors each receive a family to shop for at Christmas
  - No Shave November- Each team member will not shave for the entire month to raise money for a local family in need. Gift Card Christmas Tree!
- **Leadership Team**
  - Players will fill out an application to be on Leadership Team
  - Leadership team members will be selected based on application, interview, and teammate recommendations
  - Weekly meetings with Coach Conn during the season to discuss state of program and leadership examples in the news
- **Gales21**
  - From Jon Gordon's *Hard Hat 21*, players give presentation on 21 ways to be a great teammate
  - Upperclassmen will draw from a hat one characteristic (of 21) of a great teammate
  - Will create & give a presentation based on that characteristic using own experiences

## **Coaches Comments**

Our goal is to make the upcoming season the best yet. This will be my 11<sup>th</sup> year as head coach of the Lancaster Gales Baseball program. I want to leave an impact on our players and provide them with the very best experiences. From going on spring trips, holding 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch Dinners with the community, to having the very best equipment, I want to create, run, and sustain a 1<sup>st</sup> rate program. My goal is to create a program that the entire community can be proud of.

You will play a pivotal role in allowing us to create lifelong experiences that our student-athletes will never forget. Thank you for your time and consideration.