# STMA Middle School Fastpitch Softball

Welcome to Girls Middle School Softball. Here is some important info as we begin our season.

**Practices:** Practices will begin on Monday, March 31st. Softball normally practices and/or plays Monday-Thursday each week, but could go on Fridays due to weather cancellations. All practice times are from 3:30-5:00. All athletes <u>MUST</u> be picked up by 5:15.

**Teams:** There will be an A team and a B team for each grade level, depending on player registration. Teams are made up of players from both middle schools (East and West) and St,. Michael Catholic School. If we do not have enough players for four teams we will combine grades and make one A team and one B team.

**Games:** Home games are played at the STMA Middle School East fields. Away games are usually at middle schools, but sometimes they are at different locations. The game times and locations are listed on <a href="www.mississippi8.org">www.mississippi8.org</a>. Please check this site for the most up-to-date schedule. Most game days will consist of two separate five-inning games (one "A" game and one "B" game) with one-hour time limit for each game. Typically, "A" teams play first on Mondays and Tuesdays, and "B" teams play first on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Players must be present before the start of the first game (the team playing second will warm-up during the first game). On the days your team plays first, you may ride home with a parent provided you have an email on file with the middle school athletic director, Molly Lindquist (<a href="mailto:mollyli@mystma.org">mollyli@mystma.org</a>) granting your parent's permission to leave. On game days, you must also sign out with a coach before leaving.

**Equipment/Lockers:** The school will provide uniform pants (or you can use your own gray pants). Returning 8th graders will use their jerseys from last year. If you played last year and misplaced your jersey, another one can be purchased for \$15. If it is your first year, you will receive a jersey. 7th graders, the cost is factored in as part of your activity fee.

Each player is responsible for their own cleats, gloves, belt (royal blue), and socks (royal blue). Players should wear softball pants to practices. Additionally, all players need to have warm clothes to practice in. The weather changes quickly this time of year, and you must be prepared to go outside every day. Lockers at MS East will be provided for players from MS West/St. Michael Catholic School. Girls from East will use their normal physical education lockers or will be issued a locker for the season.

## **Player Expectations:**

- Be on time to all practices and games.
- Be prepared to practice, compete, and get better every day.
- Respect teammates, coaches, adults, umpires, opponents, and equipment.
- Be responsible with your academics (You need passing grades to be eligible to play).
- Respect the decisions of your fellow players and coaches.
- Have fun!

**Attendance:** Attendance is required at every practice in order to compete in the games. Contact your coach ahead of time if you will miss practice. One unexcused absence will result in a loss of playing time in the following game. A second unexcused absence will result in additional loss of playing time for the following game. A third unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team.

Let's have a great season!

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## 2025 STMA Softball Schedule (as of March 18th)

## Wednesday, March 19th

3:10 organizational meetings in the MSE and MSW cafeterias after school until 3:30pm.

## Monday, March 31st

3:30-5:00 First day of practice at MSE.

## Thursday, April 17th

4:30 STMA at Princeton Middle School, B game first, A game at approx. 5:30.

East: Bus leaves 3:20 West: Bus leaves 3:30

#### Monday, April 21st

4:15 Home vs. Buffalo at MSE Field 12, A game first, B game at approx. 5:15.

## Tuesday, April 22nd

4:15 STMA at Becker High School, A game first, B game at approx. 5:15.

East: Bus leaves 3:10 West: Bus leaves 3:20

## Thursday, April 24th

4:15 Home vs. Big Lake at MSE Field 12, B game first, A game at approx. 5:15.

#### Monday, April 28th

4:30 Home vs. North Branch at MSE Field 12, A game first, B game at approx. 5:30.

#### Tuesday, April 29th

4:30 Home vs. Zimmerman at MSE Field 12, A game first, B game at approx. 5:30.

## Monday, May 5th

4:30 Home vs. Princeton at MSE, A game first, B game at approx. 5:30.

#### Tuesday, May 6th

4:00 STMA at Buffalo Community Middle School, A game first, B game at approx. 5:00.

East: Dismissal 2:55, Bus leaves 3:10 West: No early dismissal, Bus leaves 3:20

## Thursday, May 8th

4:15 Home vs. Becker at MSE Field 12, B game first, A game at approx. 5:15.

## Monday, May 12th

4:15 STMA at Big Lake High School, A game first, B game at approx. 5:15.

East: Bus leaves 3:20 West: Bus leaves 3:30

#### Tuesday, May 13th

4:30 STMA at North Branch, A game first, B game at approx. 5:30.

East: Dismissal 2:45, Bus leaves 2:55 West: Dismissal 2:30, Bus leaves 2:45

#### Thursday, May 15th

4:30 STMA at Zimmerman Middle & High School, B game first, A game at approx. 5:30.

East: Bus leaves 3:30 West: Bus leaves 3:20