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**Richmond County  
Baseball Club**

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# RCBC Newsletter

IF YOU LOVE BASEBALL, WE ARE FRIENDS....

IF YOU LOVE RCBC, WE ARE FAMILY

Baseball and family....they go together like a 6-4-3 double play win to end a championship game.

FAMILY: A group consisting of parents and children living together in a household.

RCBC: A group consisting of coaches and players living together at the baseball field.

At Richmond County Baseball, the message we want to deliver each and every day is "we are family." That phrase goes both ways - it starts at the program level and ends at the families that play for us. What I'm trying to say is it's a two way street. Without the cooperation from the players and their families, we just become another ball club.

This year marks 13 years as a program. We want to continue to get better each year and to do that, we need the full cooperation of our families. We ask you to support our ideas, to cooperate with your son's coach and to make the season a fun-filled and great experience.

We are holding meetings and clinics with our coaches to help them become better coaches and mentors.

We are creating better competition for our teams by partnering with Perfect Game and hosting tournaments here on Staten Island; offering teams from all around the county to come here to play at RCBC.

George and I can't wait to give out fresh new uniforms. We can't wait to get out on the field and start coaching. We can't wait to start grooming the fields. It's what we love to do and we are looking forward to doing it. Get excited; baseball season is just around the corner.

I'll leave you with this message.....there comes a point when teammates become friends and when friends become FAMILY.

Thanks, Coach DeFendis

*"Every day is a new way for you to make a difference"*

## New Year Reminders

Your 2017 registration fee is due now. If paying by check, make out to RCBC and mail to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. If paying by credit card, use the authorization form on the RCBC website.

Your coach will also advise you regarding any additional tournament or league registration fees.

Uniform orders must be submitted online by February 7.

Reminder that RCBC has a batting helmet standard. All helmets must be royal blue and carry the RC decal.

You can purchase an excellent Marucci helmet via our online store at the RCBC member discount price.

Players can also purchase their own as long as it conforms to our standard. RC decals will be supplied.

## Our 2017 Lineup

In 2017, RCBC will feature 16 teams, ranging in age from 8 through 18. We also welcome several new coaches as well as many new players to the organization. Here's our lineup for 2017:

8U Nationals - Joe Rubino  
 9U Nationals - Mike Grippo  
 11U Americans - Paul Marco  
 11U Nationals - George Quinn  
 12U Americans - George Quinn  
 12U Nationals - Rob Salafia  
 13U Americans - Peter Malvasio  
 13U Nationals - Steve Alonso  
 13U Royals - Angelo DeFilippis  
 14U Americans - Albert Cordero  
 14U Nationals - Justin Doyle  
 15U Nationals NJ - Rocco LaVista  
 16U Americans - Joe Stauffer  
 16U Nationals - Nick DeFendis  
 17U Nationals - Gerard Tingos  
 18U Seniors - To Be Announced

Please extend a warm welcome to the new coaches, players and their families. Just more examples of why Richmond County Baseball is the place to be!



## RCBC Communication Channels

Welcome to the 2017 season of the Richmond County Baseball Club, the finest developmental and competitive youth baseball program in the area. You are part of an elite group of players and families, and an 12 year tradition of teamwork, sportsmanship and excellence on the ball field. Here are all the ways you can stay in touch with what's going on in our program.

**Email** - Emails are sent out to members via our vendor Constant Contact to communicate announcements and upcoming events. Please make sure we have your correct email address. If you want to add an additional email address, contact [jim@rcbclub.com](mailto:jim@rcbclub.com).

**Our websites** - bookmark and check regularly

- Richmond County Baseball Club - [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)
- Richmond County Tournaments - [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com)
- Richmond County Patriot League - [www.rcpatriotleague.com](http://www.rcpatriotleague.com)
- Richmond County Showcase Camps - [www.rcshowcasecamps.com](http://www.rcshowcasecamps.com)

**Our Facebook pages** -

- Richmond County Baseball Club - [www.facebook.com/rcbaseball](http://www.facebook.com/rcbaseball)
- Richmond County Tournaments - [www.facebook.com/rctournaments](http://www.facebook.com/rctournaments)

**RCBC on Instagram** - [www.instagram.com/rcbaseballclub](http://www.instagram.com/rcbaseballclub)

**Coach DeFendis on Twitter** - [www.twitter.com/nickdefendis](http://www.twitter.com/nickdefendis)

**Our monthly Newsletter** - Published each month and emailed to all members and posted on the RCBC website under RCBC In The News.

**Text message alerts** - Important messages sent directly to your cell phone using the *RainedOut* messaging system. To subscribe, text 84483 and enter RCBC2017 in the message field.

Thank you again for your confidence and trust in Richmond County Baseball. We look forward to a great 2017 season.



### New Uniforms For 2017

RCBC teams will be sporting new uniforms from Marucci Sports this year. These new uniforms reflect both a stylish and professional look.

Teams in ages 13U-17U will get all 3 jerseys while players in ages 8U-12U will get the royal blue and white. The jerseys will be paired with white pants with royal blue piping and a royal blue cap.

Orders must be submitted online by February 7.

Wear your RCBC colors proud!



## RCBC Players Off To College

Congrats to the following RCBC players who have gone onto or committed to college in the past year.

Player	School
Jamie Bavaro	Desales University
John Michael Bini	Grove City College
Chris Ciancimino	FDU Madison
Vincent Criscuolo	College of Staten Island
Ricky DeVito	Seton Hall
Chris DiDomenico	FDU Madison
Michael Fidanza	Kean
Mike Flynn	Ramapo
Kevin Galyas	FDU Madison
Christopher Hess	Kean
Nicholas LePre	Wagner College
Gary Otten	NJIT
Philip Russo	Maritime
Dan Ryan	Fairfield
Vincent Zappulla	Merrimack
Travis Zurita	West Point

Note: Many other players are considering several opportunities and are currently undecided.



**Special Promotion For RCBC Members**

# **West Point Tour & Baseball Clinic**

**Saturday, February 11**

**11 am – Meet at RC Complex; depart  
by bus**

**2-3:30 - West Point tour**

**3:30 - Q&A with coaches and players**

**4-7:30 - Baseball Clinic**

**7:30 - Depart for Staten Island**

**Includes transportation,  
lunch, clinic and tour**

**Go to [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com) to register**

## 2017 College Showcase Dates Announced



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Our 5th annual College Showcase Camp**

**August 15-16, 2017**

**Last year, over 20 schools participated**

**For additional information,  
contact Showcase Director Frank Esposito  
347-938-1093, [frank@rcbclub.com](mailto:frank@rcbclub.com)**



## Marucci Online Store



RCBC teams up with Marucci Sports, manufacturer of high quality baseball equipment and apparel, and the #1 bat in all of MLB.

RCBC members now get special pricing on all Marucci products including metal and wood bats, gloves, bags, protective gear and apparel.

To order, go to the new Marucci online store via the link on the RCBC website ([www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)) and enter the special member promo code.

