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RCBC Newsletter

RCBC Announces New Service In Partnership With CAS



RCBC in conjunction with College Advising Solutions (CAS) announced the launch of a dedicated College Advising Program (CAP) exclusively for RCBC members in grades 8 through 12. CAS will provide a holistic college education preparation service providing support to both students and parents. The CAP Program will guide students according to their current grade, addressing alternative but supportive topics that prepare students for high school, college life and beyond. It will also guide parents toward making the best college investment for their child. Customized packages will also be available to students/parents who require more extensive support. Participants will need to establish a Twitter account to receive the personalized content. Stay tuned for additional information as the Program launches in February.

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

IF YOU LOVE RCBC, WE ARE FAMILY

Happy New Year to all. My traditional start of the year welcome letter. 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.

A special RCBC welcome to the newest members of our family, including 2 new teams - the 14U Royals coached by Anthony Sorrentino and the 8U Americans coached by Gene Ruggiero. 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.

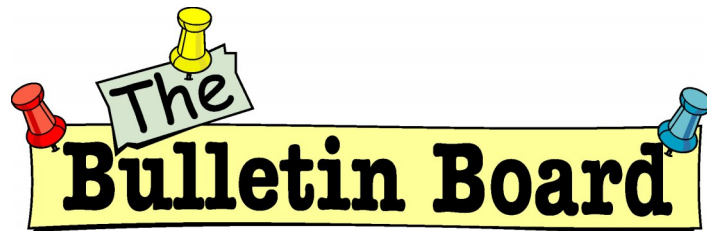
This year marks 16 years as a program. We want to continue to get better each year and to do that, we need the full cooperation of our families. We ask you to support our ideas, to cooperate with your son's coach and to make the season a fun-filled and great experience.

We are holding meetings and clinics with our coaches to help them become better coaches and mentors. Our Winter Workouts are in full swing. We continue to create better competition for our teams via our partnership 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 Marucci 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.

Coach Nick DeFendis



A Reminder Regarding Our Communication Channels

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 info@rcbclub.com.

Our websites (bookmark and check regularly):

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.rcbclub.com

Richmond County Tournaments - www.rctournaments.com

RC Showcase Camps - www.rcshowcasecamps.com

Our Facebook pages:

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.facebook.com/rcbaseball

Richmond County Tournaments - www.facebook.com/rctournaments

RCBC on Instagram: www.instagram.com/rcbc_theclub_

Our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCON-uX9ZKlCm9Oqtxd3c5A>

Coach DeFendis on Twitter: 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.

2020 RCBC Team Lineup

8U Americans (Ruggiero)

12U Nationals (Grippio)

8U Nationals (Yaverbaum)

14U Americans (Marco)

9U Nationals (Napolitano)

14U Nationals (Quinn)

10U Nationals (Nichilo)

14U Royals (Sorrentino)

11U Americans (Salafia)

16U Nationals (DeFendis)

11U Nationals (Quinn)

17U Nationals (Giakas)

12U Americans (Vigliotti)

17U New Jersey (Doyle)

2020 RCBC Uniforms



College Exposure Camps Sponsored By RCBC



Rutgers University



Seton Hall University



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Quote of the Month - Hall of Famer Derek Jeter once said

*"Players may have more talent than you. However, there is no excuse for any player to work **HARDER** than you."*

I hate ceremonial stuff. So forgive me if I didn't wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza or Happy New Year.

RCBC is doing all it can, usually successfully, in helping all our players to be recruited. RCBC now has the "COLLEGE ADVISING SOLUTIONS," or CAS program to help out. The program is for players 14U-17U and begins on February 2. We are asking players to:

- Have a Twitter account to receive direct, custom content from CAS based upon their current grade
- Create a "Player Profile"
- Create a "Strategic Plan" and a "Marketing Plan"

Here are some Recruiting Tips I have for our players:

1. I always say while some players easily get recruited, the majority will find it hard to find a baseball college, especially the baseball school of their choice.



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2. There are three different levels of Division 1 schools which span from a perennial College World Series or Super Regional Teams. That is tough for many players to get to. Most players in this area either go to a level down (St. Johns or Seton Hall for example) to schools in the NEC, MAAC or Patriot League level or to Division 2 teams (of which there is a car-load of good D-2 squads in our area). Division 3 has some academic schools plus the NJAC conference that combine fine academics with almost D-1 caliber talent. By the way, CSI is now Division 2. Nothing wrong with a solid Junior College if you need to go there.

3. Go to the level you can play at! REPEAT: Go to the level you can play at!!!! It's great to brag that your son is going to a high level D-1 school. But if he doesn't fit there, HE WON'T PLAY. And, if your son has been a star or regular since the age of 8, he won't accept sitting for more than his freshman year. He will QUIT baseball. Don't look to have bragging battles with other parents. In the end it may not work!!!!



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4. Go where the Coach firmly says "WE WANT YOU." Three words worth their weight in gold

5. Myself, Coach DeFendis and Coach Quinn all have experience in evaluating your son on which level he belongs. Call or email us!!!!

I will continue with this article in the months ahead. Don't want to overload you with too much info at once. Email me at mikelope19@aol.com if you have a question, comment or suggestion.

A Message From Coach DeFendis Regarding Marucci

As you know, RCBC enjoys a partnership with Marucci Sports, and we are a member of their elite Founders Club. Not only do we source our uniforms from Marucci, but RCBC members have exclusive access to Marucci apparel and equipment at significantly discounted prices. Nowhere else can RCBC members go to get these great products at the low prices we can offer on our Marucci Locker Room Online Store. I am asking all members to consider Marucci first when your apparel/equipment needs arise.

Marucci products include metal bats (the CAT8 line), custom wood bats (#1 bat in all of MLB), stock and custom fielding gloves, catchers' gear, bat bags and backpacks, sunglasses, batting gloves and batting helmets. Remember that RCBC has a mandatory royal blue batting helmet standard; please consider Marucci if you need a new one.

Marucci is also the exclusive distributor of custom RCBC apparel. This includes tee shirts, shorts, hoodies, ladies apparel and outerwear. Note that RCBC members are NOT allowed to design, purchase or sell any RCBC-logged apparel locally from sources other than Marucci. With the new Locker Room, Marucci has enhanced their order fulfillment process so that screenprint apparel orders are turned around quicker. They have also eliminated any minimum purchase quantities.

So visit the Marucci Locker Room Online Store on the RCBC website. Remember the special access code for RCBC members: RCBCNY. And start enjoying all the great products Marucci has to offer.

Marucci Locker Room Featured Item

Need A New Batting Helmet?

Remember that RCBC has a mandatory Royal Blue batting helmet standard. Order yours from Marucci.



Jaw Guard
Now Available

Available to RCBC members
at a special discount price.
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Alternate White Jersey

Perfect for extended roadtrips or hot summer afternoon games



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