



PORTER BASEBALL

FROM ALL OF THIS TO ALL OF YOU- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Its only December but the Porters are in the midst of their annual off season conditioning led by task-master Nick Setta.



You can checkout videos of how they are doing on our Twitter page as well as our website.

In addition our team was also busy with several off field endeavors. On December 11th, the Porter baseball program participated in the **Future Porters Olympics** held at the East Campus. All 5th through 8th graders in the LTHS community were invited to attend. This event saw many future Porters from area schools have a great time and get a chance to show off their athletic skills. It also enabled coaches from LTHS to greet and meet with them and their parents.

This Olympic-style camp included athletic events such as running, jumping, throwing, hitting, basketball skills and other athletic activities.



David Zaragoza (top) and Ray Jesse can be seen participating in skills competitions.

Some of the happy campers can be seen in the picture below with Porter players **Jimmy Heintz (L)**, **Nick Schindler (top center)** and **Bryan Fox (top R)**



Also this off season, LTHS hosted its annual **Step-Up Night** for the Class Of 2022. Several Porter baseball players attended and introduced themselves to incoming freshman and their parents (below).



Porter senior outfielder Jack Mladic was especially happy and enthusiastic in welcoming his future classmates and teammates (below).



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Porters FREE Winter Camp

Porter Baseball will host their annual **FREE** winter camp for 5th through 8th graders from our LTHS community.

**WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 3rd
4:00-5:30 pm**

**WHERE: LTHS Field House
1333 E. 7th Street**

Check the school website (lths.org) under **Community Wellness Center (CWC)** link for more information

Porters Spring Youth Camp

Porter Baseball will host their annual spring training camp open to area youth in our community.

**WHEN: Sunday, March 11th
K thru 5th 8-11am
6th thru 8th 12-3 pm**

**WHERE: LTHS Field House
1333 E. 7th Street**

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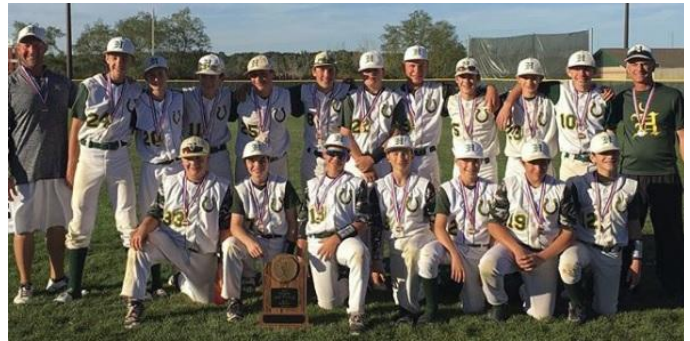
2018 Special Events

WJOL Tournament	3/29-3/31
PBR Tournament	4/4-4/6
-Louisville, KY	
Strike Out Cancer Day	4/14
Military Appreciation Night	4/28
Wounded Warrior Tourn.	5/4-5/5
-Edwardsville, IL	
Senior and Alumni Nights	TBA
Steven Bajenski Tournament	5/17-5/19
IHSA Regional	5/23-5/26
IHSA Sectional	5/30-6/2
IHSA Super-Sectional	6/4
IHSA State Tournament	6/8-6/9

PORTER BASEBALL ODDS AND ENDS

HOMER JR. HIGH TAKES 3RD

Congratulations to the Homer Jr. High Mustangs baseball team which took 3rd place honors in the IESA State tournament at East Centre in East Peoria defeating Manteno 13-2. Congrats to **Coaches Button and Mitchell** and team members **Anthony Martinez, Brian Treacy, CJ Maude, Cole Spizzini, Henry Cichowski, Jack Shepski, Jacob Collins, Jake Schindler, Kyle Kevish, Lucas Pajeau, Luke Shepski, Mack Whitcomb, Mark Tor, Michael Oprondek, Nathan Kaminski, Niko Mastoras and Tom Mula**

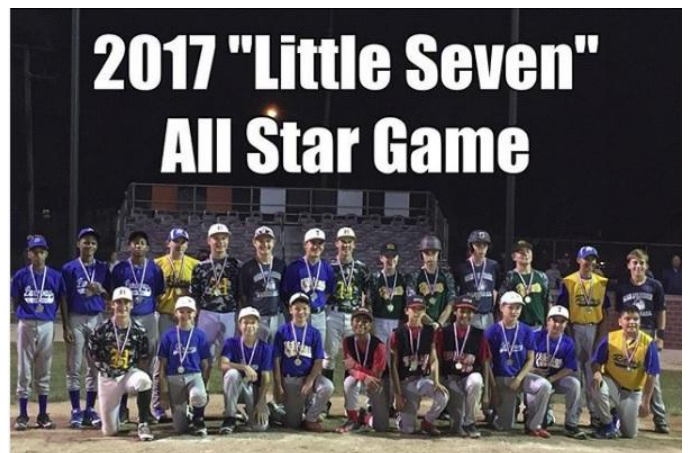


PORTER SIGNEES

Since our last newsletter 4 more Porters have made a commitment to play for colleges. **Jimmy Heintz** will be attending Illinois Benedictine in Lisle, IL, **CJ Weins** will play for Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, IL, **Bryan Fox** will be at Roosevelt U. in Chicago and **Tommy Louch** will attend St. Xavier U. in Chicago.

PORTERS HOST LITTLE SEVEN CONFERENCE ALL-STAR GAME

On October 3rd the Little Seven Conference All-Star game made its annual appearance at Flink Field. The Porters congratulate all who represented their schools in this fall classic.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018 SEASON

The Porters have *TENTATIVELY* scheduled some important events and games for the 2018 season. It should be noted that these events are subject to change due to weather, opponent schedule changes, etc. As you can see the Porters have again emphasized playing in tournaments this season for many non-conference games.

January 10 th :	January Booster Meeting
February 7 th :	February Booster Meeting
February 21 st :	Pre-Season Player Meeting
February 26 th :	Tryouts begin
March 2 nd :	Teams Chosen
March 11 th :	Lockport Porter Baseball Spring Youth Camp
March 14 th :	March Booster Meeting (tentative)
March 16 th :	Maroon and White Night (Intra-squad games to kick-off the 2017 season)
March 17 th :	March Madness Fundraiser (7:00pm-11:00pm-Olson American Legion Post 18, Lockport, IL)
March 20 th :	vs. Lemont
March 29 th -30 th :	WJOL Tournament (3/29-31 @ Flink, 3/31 @ Silver Cross....Opponents/Times TBA)
April 4 th -6 th :	PBR Super Preps Tournament, Louisville, KY (Teams, Locations, Times TBA)
April 11 th :	April Booster Meeting
April 14 th :	Strike-Out Cancer Day vs. Minooka (Games all day starting with Frosh A at 10am)
April 28 th :	Military Appreciation Game vs. Joliet West (10am @ Flink Field)
May 4 th -5 th :	Wounded Warrior Tournament, Edwardsville, IL (Friday @ 7pm, Sat. @ 10am and 1pm)
May 9 th :	May Booster Meeting (tentative)
May 17 th -19 th :	Steven Bajenski Memorial Tournament (Pool Play- Opp., Places & Times TBA)
June 13 th :	June Booster Meeting (tentative)

Mark your calendar and please plan on attending!!!!

ALUMNI NEWS

Here are some interesting tidbits about some of our former players.

DEREK BANGERT played for the Kenosha Kingfish of the Northwoods Summer league. He batted .278 with 66 H, 13 2B, 10 HR and 57 RBI. He also had 57 game onbase streak and got on base 2 or more times in 28 games.

COLE BELLAIR also played in Northwoods competition playing for the Rockford Rivets. He pitched in 9 games, threw 58 innings striking out 51 batters with ERA of 4.65. Cole also transferred from the U. of Illinois and will play for Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens, TN.

JOSH ALTMANN finished up playing for the Down East Wood Ducks in the Carolina (A) league where he was named to the Carolina League All-Star team. He finished the season batting .244. In 118 games he had 33 extra-base hits including 10 HR and 38 RBI.

CONNOR RYAN after being drafted by Cincinnati in the 8th round played for the Billings (MT) Mustangs in the Rookie Pioneer League. Used as a closer, Connor went 8 for 8 in saves with a 4.71 ERA and a WHIP of 1.29. In 18 games he pitched 21 innings striking out 23 while walking only 8.

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

Baseball at Dellwood Park

A former coach with the Porters and frequent contributor to our newsletter retired teacher John Johnson, recently came across vintage pictures of baseball in Lockport. As an archivist for the Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society (LAGHS) Coach Johnson has on occasion come across pictures and stories relating to LTHS. The following two pictures are, according to the captions, of baseball played in Dellwood Park in Lockport in 1904. Did any go to LTHS?



This team photo came with a list of the players on the back. They were a bit hard to read but our best estimate was as follows: **TOP ROW:** Will Moots (C-2B), Ed Dutteirile (LF), Bert Snyder (3B), August Moots (2B-C), James Snyder (1B), **BOTTOM ROW:** Lee Snyder (SS), William Staley (P), Nick Voigt (CF), Harold Bow (RF)



This picture was simply captioned as “team in play”. If anyone were to visit Dellwood Park today it would be hard to locate where this “team play” took place. Dellwood Park went on to become a well-known tourist destination for people living in the south Chicagoland area. If you go to the LAGHS website (<http://www.lockporthistory.org/dellwoodpark/dellwoodpark.htm>) you can see pictures and read about Dellwood in its heyday. Besides playing fields it had amusement rides, a lagoon where people could rent boats and an electric railroad connecting it to Chicago.

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