

MVHS Softball - Early Dismissal Plan - 2021

- Season Game Plan
 - As you are all aware, there is no full-time in-school learning – students are either Hybrid Learning or Distance Learning. On any given day, some softball players will be at MVHS/Chippewa, some will be at home, and, with COVID, some players will ride the bus and some will drive themselves. Busing is limited to 24 people per bus. If we exceed 24 people, we will need another bus. The drivers will be given a list of all students riding the bus that day, prior to arriving at the school for pick up. With that being said, we will need confirmation as to who will or will not be riding the bus on any given day prior to that day.
 - Teachers will stop teaching at **2:45PM** each day.
 - **COVID: Normally we would want players to ride the bus for team unity, camaraderie, and chemistry. Riding the bus obviously creates increased COVID risk and we respect a decision to have players drive (be driven) to/from games instead of riding the bus. Parents will need to fill out the Alternate Transportation Form for this.**
- There will be NO bus from Chippewa to the MVHS this year due to COVID. All middle school players must find their own ride either to MVHS to ride the daily run bus or go directly to Rice Creek.
- The “daily run” bus that shuttles students between MVHS and Rice Creek will depart from MVHS at **3:00PM**. It does NOT return softball players from Rice Creek to MVHS, parents must pick them up following practice/games at Rice Creek.
- At this time, there are 20 total games scheduled for each team; roughly 10 home and 10 away for each team.
- Game Times: The SEC determines start times.
 - JV games start at 4:00PM.
 - Varsity, Freshman and B squad games start at 4:30PM.
 - Varsity and B squad travel together
 - Freshman locations are opposite of Varsity and B squad
- Pregame: Perfect world would be 1 to 1 ½ hours for our pregame warm-up, hitting, throwing, fundamentals, and fielding in-out. Departure for away games to get us “on-time” to games will be between 2:30pm and 3:00pm. Times will vary depending on distance traveled. Warm ups for Varsity/B squad home and away games will be 1 ½ hours for every game. Freshman and JV will have a 1 hour warm up for away games.
- **On days students are excused from school early, players/parents can choose to remain in class. If this results in the player missing the bus, the player/parent may drive to the game. The coaching staff understands if this occurs and will work with it.**

- Planning, Communication, and Flexibility is required.
 - Students are expected to communicate ahead of time with their end of the school day teacher(s) regarding early dismissal, for developing a plan to keep up with homework, tests, etc., and for maintaining ongoing discussions if issues arise.
 - Coach Tom will provide the Attendance Secretary with an email each evening with early dismissals for all teams for the next day's games. She passes this on to teachers first thing in the morning the day of the game.
 - Effective communication and flexibility between students, parents, teachers, and coaches is required in order to effectively handle the situation.

Specific Plan

Freshman Team

- **Home Games:** No Early Dismissal (Teaching done at 2:45PM).
 - MVHS daily run bus departs at **3:00PM**, for those riding it.
 - Players at home drive directly to Rice Creek (or can get themselves to MVHS to catch the 3:00PM bus, if that is more convenient).
 - Team meets at Rice Creek at **3:15PM**.
- **Away Games:** Players released at **2:25PM**.
 - This release time will give player 20 minutes to change and catch the bus
 - Players at home are driven to MVHS or directly to game
 - Bus and parents driving players depart MVHS at **3:00PM**.
 - Team meets at the away field by **3:30PM**.

JV

- **Home Games:** Players released at 2:25pm. **Bus departs at 2:45pm**
 - Players will have 20 minutes to change and catch the bus.
 - Players at home can be at MVHS to catch bus to Rice creek or drive themselves.
- **Away Games:** Players released at **2:10PM**. **Bus departure 2:30pm**
 - Players at home drive to MVHS to catch the bus
 - Bus and players driving themselves depart MVHS at **2:30PM (2:45PM for some locations)**.
 - Players all meet at away field by **3:00pm**

Varsity and B squad – Travel together

- **Home Games:** Players released at **2:25PM**. **Bus departs at 2:45pm**
 - Players will have 20 min to change and catch the bus.

- Players at home can be at MVHS to catch bus to Rice creek or drive themselves.
- **Away Games:** Players released at **2:10PM. Bus departure 2:30pm**
 - Players at home drive to MVHS to catch the bus
 - Bus and players driving themselves depart MVHS at **2:30PM (2:45PM for some locations).**
 - Players all meet at away field by **3:30pm**

This is significant missed class time for away games at all levels and home Varsity/B squad games. Again, all players can remain in class beyond the Early Dismissal time, as appropriate. Education is the top priority. Please communicate with your specific coach should need arrive late due to class.

