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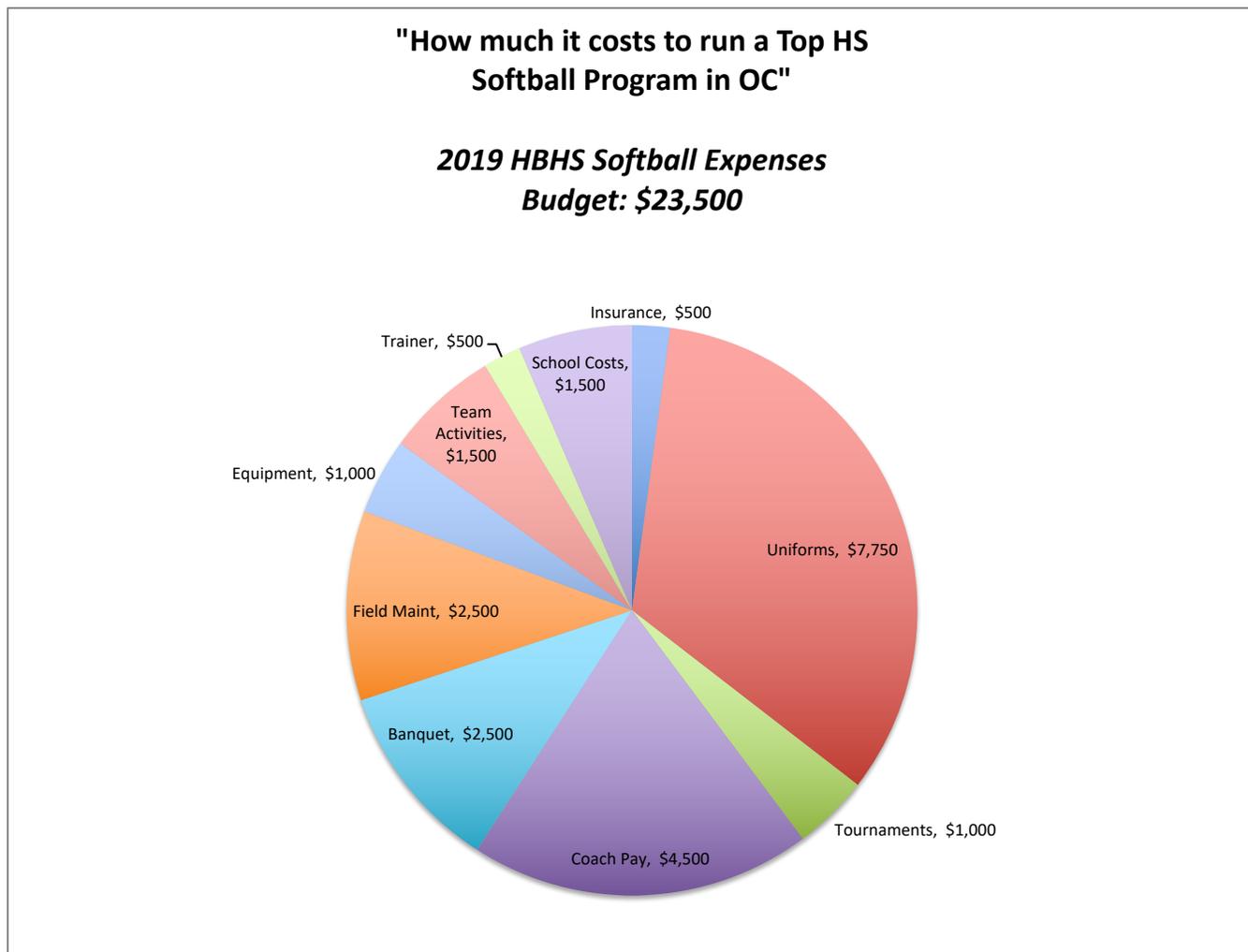
Dear HBHS Softball Parents,

Welcome to HBHS Softball. The program is talented as ever and this should be a great year for all levels. We wanted to get some important information to all parents as we begin the season regarding the booster club, needed donations and contributions with ways to offset any out of pocket costs that you may have.

It is the Softball Booster club's job to support the softball teams and coaches who make the Huntington Beach High School Softball program a highly respectable program. We coordinate the fundraisers, pay for umpires, pay for uniforms and equipment, pay coaches, and manage the program budget and expenses.

The last part of our job has been made extremely difficult by the legal settlement between the ACLU and the State of California. Public schools are no longer allowed to charge fees to students for participation in instructional programs and extracurricular activities, i.e sports. As a sports support group, this applies to the Softball Booster Club. This causes a dilemma for softball where the cost of our program is not covered by the school district and our budget is based on parent's contributions and community sponsors.

Without your parent support, we will be unable to cover the cost of sending our students to tournaments, hiring quality coaches, buying equipment, paying for insurance, etc. Tournament entry fees run between \$500 and \$600. Below is the budget where your contributions cover and are spent:



For 2019, the coaches and the booster club have broken out the contributions to play HS softball as:

<b>Requested Program Donations</b>	<b>Varsity</b>	<b>JV</b>
Contributions to meet program <b>Fall</b> expenses	\$50	\$50
Contributions to meet program <b>Spring</b> expenses with <u>no</u> volunteer hours	\$450	\$400
Contributions to meet program <b>Spring</b> expenses <u>With</u> volunteer hours	\$400	\$350

Most of our players play travel ball and we all know what those fees end up being. For HS, this works out to about \$100 per month. So without your donations, the Booster Club will be unable to cover costs necessary to sustain the program and keep it to its standards. Other sports on campus run \$500-\$1200 to play HS sports.

The requested contributions will help cover our program expenses (see graph above), thus setting the standard to allow your daughter to participate in a high quality, HS sport on campus. Players contributing will also receive a GameDay T-shirt , school photos and a ticket to the banquet. While we are requesting the donation amount per player, the above expenses yield a \$500 per player level needed but we hope to make that short-fall with general fundraising efforts during the year.

To help with the contributions, We also encourage each family to sell at least **ONE (1) BANNER.** By selling a banner, your donations (Fall and Spring) can be covered without any out-of-pocket-expenses. Any contributions over the totals from above will be deposited into the program's general fund to help pay for out of season expenses and future events(i.e. trips, off-season, etc).

We encourage you to please send in all contributions by 1/15/19 to help with our planning and pay bills for the upcoming spring.. Please communicate to the treasurer if you plan to contribute on a schedule as we can work out the details.

Please send your uniform costs and your contributions to:

Rikki Ortiz, HBHS Softball Boosters

1101 Park St. Huntington Beach, CA 92648

All checks are payable to HBHS Softball Boosters.

You can also pay via PAYPAL at [www.hboilerssoftball.com](http://www.hboilerssoftball.com).

HBHS Softball is nonprofit 501(c)(3) status so your contributions are tax deductible. You will get a receipt for any contributions.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either the club's treasurer or the president. Thank you all and we all are looking forward to another successful year on and off the field. Go Oilers!

Sincerely,

HBHS Softball Executive Board