

## **Buddy Ball**

Warren Baseball Softball Inc.'s (WBSI) 6th season of Buddy Ball will be played on Saturdays, beginning April 21<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting). Buddy Ball is a baseball program that provides girls and boys with disabilities an opportunity to play baseball in a safe, fun environment. It also provides a welcome opportunity for parents of children with special needs to meet and socialize while watching the children play ball.

## About Buddy Ball

The Bambino Buddy Ball Division was established by Babe Ruth Baseball as a program for children with special needs. The most fundamental goal of Buddy Ball is to give everyone a chance to play, regardless of disability. Buddy Ball features volunteer "buddies" who help by assisting the players when needed. Today, more than 30,000 players participate in a Buddy Ball type league nationwide.

*Eligibility:* Special needs children between the ages of 5 and 20, from Warren and any surrounding towns that do not already offer Buddy Ball, are eligible to play. Each player is assigned to their own "Buddy" who helps out their player throughout every game.

*Game Information:* Games will be held on Saturdays, beginning on or about April 21, from 11-12:00 on the Warren Municipal Fields on Bardy Rd. No practices, just pregame warm-up. Soft baseballs, bats and uniforms will be provided. Please bring your own glove.

**Registration:** To register a player, go to <u>warrenbaseballsoftball.com</u>. Click on "It's Registration Time!" to register. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, we are pleased to offer Buddy Ball registration for free.

*Volunteer Buddies*: Buddies in middle school and up are welcome! Register as a Buddy, using the registration link above.

Please email <u>cmaguire@warrentboe.org</u> for more information.