

Queens Voc Baseball

Baseball . . . As It Ought to Be !

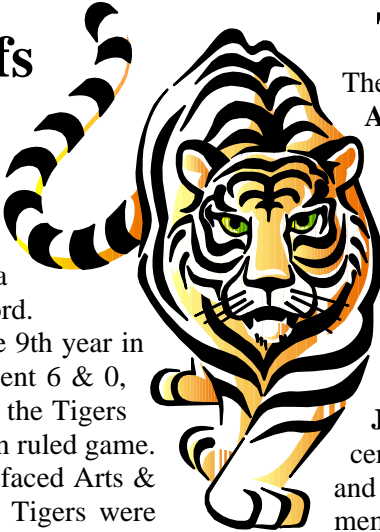
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Tigers go to Playoffs 9th Straight Year

The 2010 Tigers went down to their last game of the regular season with the potential of locking up first place with a win, or dropping into fourth place with a loss. They lost, ending with a 10 & 6 record.

But the Tigers made the playoffs for the 9th year in a row. Early in the season, the Tigers went 6 & 0, 10-run ruling in 5 of those games. Then, the Tigers faced Arts & Business, and lost in a 10-run ruled game. Fast forward to the playoffs. The Tigers faced Arts & Business again. Through 5 innings, the Tigers were behind, but took the lead in the top of the 6th. Arts & Business tied it in the bottom of the 6th, and won it in the 7th, ending the season for Queens Voc's varsity baseball team.



Tigers at Citi Field

The day before the playoffs game, **Armando Avila**, **Daniel Corona**, **Diony Perez**, and **Esteban Soler** represented the Queens Voc Tigers at Citi Field. The guys, as Action Team captains, coordinated the team's community service activities at Hour Children and Flushing Meadows Park. On Wednesday, May 26, prior to the Mets home game, the Tigers were introduced on the field, met Mets players **Alex Cora** and **Jeff Francoeur**, and were presented certificates from the MLB Players Association and Volunteers of America. Thanks to all members of the 2010 team for making our community service participation successful.

Awards

At the annual team dinner at Aunt Bella's, on Friday, June 18, the following awards were presented:

Most Team Spirit	Diony Perez
Golden Glove	Gary Santos
Batting Title	Jason Perez
Cy Young Award	Daniel Corona
Most Improved	Stanley Garcia
Most Valuable Player	Esteban Soler
Coach's Award	Armando Avila
Team Captain Award	Daniel Corona

Congratulations to our award winners!

Orientation-Be There!

As we have done in the past, returning Tigers players will assist at the orientation for new students, prior to the start of school. Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1. Team members will meet in room 301 at 7:30. Breakfast will be provided.

This year, we will be assisting with small group activities as well as leading the new students on tours of the school.

Please dress appropriately, and wear your green team jerseys. Players should check the team wiki to verify the date, or contact the coach for further information.



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Our team website is a source of up-to-date information about our team. We have pictures from our current season, as well as pictures from our activities over the past several years. We also have our newsletters posted online. Check out our website, if you haven't already. And register, so you can receive emails from us from time to time. Have ideas for improvement? Let us know. You can email us at Coach@QVTigers.org.

Way to go Stubbie!

Tiger Wins Scholarship

Varsity team member **Esteban Soler**, one of our team's Action Team captains, recently won a \$1,500 scholarship from the Major League Baseball Players Trust in recognition of his "outstanding community service work."

Esteban, a junior, has been both a varsity team member and varsity captain since freshman year.

Congratulations, **Esteban**!

Goodbye to our 2010 seniors:

Connor McCarthy

Miguel Perez

**Thanks for your
hard work & dedication!**

Training at Citi Field

Action Team training is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, from 3-5pm at Citi Field. The training is for those players interested in helping coordinate our community service involvement. Current players who are interested should contact the coach, by phone or e-mail (coach@QVTigers.org).

There are several reasons to go: you get to help run some of our team activities, you get a tour inside the stadium, and there will be several Mets players who come by to meet with you. So why not help?

Team "Cleans up" at Park

The Tigers volunteerism has paid off again. We have worked alongside some very hard working members of Local 79 for the past few years at It's My Park Day. And for the past few years, their union has donated \$250 to us to help pay the cost of our supplies.

This year, we're getting even more!

The Tigers would like to thank **Mr. John Norbury**, President, **Mr. Freddy Delligatti**, Treasurer, Queens Board of Business Agents; and Construction & General Building Laborers Local #79 for their generous support!

Orientation : Wednesday, September 1, 7:30am
All returning players are expected to attend.

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Tryouts

Fifty-five boys tried-out for baseball this fall. Only 13 were veterans.

Each year during tryouts, we note the high turnout and wealth of talent displayed. This year, we are more than enthusiastic. The boys trying-out demonstrated that Queens Voc will easily be able to build two solid baseball teams.

Tryouts took place on two full days: Saturday, September 26, and Monday, September 28. Additionally, we held fall scrimmages against Aviation, Bushwick, and several against Forest Hills. The scrimmages allowed us to see many of the rookies in real-game situations, enhancing our ability to make good selections.

Congratulations

Of the 55 boys who tried-out for the baseball team this fall, 27 were selected for varsity. The boys selected for varsity are:

Esteban Soler	Wilson Casado
Daniel Corona	Jose Monegro
Armando Avila	Diony Perez
Henry Alvarez	Connor McCarthy
Jason Perez	Luis Ramirez
Larry LeBeau	Andres Ospina
Nathaniel Rodriguez	Alexander Pena
Radison Moronta	Erick Cabello
Anderson Moran	Javier Pasarin
Alex Cruz	Jose Alvarez
Stanley Garcia	Luis Pascual
Bryant Cartagena	Daniel Vargas
Joseph Taveras	Gary Santos
Miguel Perez	

Giving Thanks

At the beginning of the 2006-07 season, **Elbel Estrella**, **Dio Gonzalez**, and **Dan Medina**, who would later become the team's captains, secretly planned a team Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a huge success. It brought together the newly assembled team and numerous former players. It was the beginning of a great season. **Elbel** remarked that "we wanted to start our own tradition." The tradition continues on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 4pm. Thanks again, guys, for what you brought to the team, and for what you added!



Upcoming Activities

- Friday, Nov. 20: Conditioning Club, 4pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Dinner, 4pm at Queens Voc.
- Friday, Dec. 4: Conditioning Club, 4pm
- Friday, Dec. 11: Pool Tournament, 4pm at Master Billiards. \$10.
- Friday, Dec. 18: Conditioning Club, 4pm

Thanks for Your Help at Tryouts

It has become a tradition to have our former players help run our tryouts. We appreciate the help from our former players and life-long members of our Tigers family: **Steven D'Elena** ('08), **Annaldo Jimenez** ('08), **Jonathan Matias** ('09), and **Manny Portorreal** ('08), who attended both of the two full-day tryouts.

Former captains **Tanvir Toy** ('03) and **Daniel Medina** ('07) also stopped by and encouraged those trying out, telling them that while it is a big responsibility being on the team, it will also be a great experience in their lives.

Special thanks to **Joe LiVecchi** ('05), our assistant coach, for being at all our team events!

The development of bonds between past, present, and future players has been a major part of our team's family atmosphere.



Congratulations

Of the 55 boys who tried-out for the baseball team this fall, 22 were recommended to **Mr. Cintron** for junior varsity:

Amin Al-Sayed	Yahirt Artunduaga
Jose Cabrera	Andy Collado
Alexander Cruz	Saul Cruz
Emir De La Cruz	Luis Gonzalez
Daniel Henao	Raynier Leroux
Jonathan Nunez	Ronny Nunez
Ricardo Ortega	Travis Partap
Raul Rosario	Ismael Ruiz
Jesse Santander	Terrell Smith
Marlon Stevenson	Cristian Trujillo
Leonardy Urena	Adrian Vega

Pool Tournament: Friday, December 11

Pool Tournament

Our fourth-annual Queens Voc baseball pool tournament will be held on Friday, December 11, at Master Billiards, 39-01 Queens Blvd, across from the Hess Station on Queens Blvd. Our first three tournaments were highly successful and we are looking forward to another fun day. Current and past baseball players are invited. Advance notice would be appreciated, but is not necessary. Call the coach, or e-mail him at Coach@QVTigers.org. The cost will be \$10 for each pool player. The tournament will run from 4 to 7:30pm.



Recruitment DVD

Have you seen the latest video by former team captain **Tanvir Toy** ('03)? It stars **Armando Avila**, **Daniel Corona**, and **Esteban Soler**, and promotes our school's majors, sports teams, and our very own varsity baseball team. The video will be distributed to feeder schools to help spread the word about our school and our team. Current players will see it at an upcoming meeting. We'll also look into seeing if we can post it on our team website. Thanks, **Tanvir**!

Tee Shirts

Again this fall, we will sell Queens Voc Tigers Baseball tee shirts. The shirts are being designed right now. By the end of November, we will be taking orders, so that the shirts arrive in time for a pre-Christmas delivery. The shirts, which must be ordered in advance, will be sold to teachers and current and former baseball players. The cost will remain \$10.

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Our team website is a great source of up-to-date information about our team. Our schedule of activities is posted, and we have 2009-10 tryout pictures and It's My Park Day pictures posted. There are also many pictures from past events, a history of uniform numbers, past newsletters, and awards from previous years. You can also register for up-to-date e-mails from us. Have ideas for improvement? Let us know. You can email us at Team@QVTigers.org.

School, Baseball, and the Rest of Your Life

School should be your number one priority. Students are expected to attend school each day and pass all their classes. But keep in mind that baseball comes second. You are expected to do what is best for the team. Attending all team events, staying out of trouble, and maintaining eligibility are all part of your responsibility to the team.

Tigers Cleanup NYC

Queens Voc baseball again participated in the "It's My Park! Fall Cleanup Day" at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Thirty-five boys who tried-out for Queens Voc baseball participated in the park cleanup on Saturday, October 24.

This has become a regular event for the Tigers. It allows us to work together to help keep our home park clean, develop bonds among fellow baseball players, and gain for our team recognition among park administrators.

Help on the Way?

Preparing for the upcoming season doesn't start in March. Since we returned to the school in August for Orientation, a lot of work has already been done. Some of you have stopped by and offered to help during and after school. You've helped review medicals and parental consents, planned our tryouts, worked on the design of the 2010 baseball tee shirt, planned our upcoming pool tournament, and sold Queens Voc Tigers wristbands.

We still have events to plan, an equipment inventory to take and an order to put together, and tee shirts, duffle bags, and uniforms to order. And we'll have to see if our newest team members, our rookies, will want to get the team jackets we gotten for the past three years.

Some of you stop by daily, but few of you stop by to assist. All of you can do more. The help you give will make your team better.

Join SO

All members of school sports teams are required to join the SO. Now that we've picked our team, each baseball player should join the SO. Membership entitles you to use a school locker and to attend home basketball games (which we'll be doing). There are other benefits as well. See **Mr. Vega** in Room 143 to join if you have not already done so.

Wristbands

The varsity baseball team has again been selling "Queens Voc Tigers" wristbands. While we don't make much money on them, the wristbands foster school spirit and help us pay for the bats that we will use—and break—throughout the year. More wristbands have been ordered and will soon be available in room 301 for \$1 each.

Let's Chat

Don't let small problems develop into big problems. If you're having trouble, the team and coach are there to support you. Don't hesitate to come by 301 before school, during period 5, or at the end of your day to ask for help with a problem or schoolwork, or just to chat.

Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down.

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