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Subject: Fwd: MMK baseball
To: Matthew Mallery <mmallery@mmk.wednet.edu>

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From: **Jerry Shumate Sr.** <elishu1717@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2026, 4:07 AM
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To: Thomas Kerr <tkerr@mmk.wednet.edu>

Dear Coach [Coach's Last Name],

Thank you for your time, your help with the WIAA updates, and giving me the opportunity to coach MMK baseball. I truly commend the work you and the athletic department are doing for the program.

However, I am writing to formally resign as, Keith Newman, assistant baseball coach, effective immediately. Due to increasing demands at my primary job, I have struggled to arrive on time, and it does not appear that my workload will decrease soon. Furthermore, the events of yesterday—specifically the head coach's treatment of my grandson, his physical aggression in the locker room, and his unprofessional language—have made it clear that I can no longer serve in this environment. I find the current lack of organization and hostile coaching style to be incompatible with my values.

I care deeply about the future of MMK baseball and do not wish to see the program end. Should the head coach positions become vacant in the future, I would be interested in discussing the possibility of leading the program or help assist a different head coach in a more organized environment, if my schedule allows. Until then, I will continue to support the team from the sidelines.

Thank you again for the opportunity.

Go Owls.

Warm regards,

Jerry Shumate Sr.

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