

Panthers Baseball  
Freshman 2011  
Final Record: 11-3-1

The Pickerington North Panther Freshman baseball team had another successful, but rain-shortened, season finishing the year with an 11-3-1 record. Alex Weiss lead the team in hitting, collecting at least 1 base hit in each game and returned to the mound late in the year to help with a thin pitching staff. Collin Anderson and Hayden Ballog excelled at hitting and were solid defensively, each playing multiple positions throughout the season. Luke Oravec, Zach Kaylor, and Clay Ebbrecht all turned in solid starting pitching performances throughout the season and Aaron Wickline was dominant out of the bullpen, pitching in 12 of the 15 games. Nick Molnar used his speed and defensive skill to become an impact outfielder. Adam Butcher was among the team leaders in on base percentage and utilized his speed shoes to generate runs on a consistent basis. Alec Barnes learned a new position this year and was a consistent threat on the basepaths. He also set a Panther freshman record by recording three straight HBP's vs. Lancaster. Ben Butcher developed into a team leader behind the plate, taking over as the everyday Panther catcher mid-way through the season.

Team highlights include a solid home victory vs. rival Pickerington Central after a comeback in the 1<sup>st</sup> game, which ended in a rare baseball tie. The freshman swept Gahanna, ending the 2<sup>nd</sup> game by getting out of a bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> bases loaded jam by turning a double play to end the game. The freshman swept Reynoldsburg by coming back from a 6-0 deficit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game to win in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>. The Panthers also defeated an excellent Upper Arlington on the road team and hard-hitting Groveport. Other victories came against Bloom Carroll, Lancaster, Watterson, and Teays Valley. Overall the Panther Freshman had an excellent season with everyone contributing.