



Cheerleading Clinics & Tryouts 2019



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cheerleading tryouts are quickly approaching! We are sending out this letter to answer any questions that you may have and to avoid any confusion about the cheerleading squad. We want to take a moment to share with you general information regarding tryouts and expectations for those girls that ultimately make the squad. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

*****The following forms MUST be signed and turned in on during clinics (10/15/19 - 10/16/19) or prior to in order to participate in the clinics and tryouts:**

1. Permission to Participate in Extracurricular Athletic/Intramurals (p.3)
2. Emergency Form and Physical Information Form (p.4)
3. Concussion Form (p.5-6)

Please let us know if you have any questions and/or concerns!

Sincerely, Eileen Stocco (estocco@sd25.org) & Donna Joncha (djoncha@sd25.org)

TRYOUT CHEERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TMS HOMEPAGE/SPORTS/CHEERLEADING.

It is smart to come to the clinics already knowing the cheers!!!

CLINIC DATES:

Tuesday, October 15th in the Commons from 2:50pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, October 16th in the Commons from 2:50pm – 4:00pm

CLINIC INFORMATION:

The purpose of the clinics is to prepare and teach the girls the cheers they will need to perform at tryouts. Attendance at one or both clinics is not highly suggested, but not required. Cheers will be posted to the Cheerleading link on the Thomas web page. Girls must wear their PE uniforms (including gym shoes) both days.

TRYOUT DATE:

Thursday, October 17th in the Large Gym from 2:50pm - approximately 4:00pm

TRYOUT INFORMATION:

Tryouts will be held in the Large Gym. Out of respect for the participants, only the girls trying out will be allowed in the Large Gym at the specific time of their tryout. Girls will be able to leave following their group's tryout. **The 2019 cheerleading squad will be announced through the Cheerleading link under the Extracurriculars/Sports headings on the Thomas web page later that evening (by 6:00pm).** Keep in mind there will be many girls trying out for the squad. Unfortunately, we only have 24 positions (12 for each grade level) on the squad, so not everyone will necessarily be able to participate in cheerleading.

JUDGING INFORMATION:

Girls will work in groups of 3-4 to tryout. Girls will show the judges 1 sideline cheer, 1 floor/halftime cheer, and 1 option (pose, jump, or tumble)

All the girls will be judged equally and fairly. Therefore, being a previous member of any cheerleading squad does not guarantee a spot on the squad. The girls will be judged on the following criteria:

1. General Appearance & Spirit - neatness, confidence, smiles, eye contact, and enthusiasm.
2. Technique - posture, kicks, and placement of arms and legs.
3. Vocal Projection - is the cheer loud and clear?
4. Knowledge - does she know the routine?
5. Coachability/Attitude - is she receptive to suggestions and has a positive attitude?

CHEER SCHEDULE:

Please look on the TMS homepage (Extracurriculars/Sports/Cheerleading) for a draft of the cheer schedule this year. Please do not try out if you know you cannot make practices and games!!!

OTHER ACTIVITIES/SPORTS:

Cheerleading is a commitment just like any other sport or activity. Girls are expected to attend practices on a regular basis and perform at all scheduled basketball games for the entire cheer season (mid-October through December).