Calibre Academy

Cheerleading



2017-2018 Tryout Information

Dear Parents and Guardian,

Your student is interested in becoming a member of the Calibre Academy Cheerleading Squad for the 2017-2018 school year. If selected there are specific responsibilities and obligations which they must assume in order to qualify and remain part of the squad.

On the following pages, you will find tryout dates and information, tryout qualifications and requirements, cheerleader expectations and projected expense list, an overall schedule, and the necessary forms to completed and returned.

Being a Mustang Cheerleader is a full school year commitment and requires ***extreme*** amount of dedication from not only the student but the family as well. If you and your student both feel the obligations and requirements can be met, please allow your student to try out.

We are looking forward to a successful year! If you have any questions or concerns please call us at school or email us.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation,

Mrs. Sharon Kaplan and Mrs. Kristina Brilhante

Cheer Coaches



**Mustang Cheer Tryouts**

Tryouts for the Mustang Cheer Squad will take place August 21-23 from 3:15-5:00 PM. Tryouts will be held over several days. Throughout these days we will be able to observe several aspects the candidates have: skills they possess, how well they cooperate and interact with others, their initiative, and whether they possess a positive attitude. Tryouts are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Calibre students. 5th graders that have more advanced skills may be considered. Special arrangements to tryout must be made with the coaches.

* **TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED. NO SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED – THIS INCLUDES CAMERAS AND VIDEO CAMERAS. PHONES WILL BE PUT AWAY!**

The parent permission slip must be turned into the front office by Friday, August 18th or the student will not be able to tryout.

**What to wear to tryouts:** (dress as closely as you can)

Black shorts

Calibre or black t-shirt

Hair must be pulled back in a high pony with a bow (if have)

Closed toed sneakers

NO JEWELRY

NO GUM

**Evaluation**: Each candidate will be judged on the following categories:

1. Dance
2. Cheer
3. Jumps
4. Motions
5. Tumbling
6. Memory
7. Attitude
8. Overall impression

The coaches will also be talking to the candidate’s teachers about grades, attendance, homework, behavior, and attitude.

**Cheerleading Expectations**:

All duties and responsibilities as a squad member begin upon selection and do not end until the end of the season. All squad members will be required to:

* Attend all practices (about 2 a week) and games. Practices and games are mandatory. Unexcused absences will have consequences.
* Attend all assigned school events.
* Prepare and participate in decorating projects.
* Attend the one competition we have this season.
* There will be NO drama. Squad members will treat each other with respect.
* Cheerleading is fun but can be dangerous. Cheerleaders must be paying full attention especially during stunting and tumbling.

**Parent Information**:

As soon as the calendar is released please make sure your student is available on those dates.

**Important Dates:** all practices will be in room 131

August 18 – parent permission slip due

August 21-23 from 3:15-5:00 PM – tryouts

August 25 – squad is announced

August 28 – **Mandatory parent/cheerleader meeting**

August 29 –sizing of uniform

September 11 – practice begins (practices are on Monday’s from

3:15-5:00 PM and Wednesday’s from 3:15-4:15 PM). An official practice schedule will be sent home shortly after tryouts and a game schedule will be sent home as soon as the coaches receive it.

**Costs:**

Participation fee - $80

Uniform Fee - $180 (includes practice wear, uniform, 2 bows, poms, and shoes). Payment plan (TBD upon request)

We will be having some fundraisers throughout the season to help with any other fees (competition fees, etc.), however no other out of pocket expenses will be asked for.