



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Your daughter is interested in becoming a member of the HJ McDonald Middle School Cheerleading Squad. If selected there are specific responsibilities and obligations, which she must assume in order to qualify and remain part of the squad.

The Cheerleader Candidate has received a tryout packet, which includes information regarding tryouts, reference forms, medical forms, and the travel notification. This information can also be found on my webpage at barbarashy@weebly.com under the cheerleader tab. Please read all information so you and your child are aware of the expectations and requirements. All procedures will be followed with no exceptions. Please be aware of due dates and paper work that needs to be turned in. If the information is late or if the candidate fails to turn in any required paperwork, the candidate will be disqualified for Cheerleader tryouts.

Being a cheerleader is a **FULL YEAR** commitment and requires an extreme amount of dedication from not only the cheerleader, but the family as well. If you and your child both feel the obligations and responsibilities can be met, please allow your child to participate in tryouts. If your child is selected to be a part of the 2017-2018 HJM cheer team, practice will begin during the summer with cheer camp.

I am looking forward to a successful year. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at school, 252)514-6450.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation,

Barbara Shy
HJM Middle School Cheerleader Coach

CHEERLEADER EXPECTATIONS

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

1. Attend all assigned practices and performances
2. Attend and actively participate in all assigned promotional activities (fundraisers)
3. Attend all assigned community functions
4. Prepare and participate in all decorating projects
5. Attend any other assigned activity, such as competition
6. Attend assigned camps

CHEERLEADER TRYOUT TIMETABLE 2017-2018

Monday, April 3rd

Interest Meeting- 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Pick up HJM Cheerleading Tryout Packet. Also available online at Barbara.Shy@weebly.com or in Room 624.

Thursday, April 13th

All applications for cheerleader must be turned into Mrs. Shy in Room 624.

Tuesday, April 25th – Thursday, April 27th

- Cheer clinic: 3:45 – 5:30
To learn mandatory cheer, dance, and jumps

Friday, April 28th

- Cheerleading tryouts: 4:00 start time
- **All candidates must be in the gym lobby dressed and ready to go by 3:45 PM**
- **Candidates are expected to be there until the end of tryouts. If you miss tryouts, you will NOT be allowed to tryout later.**

**** NO parents, family members, friends, boy/girlfriends will be able to watch any part of the tryout process and cheer clinic. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification from tryouts!**

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY OF TRYOUTS – April 28th

1. Each candidate will be judged on a 100-point scale, with the following weights assigned:
80 points Judge's scores (cheerleading ability)
20 points Teacher evaluations (2 teacher evaluations)
2. Each candidate will be known as an identification number, which will be worn during the tryout process.
3. Each candidate will tryout in a group of 3 or 4, in front of the judges. The candidate's jumps and tumbling pass will be performed individually. The dance and cheer will be performed as a group. If the judge(s) deem necessary, any part of the tryout material may be performed twice.
4. Tryouts are closed to all spectators. HJM cheer sponsors, administration, and judges will be the ONLY people allowed in the tryout area with the candidates.
5. Only the candidates who have the highest score will be selected to the HJM Cheerleading Squad.
7. Results will be available after the end of cheerleading tryouts and the final tally of scores.
8. After the results are finalized, each candidate will be called back into the gym. Each candidate will be given an envelope and asked not to open the envelope until **after** they leave the gym. The envelope will contain a letter stating whether or not the candidate has made the cheerleading squad for the 2017-2018 year.
9. A parent meeting will be held prior to the end of the school year to prepare for the upcoming year.

WHAT TO WEAR FOR TRYOUTS

1. Predominately **white** t-shirt.
2. Dark black or blue short pants– No skirts or jeans.
3. comfortable sneakers
4. Wear hair in a ponytail, French braid, bun, pigtails, etc. If your hair is too short for a ponytail, then make sure it is all pulled away from your face.
5. NO JEWELRY!

If You Make The Squad

EXPECTATIONS

- You will be expected to follow all HJM rules and expectations. NO EXCEPTIONS! OSS and Chill Out will have strict consequences.

COSTS

Listed below are the items you will need and their **approximate** cost if you make the team. The money for these items will be divided into 3 payments; final payment will be due July 28th. We will have several fund raisers to offset cheer expenses and camp fees.

Required Items

Cheer Shoes, Socks, Bows, Briefs, Hooded Sweatshirt, and Camp T-shirt: Approximate cost: \$100. If you were on the team last year, you do not need to purchase another sweatshirt.

Cheer Camp

Approximate cost: \$60.00

Camp is MANDATORY. Stunt camp will be Saturday, June 3rd and technique camp will be held July 17th – July 21st.

TOTAL: NEW MEMBERS: \$160

RETURNERS: \$120

Optional Items

Shorts, Warm-ups, Rain Jacket, bag

Approximate cost: \$100

GAMES/ PRACTICES

- Football Games are on Wednesday nights
- Basketball games usually fall on Tuesday and Thursday
- Typically, we do not go to away games, except Grover C.
- Practices will be 2 to 3 days a week after school
- Routines will be performed during halftime of the games

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SELECTED SQUAD

- The first mandatory meeting for the selected squad and the parents will be 5/1/17 at 4:00. You will be given a calendar with meeting dates, fundraiser dates, and a multitude of cheer information.
- All money for cheer items will be due July 28, 2017. No items will be ordered until all money is turned in.

Payment Schedule	Amount Due	Returners
May 12, 2017	\$54	\$40
June 9, 2017	\$54	\$40
July 28, 2017	\$52	\$40

HJM Middle School
Application for Cheerleader Squad Selection Process

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Name of Applicant: _____ Classification: 7 8

Applicant E-mail Address: _____ Applicant cell phone () -

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone () - _____ Cell Phone () - _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail address: _____

CHEERLEADER CANDIDATE/ PARENT AGREEMENT

I, _____ would like to try out for HJM Middle School
(cheerleader candidate name)

Cheerleader for the 2017-2018 school year.

_____ has my permission to try out for the HJM Middle
(cheerleader candidate name)
School Cheerleading squad for the 2017-2018 school year.

We have read the tryout information concerning the Cheerleader organization and the tryout procedures. We are satisfied with the high standards set forth to govern this organization. We understand that it is a privilege and not a right to be selected as a member of this group. We also understand that not everyone can be chosen. We further understand the tryout procedures and how cheerleaders are selected. We agree to abide by the decision of the judges and know that all decisions are final.

Cheerleader Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/guardian Signature

Date

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Please complete this form and return it to Mrs. Shy's box by **April 13th**. **Do not give back to the student!** Teacher evaluations count for 20% percent of the candidate's score. It is very important that the form is returned. Please rate the student according to how YOU feel the student does in YOUR class or classes. Please be honest, as well as courteous. These evaluations will determine if the student is eligible to tryout. These evaluations are kept confidential.

Sincerely,
Barbara Shy
HJM Middle School Cheer Coach

On a scale of 1 to 4, please rate the student in each of these areas listed below:
(4 = strongly agree and 1 = strongly disagree)

Student exhibits appropriate behavior _____

Student exhibits positive attitude towards
teacher _____

Student demonstrates responsibility _____

Student demonstrates leadership skills _____

Student exhibits positive attitude towards
other students and peers _____

Additional Comments:

TOTAL _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Subject: _____

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On a scale of 1 to 10, please rate the student in each of these areas listed below:
(10 = strongly agree and 1 = strongly disagree)

Student exhibits appropriate behavior _____

Student exhibits positive attitude towards
teacher _____

Student demonstrates responsibility _____

Student demonstrates leadership skills _____

Student exhibits positive attitude towards
other students and peers _____

Additional Comments:

TOTAL _____

Teacher Signature: _____