

HILLIARD MEMORIAL CHEERLEADING

Cheerleader/Parent Meeting

Welcome to the Jaguar Cheerleading family!

ACADEMICS

As a Memorial cheerleader, it is important to remember that you are a student-athlete. Your academics come first and it is the expectation that you commit yourself to achieving your very best in the classroom. All cheerleaders must maintain eligibility expectations stated in the HCSD athletic manual, in order to participate and continue as part of the Memorial Cheerleading program. Your coaches will be checking your grades and contacting classroom teachers throughout the season.

STUDY TABLES

On game day, you will arrive to study tables promptly and ready for game day by 3:05pm; Cheerleaders are expected to begin working on homework assignments by 3:05pm. If you do not have homework, bring a book to read silently. Study tables will be a silent period in which all cheerleaders are expected to work or read - no phones or electronics permitted during this time. Depending on availability in the building, you will be permitted to visit the library if you are in need of a computer/internet access during this time.

LEADERSHIP/SCHOOL SPIRIT

It is also the expectation that you represent yourself, at ALL times, in a positive and appropriate manner. Be a strong leader among your friends and classmates. Your actions reflect your teammates, coaches, school and family. Be KIND to each other, your classmates, your teachers, and your community. As a cheerleader - be a leader with showing spirit and pride in your school!

ABSENCES/TARDINESS

No more than 3 absences, *unless discussed and approved by coaches regarding reasoning of further absences*. If you are going to miss practice or a game, a note from a parent must be submitted to the Coach at least one day in advance. If you are absent from school, you are not permitted to attend practice or games. Arriving late to practice or study tables will result in team conditioning. If you are going to be late due to a school commitment/obligation - you must communicate with Coaches in advance. Having a friend/teammate communicate the reason for your tardiness is not acceptable. You are responsible to communicate with your coaches.

GAME DAY

For every game, you will need to bring the following: uniform, midriff, black briefs, white no-show socks, cheer shoes, bow, pom-poms, & water bottle.

AWAY GAMES

Cheerleaders will ride the bus with the football players in the case of an away game. Cheerleaders will sit in the front 4 seats. You are not to socialize with the players during this time. If you would like to take your child home from an away game, a parent note must be given to the coach 24 hours in advance.

PARENT PICK-UP

Parents, please arrive promptly to the school to pick your cheerleader up after games or practices.

PARENT AND CHEERLEADER COMMUNICATION

Coaches will be giving cheerleaders important information during practices and/or games; we expect athletes to be responsible for relaying this information back to their parents. Coaches will also communicate primarily through email, using the email address provided on Home Access. Make sure to also "like" and check out the Jaguar Cheerleading Facebook page: **Hilliard Jaguar Cheerleading** and check out the MMS cheer webpage: <http://memorialcheer.weebly.com/> for more updates.

TEAM DINNERS

Team dinners are provided by the parents before every game. Dinners should arrive to school at approximately 3PM on game days. Any cheerleaders with allergies or food concerns, please let Coaches know immediately. **Thank you so much** for your help with team dinners, and making game day easier for our team!

TIMED MILE

Every week, you will be running a mile with your teammates that will be timed. It is the expectation that you work toward improving your time and increasing your stamina and endurance.

KNOWLEDGE OF MATERIAL

You will be given a list with the cheers and chants on them. It is expected that once you are taught a cheer or a chant that you practice it regularly in order to be game day ready.

PRACTICES

You are required to bring a water bottle to practice every day. It is important to stay healthy and hydrated. Memorial cheer practices are for MMS cheerleaders only. We ask that parents, family and friends refrain from entering our practices. The coaches will work in their best effort to assure practices end promptly.

ORDERING

A detailed and descriptive itemized order form will be given to cheerleaders and parents. These items will be used during this cheerleading season, and any future seasons, while cheering at Memorial Middle School. If you are a returning cheerleader to the team, and already have these items, please do not feel obligated to re-order. Please order items at your earliest convenience, so they arrive in time for the first game. Do not hesitate to let coaches know if you have any issues, or need help with your orders.

PAY TO PLAY PARTICIPATION FEE

Participation Fees can be paid...

- On-line at www.mypaymentsplus.com (preferred method)
- Turned into the main office at your convenience

If you have any questions, please contact the Bradley Athletic Office at (614)921-7430. All fees must be paid before the first game.

OPTIONAL TEAM TUMBLING

At HCA (Hilliard Cheer Academy) every Friday, starting on August 11th from 3:30-5pm. With the exception of September 8th, because it is middle school night. It will be a ten week session for \$5 a session; \$50 upfront.

**We are looking forward to a great season!!
Go Jags!**