

COMMERCE CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS REVISED FEBRUARY 12, 2007

DEAR PARENT:

YOUR CHILD HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE COMMERCE CHEERLEADING SQUAD FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR. IF ELECTED, THERE ARE CERTAIN PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH YOUR CHILD MUST ASSUME. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.

ATTACHED IS A COPY OF THE COMMERCE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHEERLEADING CONSTITUTION. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY WITH YOUR CHILD BEFORE SIGNING THE PARENTAL FORM.

TRY-OUT CLINICS WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**, AND ON **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**. THE CLINICS WILL BE HELD AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. PARTICIPANTS TRYING OUT FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SQUAD WILL START AT 3:30 P.M. AND THE HIGH SCHOOL GROUP WILL START AT 5:00 P.M. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** ON WEDNESDAY UNLESS AN EMERGENCY ARISES. IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN CONTACT THE SPONSOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. THURSDAY WILL BE ONLY FOR THOSE NEEDING EXTRA HELP AND WILL BE FROM 3:30 P.M. UNTIL 4:30 P.M. MATERIAL NEEDED FOR TRY-OUTS WILL BE TAUGHT DURING THE CLINICS.

TRY-OUTS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 28** AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. MEMBERS OF THE PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD WILL BE JUDGES. THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRY-OUTS WILL START AT 4:00 P.M. WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TRY-OUTS FOLLOWING.

CHEERLEADING ACTIVITIES ARE VERY TIME CONSUMING. SHOULD YOUR CHILD WIN A PLACE ON THE SQUAD, THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES WHICH TAKE PLACE DURING THE SUMMER. THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND CHEERLEADING CAMP FOR ONE WEEK AT THE CHEERLEADERS EXPENSE (APPROXIMATELY \$220.00), ALL CAMP FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE ATTENDING CAMP (FUNDRAISERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COMPENSATE SOME OF THE EXPENSE). THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHEDULED PRACTICES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. IF YOUR CHILD WORKS, THEY MUST ARRANGE THEIR JOB SCHEDULE AROUND THEIR CHEERLEADING DUTIES. WORK IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE FOR MISSED PRACTICES OR ACTIVITIES. ALL CHEERLEADERS MUST MAINTAIN THEIR GRADES AND ELIGIBILITY AT ALL TIMES IF THEY WISH TO CHEER. **A "C" AVERAGE MUST BE MAINTAINED DURING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PRIOR TO TRY-OUTS IN ORDER TO TRY-OUT FOR CHEERLEADER.**

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE MONEY INVOLVED IN CHEERLEADING. THE CHEERLEADER IS REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN SHOES, BLOOMERS, SOCKS, TURTLE NECK, SWEATSHIRT, AND CAMP CLOTHING, ALL CLOTHING ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE THE ITEMS WILL BE ORDERED. THERE MAY ALSO BE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES AT CAMP AND THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

CHEERLEADING IS A GREAT HONOR AT THE COMMERCE SCHOOLS, BUT WITH IT COMES A LOT OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KRISTY MOUDY AT THE COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 675-4101.

SINCERELY,

KRISTY MOUDY
CHEERLEADING SPONSOR

**COMMERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHEERLEADING CONSTITUTION 2007-2008
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A. PURPOSE

1. THE CHEERLEADERS WILL PROMOTE AND UPHOLD SCHOOL SPIRIT THROUGHOUT THE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL SEASONS.
2. THEY WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AMONG THE STUDENTS AND CROWD.
3. THEY WILL PROMOTE UNIFICATION OF THE CROWDS YELLING.
4. THEY WILL STRIVE TO BUILD BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS.
5. THEY WILL PERFORM AT A LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE SO AS TO BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO THE SCHOOL, THE SQUAD, AND THEMSELVES.
6. THEY WILL SET A GOOD EXAMPLE AT ALL TIMES.

B. REQUIREMENTS

1. PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP AND CANDIDATE CONTRACT.
2. CANDIDATE MUST MAINTAIN A "C" AVERAGE THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PRIOR TO TRY-OUTS.
3. THE CANDIDATE MUST ATTEND ALL CLINIC MEETINGS HELD PRIOR TO TRY-OUTS.
4. THE CANDIDATE MUST NOT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN REMOVED FROM OR QUIT THE SQUAD.
5. THE CANDIDATE MUST AGREE TO CHEER DURING ALL OF THE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL SEASONS.
6. THE CANDIDATE MUST PASS A DOCTOR'S PHYSICAL EXAM AND DRUG TEST PRIOR TO THE CHEERLEADING SEASON AND HAVE IT ALONG WITH INSURANCE VERIFICATION ON FILE WITH THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.