

August 20, 2007

Hello and welcome to a new school year at BSTMS. I hope the first week has gone by smoothly for you. I am excited that your student has decided to try out for the BSTMS cheerleading squad and look forward to a great season as well.

My expectations for the students are very high. I view them not only as role models to BSTMS students, but BSTMS representatives on and off the field.

Every student trying out will be required to have a physical exam on a new form (which is attached). All students must have the parent permission and acknowledgment of risk signed. The only requirement for returning students for tryouts is a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in the 3rd 12 weeks of the 2006-2007 school year. But, a 2.5 GPA throughout the school year will be required to maintain your position on the squad. Since incoming 6th graders do not have GPAs, they will be given an exemption. The GPA will be checked before tryouts and no returning student will be allowed to try out unless their 3rd 12-week GPA was a 2.0 or higher. This requirement applies to transfer students also.

Each cheerleader will be responsible for providing shoes, bodysuits, socks, briefs and any other accessories to be determined by the squad. The cost for these items will be approximately \$130. Also each cheerleader must purchase student athletic insurance at the cost of \$22.50. This is mandatory and will cover the entire athletic season. More information will be provided to those students making the squad.

Clinic will be on August 27 and 28 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm and tryouts will be on August 29 beginning at 4:00 pm. Clinic and tryouts will be closed to EVERYONE except participants!! NO EXCEPTIONS!! Student must attend both clinic days in order to be eligible to tryout. **Permission slips and physicals must be returned to the coach before tryouts or you will not be able to tryout.** Each student trying out is to wear a solid color t-shirt (no lettering) and solid color shorts.

Attached are the necessary forms. Also attached is a copy of the judge's form that will be used to evaluate each student trying out.

Your student's commitment to the squad is very important, therefore, it is pertinent that I stress that BSTMS practices and games come before any other practices or competitions. Your commitment to Bryan Station Middle School and the team is top priority; therefore, this needs to be agreed upon upfront.

I anticipate this to be an exciting as well as rewarding year for your student at BSTMS. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at school 381-3288 ext 1011. Thanks for our cooperation and GOOD LUCK!

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