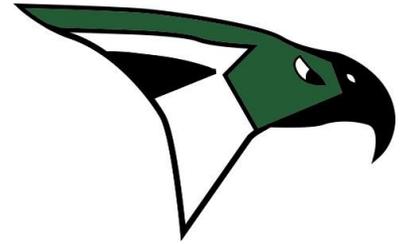




Academic Magnet High School Varsity Cheerleading



Tryout Packet for 2017-18 Season

Parent Information Meeting

5:30 pm on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the AMHS cafeteria

Tryout Clinics

Monday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 25 from 3:45 – 5:45 pm
Teaching chant, cheer, and dance needed for tryout

Tryouts

Wednesday, April 26 at 4:00 pm
Warm-ups start at 3:45 pm

Team Selection

Squad will be posted on the school's website by Friday, April 28

Mandatory Parent Meeting for Squad Members

5:30 pm on Thursday, May 4, 2017 in the AMHS cafeteria

Checklist for Tryouts!

- Must be a rising freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior at AMHS
- Athletic physical dated April 1, 2016 or later
- Overall C average with no failing grades (per SCHS League)
- Copy of 3rd nine weeks report card
- Teacher/Coach Recommendations (remind teachers/coaches about these!!!)
- Read "Tryout Rules, Team Obligations, and Requirements"
- Tryout Permission Form

How will I be judged?

- Cheer learned at Tryout clinic
- Chant/Sideline learned at Tryout clinic
- Dance learned at Tryout clinic
- Jumps
- Flexibility
- Any tumbling

* Scores are also be based on voice, facials, and tight motions. Therefore, if you are lacking in certain areas, you can increase your score in other areas!

* Team selection will include a combination of judge's score, teacher evaluations and grades.

ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Tryout Rules, Team Obligations, and Requirements

Dress for Cheer Clinics and Tryout:

- Appropriate clothing: t-shirt, shorts, & tennis/cheer shoes (flip-flops/bare feet not permitted)
- No jewelry-including earrings, nose rings, belly rings, etc.
- Hair needs to be secured away from face in a neat ponytail
- Fingernails should be cut, no colored polish, acrylic nails are not be permitted
- No chewing gum
- Bring your inhaler if you have asthma
- TRYOUT DAY-Do not wear an Academic Magnet Cheer shirt

Expectations for Team Membership:

* Making the squad requires a **yearlong commitment/obligation** to the program. Cheerleaders will be required to cheer **for football games, basketball games, and competitive cheer**. This includes summer practices, summer camp, some late nights during the school year, and weekend commitments. Cheerleaders must be willing and ready to make this yearlong commitment.

* Cheerleaders must maintain good academic standing and a C average with no failing grades in academic classes.

* Practices and events are mandatory. Appointments, vacations, work, etc. need to be planned around the cheer calendar. Cheerleading is a team sport and missing one person makes the practice less productive for the entire team. Severe illness or family emergencies are the only excused absences and must be approved by the coach. Excessive absences could result in dismissal from the team with no refund of money.

* All cheerleaders will be required to clean up the stadium after home football games. The money from this will go towards the operation of the team which includes uniforms, poms, competition fees, bus transportation to and from away games, and much more.

* Cheerleaders will be responsible for paying for camp and purchasing team apparel such as shoes, warm-ups, camp clothes, hair bows, warm-ups, etc. New cheerleader's costs are around \$450 for the entire season with \$200 deposit due May 24th. Returners may not need all items and the cost could be significantly lower. Cheerleaders will have the option to participate in a fundraiser to offset costs.

* Cheerleaders will be required to attend tumbling weekly with the team. Parents will be responsible for the monthly tuition of approximately \$65.

* A cheerleader at AMHS is expected to promote and present good sportsmanship, good manners, mature and responsible behavior, good family values, cooperation and awareness of one's obligation. **Parents and cheerleaders are strongly encouraged to discuss goals and expectations for the cheer squad and decide if you will be able to make the commitment at this time.**