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HOLY CROSS CHEERLEADING

Tryout Packet 2013-2014

This packet contains a number of necessary forms and important information for try outs.
Please read and complete it carefully.

The following items are required to try out for the Holy Cross Cheerleaders:

- **Application Form (attached)**
- **Parent Permission Form (attached)**
- **Sealed Letter of Recommendation (form attached)**
- **\$10 tryout fee (CASH only, please)**
- **Copy of current grade report**
- **Proof of admission or attendance at all girl's Catholic High school**

Dear Cheerleading Candidates & Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the 2013-2014 Holy Cross School Cheerleaders. We believe that cheerleading is a rewarding and exciting sport that teaches teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, leadership, school spirit, and hard work. Being chosen to represent Holy Cross is both an honor and a privilege. As a Holy Cross Cheerleader, you will be in the forefront as a representative of our school and will be expected to adhere to a strict code of conduct at all times, both on and off campus. Keeping this in mind, both you and your parent/guardian should read the following information to ensure you fully understand both the responsibility and commitment expected of you as a Holy Cross Cheerleader.

While deciding whether or not to be a part of our year long competitive cheerleading program, please remember and consider the time and commitment this activity will require from both the students and parents. Your commitment will require active participation in after school practice (2-3 times a week), pep rallies, summer camp, fundraisers, team bonding, weekly games (football and basketball), and competitions. Due to the fact that cheerleading is a team, one person's inability to follow through on their commitment affects the entire squad. In addition to the time commitment, you will need to take into consideration your academic requirements and the considerable financial impact. You must be a student first and a Holy Cross cheerleader second.

Please consider ALL of these factors before deciding to try out. We look forward to an exciting try out process this year and wish each and every one of you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

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CHEERLEADING**
Application Form* 2013-2014

Cheerleader's Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Numbers: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Catholic High School 2013-2014: _____ Current GPA: _____

Grade Level as of Fall 2013 (upcoming school year): 8th Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Please use the back of this form or a separate page if you need additional space:

Cheerleading Experience (include specific schools, teams, or other experience):

Tumbling Experience (include specific skills or other experience):

Stunting Experience (include positions and/or skills):

What characteristics/traits would make you an asset to the Holy Cross Cheerleaders? What qualities will you contribute to the team?

Do you understand that the team will have required practices on Mondays/Tuesdays and Thursdays, and additional practices may be added as needed? **YES** **NO**

Please state any other activities/sports that may interfere with our program if you are accepted as a Holy Cross Cheerleader:

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Parent Permission Form 2013-2014

Cheerleader's Name: _____

Eligibility Requirements:

- GPA must be at least a 2.0. ****Must bring a copy of latest report card or progress report.***
- Practice times: Mondays/Tuesdays and Thursdays (HC) 5:30-8:30* (Subject to Change)
****Must attend all practices, cheer camp (June 17-20), games, and competitions.***
- Expense Estimates: (Please see attached Financial Responsibilities for detailed information)
- Tumbling Requirements:
Varsity – standing back handspring; running back handspring series or better
Junior Varsity cheerleaders are expected to master and perform a standing back handspring and running back handspring during the season, and to be considered for the following year's squad.

I understand the eligibility requirements for grades, attendance, practice, and expenses. I will adhere to these as well as any other requirements that arise.

Student Signature: _____

I understand all eligibility requirements and financial requirements and give my son/daughter permission to tryout for the Holy Cross School Cheerleaders.

Parent Signature: _____

Please list any conditions, medications, or allergies that we should know about in the event of an injury at tryouts *(if you have a current injury that limits your abilities at tryouts, please attach a doctor's note)*

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Letter of Recommendation Form 2013-2014

A letter of recommendation is required to try out for the Holy Cross Cheerleaders. Letters should come from former cheerleading coaches, dance teachers, or other teachers. Please find someone who has a “coaching” or “teaching” relationship with you to write this letter. Current Holy Cross cheerleading coaches are NOT allowed to write any letters of recommendation.

Coaches and Teachers,

Please share your personal evaluation of this applicant. Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to include information describing the candidate’s work ethic, ability to work on a team, any specific behavioral concerns, and any specific skills or special things we should know in consideration of this student for our program. Also, please be sure to answer the following questions:

Cheer Candidate:

Your name:

Your Email:

Your Phone Number:

How long have you known the candidate?

What is your relation to the candidate?

What are their strengths?

What are their areas for development?

Did this student ever need to be disciplined by you, and if so, what was the offense?

On a scale of 1 to 5 (highest), please rate the applicant in each of these areas listed below:

_____ Ability to get along with others

_____ Attitude

_____ Cooperation

_____ Attendance and punctuality

_____ Dependability

Signed:

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Financial Responsibilities 2013-2014

Below is a list of financial responsibilities and a payment schedule. Exact prices may vary.

New Varsity Cheerleader

Camp: June 17-20: \$400
Camp/Practice clothes: \$150 (3 uniforms)
Uniform: \$950*** (3 uniforms)
Warm-Up: \$75
Competition Routine Choreography: \$225
Competition Registration Fees: \$500*

Returning Varsity Cheerleader

Camp: June 18-21 or 25-28: \$400
Camp/Practice Clothes: \$150 (3 uniforms)
Uniform: \$* (must replace poms)
Competition Routine Choreography: \$225
Competition Registration Fees: \$500*

New JV Cheerleader

Camp: June 17-20: \$400
Camp/Practice clothes: \$150 (3 uniforms)
Uniform: \$550*** (2 uniforms)
Warm-Up: \$75
Competition Routine Choreography: \$225
Competition Registration Fees: \$500*

Returning JV Cheerleader

Camp: June 18-21 or 25-28: \$400
Camp/Practice Clothes: \$150 (3 uniforms)
Uniform: \$* (must replace poms)
Competition Routine: \$225
Competition Registration Fees: \$500

* Returning Cheerleader costs may vary depending on individual replacement needs.*

*** Individual invoices will be sent after fitting with Varsity on Thursday, March 21st ***

Please note: There are additional items available for purchase not included in this list.

**There are additional travel and lodging fees associated with competitions. Those fees are not included in these costs.
Cheerleaders do have an opportunity to fundraise to help to offset both individual and team costs.**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Mandatory Meeting: Thursday, March 14th at 6 pm at Holy Cross.

At least ONE parent or guardian must attend for each cheerleader. Cheerleaders are also required to attend.

March 30, 2013: Camp + camp clothes

April 30, 2013: Uniform

May 30, 2013: Competition routine + warm-up

June 30, 2013: Competition fees

December 1, 2013: Competition travel and lodging fees

Individual invoices will be sent prior to each payment.

Please note: March 30th is quickly approaching; however, we must reserve our camp space and full payment is required. If this presents a hardship for your family, please talk to us ahead of time. Payments are due on the dates indicated.

Checks should be made payable to **Holy Cross School**. Please include the cheerleader's name in the Memo section.

ALL monies are non-refundable. Payments are discussed in further detail in the Holy Cross Constitution.

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