

**San Marcos High School**  
**Varsity cheer and JV cheer selections**  
**2008**

Dear Parents and Candidates:

Your daughter/son has signed up for the Junior Varsity or Varsity cheerleading squads for the 2008-2009 school year. We feel that, as parents, you should be aware of some of the responsibilities involved with such a position and should give approval for your student's participation if selected. At San Marcos High School, the cheerleading squad is run the same as any other athletic program on campus. The students have to meet the same requirements, sign the same pledge sheets and adhere to the eligibility standards in regards to grades. The tryout procedure aligns with the athletic squad selection. Potential squad members will be judged on the knowledge of the material taught, physical ability to do the routines, flexibility, strength, energy, enthusiasm, attitude, cooperation, teamwork, and determination. The coaches, along with any people they choose to enlist for assistance, will select their own teams based on the criteria listed.

**General Information**

- A. Students who plan to try out must acquire an eligibility approval form during break, lunch or after school from the ASB room, front office or Room 505. All forms must include a picture of the student for identification purposes and must be returned no later than the beginning of the school day on April 7, 2008 to Mrs. Bagheri in Room 505.
- B. Candidates are encouraged but not required to purchase an ASB card before tryouts and are required to maintain membership throughout their tenure as cheerleader. Once you have been selected to be a member of the squad, you will be expected to remain on the squad the entire time.
- C. All outstanding debts with the school must be cleared before trying out.
- D. Cheer Tryouts Schedule: Please direct all questions to [bonnie.bagheri@smusd.org](mailto:bonnie.bagheri@smusd.org)
  - 1. Formal practice will be held:
    - Monday, April 7- Formal Introduction & learn cheer and dance 3:00-5:00pm
    - Tuesday, April 8 – Practice and If needed --First Cuts- 3:00-5:00pm
    - Wednesday, April 19- Final Cuts- 3:15p.m.
  - 2. Candidates who are unable to make practice times due to sports, or other activities must take it upon themselves to learn the material taught. Candidates who are unable to make it to first or second cuts must make alternative arrangements with Mrs. Bagheri (Cheer Director) by emailing [bonnie.bagheri@smusd.org](mailto:bonnie.bagheri@smusd.org) or calling 290-2200 ext. 2244 before either cut date. On cut days, students currently participating in a sport will go first in the rotation so they can get to their sport practices.
- E. Candidate selections:
  - 1. After each of the two cuts, there will be a list of candidates who have been chosen to proceed through the selection process posted on the voicemail at the high school at 290-2200 ext TBA.
  - 2. The selections posted by the coaches will be considered **final**. No alternates will be selected nor will any alternates be designated.
- F. Selected squad members:
  - 1. All Cheerleaders must take the required physical education course. This course is offered first period and is mandatory as part of their schedule.

2. All selected squad members **must** have a physical exam by a physician. This release must be on file in the office by June 1, 2008. As a service, physicals may be offered at SMHS in the summer.
3. Cheerleaders must remember that they are directly representing San Marcos High School. While a member of the squad, their first responsibility is to the school and the program. Their conduct, attitude, attire and appearance are a direct reflection on our school and the student body. Our cheerleaders are expected to be outstanding citizens at all times and conduct themselves as classy young women and respectable young men.
4. All members must abide by all school and cheer squad rules and regulations. No exceptions.

**G. Other Information:**

1. Uniforms will remain the same for both JV and Varsity squads. Shoes and warm-ups will remain the same. Uniform money is due in full by the end of August. A deposit of \$150 will be required within a week after tryouts in order to select and order uniform. We do not want a cheerleader spending money that places a financial hardship on any of the members or their parents. We would like all expenditures to be worth while and affordable. As a general rule, uniform expenses remain around \$400.00-\$500.00.
2. Both JV and Varsity squads will be attending cheer camp this summer. This is an optional activity. At camp the cheerleaders will learn most of the material used for both the football and basketball seasons. This is an extremely rewarding experience and opportunity for the squads to bond and gain strength as a team. The cost is approximately \$300.00 for Varsity and \$100 for JV.
3. There will be some opportunity to fundraise some of the expenses, if students or parents are motivated to participate. This will be discussed at the mandatory meeting.
4. Squad members must remain eligible during their tenure of office or they will be removed from the position for a minimum of a full grading period. These are the same grading periods that the athletic teams use. Cheerleaders are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA. They may practice with their team but they may not perform or wear their uniform during the grading period effected. All grade issues will be handled by the Cheer Director and Assistant principal overseeing athletics, if necessary.
5. There will be practices after school. These are required practices. Failure to attend required practices will eliminate a member from upcoming performances. If attendance continues to be a problem the student may be eliminated from tryout the following year. In addition, cheerleaders are required to attend all football games and basketball games. Also, they will be required to attend some community events.
6. A cheerleader makes a commitment for both the fall and winter sports season. Therefore, we do not permit a cheerleader to participate in a fall or winter sport.
7. Varsity and JV Cheer will practice sometime after school on Tuesday and Thursday as scheduled by coaches
8. Competition Cheer will conduct tryouts during September or October. All practices will be in the evenings. All students at SMHS may tryout for Competition Cheer including freshman. If a current Varsity or JV member makes the competition squad they must continue to fulfill the duties of the cheer squad. Failure to fulfill commitments will result in removal from both squads.

**Mandatory Meeting** for successful candidates is scheduled Tuesday, April 15 at 7pm in the dance room. Bring your deposit of \$150.00 and your own chair

**Mandatory Uniform Fitting** is Wednesday, April 16 at 3pm or before if you are already in my first period class in the Dance Room.