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**Gibbs Middle School**

**2019-2020 Cheerleading Tryout**

**Information Packet**

Dear Candidate & Parent,

Being a Gibbs Cheerleader requires dedication, commitment, respect, academic integrity, and parental support. Therefore, please read this entire packet in its entirety before making the decision to participate in the tryout process. Make sure you understand the guidelines and can adhere to all the requirements that are noted.

To assist you with your preparation, our tryout procedures and judging sheet is also attached. You may keep this information for future reference. This year, there will be **12-14 students** selected for the team. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Anderson (shanda.anderson@knoxschools.) or Mrs. Long (caitlin.long@knoxschools.org) via email.

Thank you for your interest in representing Gibbs Middle School.

*The following materials must be returned to one of the coaches no later than*

**Wednesday April 17, 2019**

• **Information sheet**

• **Intent Covenant** (signed by candidate and parent)

• **Rules, Regulations, Financial Agreement, and Demerits** (signed by candidate and parent)

• **Physical form** (Make sure its up to date: physicals good for 1 yr)

• **Report card with C average in all classes** (most recent report card; progress reports not acceptable)

• **$30.00 non-refundable clinic fee** (cash or checks to GMS Cheer)

***NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.***

**IF SELECTED FOR THE SQUAD** you are **REQUIRED** to participate in these upcoming events:

\***NEW CHEERLEADER & PARENT MEETING**

Monday, April 29 **@ 6:00 pm** in the Mrs. Long’s room 312- must have a parent/adult representative and student athlete attend. **We will be doing sizing at that time.**

\*\***CAMP**

All Fundraiser Events-Pancake Breakfasts, Dances, Car Washes, etc. **(All Required)**

Summer practices- June dates will be more flexible, based on family vacations, etc.—however, these practices will be when the squad learns cheers, chants, etc.

Cheer Camp- July 24th – July 26th(firm dates TBA) (**Required - $140)**

**\*\*\*PRACTICE AT CHEER GYM**

We will be practice twice each week prior to the season starting- one of the two practices will be held at Twisters Cheer Gym in Halls (6930 Neal Dr., Knoxville 37918). During this practice Twisters coaches will not only assist with strengthening tumbling and stunting skills, but also teach and coach our squad through halftime and time-out dances and routines. Working with a gym provides cheerleaders with more specialized instruction and helping squad members to grow both individual and as a team. **(Monthly fee of $55)**

**Information Sheet**

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Size: Shirt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shorts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shoes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Known Medical Condition(s) & Treatments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parents’ Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work/Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Policy and Group #: P#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cheer physicals are good for 1 year!

If you make the squad, you may need to get a new physical to cover our season.

You are responsible for providing this physical prior to summer mini clinics and camp.

**Intent Covenant**

**CANDIDATE INTENT AND PARENT PERMISSION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am trying out for cheerleader at Gibbs Middle School.

**STUDENT & PARENT INTENT SECTION:**

If selected, I agree to the following:

• I will be responsible financially for the cost of necessary purchases for cheerleading, including uniforms, warm-ups, shoes, & other items. I will fully participate in any fund raising activities.

• I will attend all practices and games. The only reasons for my not attending will be because of illness or death in my family. If either of these events occurs, I will notify the COACH prior to the game and seek approval before the absence.

• I will be on time for each practice/game and be dressed in complete uniform.

• I will attend practices immediately following school. These practices will be at least two days a week prior to the season and may also be scheduled as needed.

• I will attend all games including pre- and post-season games.

• I will be required to provide my own transportation if a team bus is not available.

• I will cooperate fully with the cheerleading coach and work to get along with the other cheerleaders on the squad.

• I understand that excessive/inappropriate student/parent drama, determined by the coach/administration, will result in automatic dismissal from the team.

• I will, at all times, follow the Knox County and Gibbs Middle School rules according to the student handbook.

• I will see that my behavior, ethics, and conduct remain above reproach.

• I have received a copy of the cheerleading packet and accept the responsibility to read it and be familiar with all the sections.

• I will obey and follow all the rules and regulations and consequences of the cheerleading squad as noted in the following pages.

• I understand that if an academic average below a “C” is reported on a nine-week report card, I will be immediately dismissed from the squad.

• I understand that the administration, in conjunction with the cheerleading coach, reserve the right to dismiss a cheerleader from the squad as deemed necessary.

**PARENT PERMISSION SECTION:**

I have read and understand the information sheet concerning the interest of my child to tryout for cheerleader. I have read the information packet and understand the rules, policies, and duties that my child will be accepting if selected. I also understand that if selected, my child will be required to participate in the summer camp, in the Knox County Schools’ athletic insurance program, and must attend all practices and games. While I expect school authorities to exercise reasonable precaution to avoid injury, I understand the school assumes no financial obligation for any injury that may occur. Therefore, I give consent for my child, to tryout for this cheerleader at Gibbs Middle School.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the Gibbs Middle Cheer Covenant for my duration on the team.

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Student Signature Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide & support the Gibbs Middle Cheer Covenant for my child.

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Parent Signature Date

**Rules & Regulations Sheet**

**CANDIDATE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHEET**

The rewards to the cheerleader are many; however, cheerleading involves a great deal of time and dedication. Both students and parents need to be aware of what is actually involved before a decision is made to try out. It shall be the purpose of this organization to promote and uphold school spirit, to develop good sportsmanship among students, to support the athletic program, and develop better relationships between schools during athletic events. The organization goals are to work in harmony with the administration, faculty, athletic teams, and all other school organizations. This organization is dedicated to being a role model for other students – academically, ethically, morally, behaviorally, and in our overall character.

I. ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS

A. Each candidate must complete and return all required forms by due dates.

B. No student is eligible to participate if they become 15 on or before August.

C. A candidate shall have been promoted from the preceding grade the previous year.

D. Students must be cleared by the principal to participate in tryouts. The sponsor and the principal will meet and review the candidate list and inform students of any problems prior to the tryout process.

E. Each candidate must have written certification by a medical doctor stating that they have passed a physical examination prior to trying out.

F. Students must have a “C” average the prior nine-week grading period to tryout. They must also have a “C” average for the first nine weeks of the season to be eligible to cheer.

**1. If a student’s average drops *below* a “C”, that student will be immediately dismissed from the cheerleading squad as per Knox County regulations.**

2. At the end of each academic term, students must bring their grade cards to the sponsor who will review them.

3. Students will be disciplined according to the demerit system detailed in this packet. All squads are required the Knox County to have a demerit system in place.

G. Students must maintain satisfactory and acceptable behavior throughout the time they are involved in cheerleading activities.

1. Upon receiving any behavior referrals (write-ups), by the end of the day the student must bring their referral slip to the sponsor who will copy, review, and discipline accordingly.

2. Students will be disciplined according to the demerit system detailed in this packet. All squads are required the Knox County to have a demerit system in place.

II. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Cheerleaders must attend a **full** school day on the day of a game to be eligible to cheer.

B. Notify the Coach **PRIOR (or as soon as possible)** to being absent from practices or games.

C. Cheerleaders will attend all pre- and post-season games.

D. Only the Coach has the authority to excuse absences.

E. Only illness WITH A DOCTOR’S NOTE and death in the family will be accepted for an excused absence from practices or games.

F. 2 unexcused absences from practices or games will result in immediate dismissal from squad**.**

G. Cheerleaders will **NOT** be allowed to leave early from games or practices unless they are sick or it is a family emergency. Leaving or missing for practice with another squad or team, for vacation, or any other non-emergency will count as an unexcused absence from the game (2 unexcused absences from practices or games will result in immediate dismissal from squad).

III. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

A. Before the season begins, practices will be held twice a week on Tuesday @ 5:00 – 6:00 at Twisters in Halls and Thursday @ 3:45 – 5:00 at school; any changes will be on the morning announcements or sent via text message.

B. Cheerleaders need to be picked up promptly at 5:00 following school practices.

C. All cheerleaders are required to attend all practices, including summer conditioning.

D. It is your responsibility to prepare your body ahead of time- exercise and conditioning will be a big part of who we are this year.

IV. TRANSPORTATION

A. The cheerleader is responsible for securing transportation to and from all home games.

B. The sponsor will arrange transportation on the players’ bus for away ballgames if available.

C. All cheerleaders will return by the same transportation unless the parent notifies the sponsor personally or by a written note.

D. Parents must pick the cheerleader up from school on time after all ballgames.

E. Parents will be made aware of “special circumstances” as soon as possible (providing own ride to or from game, etc.).

V. SUMMER CAMP & SUMMER PRACTICES

A. Each cheerleader will be required to attend summer camp at Twisters Gym (either July 29th-31st or July 24th-26th).

* Camp fees/Stunt Clinic will be paid through the school- fees total $140, due date will be noted on the payment schedule received by those who make the squad.
* Each cheerleader will be responsible for transportation to and from camp, bring water!

B. Summer practice schedule is to be announced.

VI. APPEARANCE

A. Uniform – Uniforms and shoes will be kept spotless and clean at all times. Uniforms must be neatly pressed and not in need of mending.

B. Poms – Poms will be brought to every activity, including practices.

C. Jewelry – No jewelry is allowed during any cheer events and activities.

D. Make-up – No excessive make-up. Make-up must pass the approval of the Coach.

E. Hair Styles – All hair will be worn in a ponytail for all games and activities with the appropriate ribbon. All hair must pass the approval of the Coach.

F. Nails – NO ACRYLIC NAILS ALLOWED. All nails will be no longer than fingertips during the season and will have clear polish only for competitions.

G. Gum – No gum or candy at practices or games.

H. Cheerleaders will wear the complete uniform chosen by the Coach and captains for each game. If they do not have their correct uniform or poms, they will not cheer.

VII. UNIFORMS

A. This year’s uniforms will be used again in future years and additional uniforms will be purchased to expand the teams options.

B. Each cheerleader will be issued a uniform. These are property of Gibbs Middle School.

C. Each cheerleader is responsible for the issued uniform and is to return the uniform in the same condition that it was issued.

D. Each cheerleader will contact the sponsor **PRIOR** to making any alterations to the uniform.

E. Each cheerleader will be responsible for any fees or costs for lost or damaged uniforms.

F. Each uniform will be returned to the sponsor at the end of the season. They must professionally dry-clean prior to turning them in.

VIII. BEHAVIOR

A cheerleader is a school leader and representative and must uphold the standards set by GMS. It should NEVER become necessary for a cheerleader to be suspended or have disciplinary action brought against them. Should this happen, appropriate action will be taken at the discretion of the Coach and/or principal, including but not limited to dismissal from the squad.

IX. DISCIPLINE

Knox County and TSSAA require “a progressive discipline policy to be established at each school by the sponsor and approved by the principal detailing squad requirements, discipline and a progressive methodology regarding disciplinary actions. The policy shall include the process for removing a participant from the squad.” In order to assure that cheerleading responsibilities are equally shared, a Demerit System will be given for absences from scheduled and called practices, failure to fulfill assigned duties, unbecoming behavior at practices and games, and failure to participate in special activities. A cheerleader’s behavior should be an example for others to follow, and must therefore be above reproach. Each cheerleader is expected to adhere to the rules of the school, as well as cheerleading rules and responsibilities. A cheerleader should display outstanding sportsmanship and school spirit at all times and remember that they have been chosen to be a leader. The signing of the tryout information paperwork is record that the cheerleader and parent were made aware of the demerit system prior to selection to the squad. **PLEASE** **NOTE THAT THE DEMERIT SYSTEM WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**. Cheerleaders will be notified of demerits as needed per incident. Upon accruing 15 demerits, the cheerleader will be immediately dismissed from the squad and required to return ALL items purchased by cheerleading funds. However, please note that the administration, in conjunction with the cheerleading coach, reserve the right to dismiss a cheerleader from the squad as deemed necessary. A meeting with the administration, parent, cheerleader, and cheer coach will be held to inform the cheerleader of the dismissal.

**Financial Responsibilities:**

Before Tryouts:

**Tryout Fee**: $30.00, girls will receive a music file of the dance music - either on CD or AirDropped to their phones.

If you make the squad, **you pay:**

**Squad Fee**: $425.00 *(Due dates will be announced at meeting on April 29th, for those who make the team.)*

**Camp Fees:** $140*(Due dates will be announced at meeting on April 29th, for those who make the team.)*

**Cheer Gym**: $55 a month – cheerleader responsibility, paid to the school by the 5th of each month. Our squad will attend a practice at Twisters Gym in Halls each Tuesday prior to the season. During this practice Twisters coaches will not only assist with strengthening tumbling and stunting skills, but also teach and coach our squad through halftime and time-out dances and routines. Working with a gym provides cheerleaders with more specialized instruction and helping squad members to grow both individual and as a team.

GMS CHEER Team Financial Agreement

Your coaches try very hard to keep expenses to a minimum. Therefore when fees are assessed they’re absolutely necessary. And it’s imperative that they be paid in a timely manner. Unpaid fees affect the entire team!

All fees shall be paid on or before the date they are due. Camp wear and other miscellaneous items are purchased through the school in an effort to keep costs low and tax free. Camp fees ($140.00) and gym fees each month (for weekly practice-$55.00) are paid through the school. If you are asked to send a check to school it is **ALWAYS should be** made payable to Gibbs Middle School with Cheer Team notated on the memo line.

All purchases scheduled (team wear, camp, etc.) must be paid by deadlines so that delivery is not delayed.

**I understand that if my child is selected for the 2019-2020 Gibbs Middle School Cheer Team I am required to pay all associated fees according to the payment schedule provided at the parent meeting on April 29th. I understand that non-payment of fees at any time can result in my child not performing with the team or being at risk of dismissal from the team. I understand that if my child quits or is dismissed from the team that all fees incurred up to that point are still required to be paid. I agree to communicate in advance with the coaches if extenuating circumstances will prevent me from making any payment on time.**

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Parent Signature Date

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Student Signature Date

**DEMERIT SYSTEM**

A. The following will result in immediate dismissal from the squad:

• Suspension from school

• Use of any illegal substance (i.e., drugs, tobacco, alcohol, etc.)

• Inappropriate behavior in public places

• Failure to attend summer camp or practices

• A total of fifteen (15) accrued demerits.

• 3 unexcused absences (game or practice)

\*Leaving a game early (unless a death or major injury to self or a family member has occurred)

\*Discussing squad member, their parent(s), or sponsor in a negative manner with others or on a social media website. (including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, AskFM, Myspace, Blogs, and etc.) This includes but is not limited to pictures (no swimsuit or provocative dress attire)/clothing, signs, and comments that are deemed unacceptable by the sponsor.

• Excessive DRAMA!

\*\*Cheerleaders will be dismissed upon accumulation of 15 demerits, no exceptions.\*\*

**Any of the guidelines or interpretations and any disciplinary action are at the**

**final discretion of the coach and/or GMS administration.**

**Cheerleaders must be able to run a mile and do 10 push-ups before practice starts.**

**Start conditioning now ☺.**

B. The demerit system is as follows:

5 DEMERITS-

- Unexcused absence from practice or game

- Not Participating in Community Service (examples include but are not limited to pancake breakfast, fantasy of trees, parades, or any other event in which Gibbs cheer squad is involved)

- Any grade below a C on progress reports or report cards (per occurrence)

- Time in RLC (Restorative Learning Center/Detention; per occurrence)

3 DEMERITS-

- Teacher contact about behavior within their classroom that inappropriate or breaking any school rules that result in any form of discipline or parent contact.

- Failure to wear correct uniform to school on game day (including shoes, bow, crop top, and poms)

- Leaving class early for a cheerleading activity without permission

- Fighting with another squad member

- Leaning on the wall during a game

- **Excessive** talking during a game

- Jewelry, Nail Polish, or Hair Not in a ponytail for practice or a game

-Talking during stunts

2 DEMERITS-

- Chewing Gum during practice or a game

- Leaving the cheer line during a game

- Late for practice or a game

- Failure to dress appropriately or not dressing for practice

1 DEMERIT-

- Giving poms to students in the stands

- Late returning from the quarter or half

- Any deviation from cheering – talking, mouthing words, horseplay, etc.

- Inappropriate dress at school (violating dress code)

- Behavior deemed inappropriate by Coach

C. Any cheerleader receiving any unsatisfactory conduct action (RLC – Restorative Learning Center) will be suspended from one game per occurrence. This is in addition to the demerits to be received.

D. Any cheerleader receiving any academic grade below a “C’ will be suspended from one game for each “D” and two games for each “F”. This is in addition to the demerits to be received.

E. Any cheerleader receiving an academic average below a “C” on a nine-week/semester report card will be immediately dismissed from the squad.

F. Any cheerleader returning late from the quarter or the half will not participate for the following quarter. This is in addition to the demerits to be received.

G. Any cheerleader with an **unexcused absence from practice** will not participate in the quarter, or time-out activities at the following game (They will however be able to preform at half-time so that the squad isn’t punished for their mistake). This is in addition to the demerits to be received.

X. GENERAL

A. Each cheerleader is required to carry the Knox County Schools athletic insurance program.

B. “While I expect school authorities to exercise reasonable precaution to avoid injury, I understand the school assumes no financial obligation for any injury that may occur. Therefore, I give consent for my child, to participate as a cheerleader at Gibbs Middle School.”

C. Each cheerleader is required to participate in fund raising activities. These activities will be supervised by the sponsor and approved by the principal.

D. All items to be purchased for cheerleading will be selected by the sponsor.

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*The administration, in conjunction with the cheerleading coach,***

***reserve the right to dismiss a cheerleader from the squad as deemed necessary.\*\****

**Tryout Procedures**

**Tryout Clinic will be held April 23rd, 24th, and 25th in the gym starting promptly at 4:00, with formal tryouts on the 26th beginning at 4:30, these are closed to the public**

**Results will be posted on the front doors of GMS**

**by 7 p.m. on April 26, 2019.**

**Talent will be what determines our squad.**

**Tryouts are completely closed**. No parents are allowed in the lobby or the gym. Please wait outside and your child will come to you when the tryout process has been completed, this includes clinic days.

When you arrive on Friday, please see cheer representative in the lobby to check in and get your number. This number will be on contact paper and should be pinned on the left thigh.

Candidates should then report immediately to the Health classroom. After putting your belongings in the Health room, report to the gym floor to stretch and warm-up. This warm-up is either with your group or individually.

**TRYOUT UNIFORM:**

black shorts (NO WRITING) white t-shirt (NO WRITING) tennis shoes

hair in pony tail (bow/ribbon optional) make-up to a minimum no jewelry of any kind

**ORDER OF EVENTS:**

**1)** WARM-UP – entire group will take the gym floor and do the chant with clinic instructors; exit the gym and go to the Health room; get in your groups.

2) **INDIVIDUAL TRYOUT** – one candidate at a time will enter the gym and stand in front of the judges and do their 3 **JUMPS**….**toe touch, side hurdler, and optional…**.then do the **CHANT**. When finished, go stand under the basketball goal, as practiced in “mock tryouts”.

3) Repeat above process until all in the group have completed individual tryout.

4) **GROUP TRYOUT** – small tryout group performs the **CHEER** and **DANCE**. When done – the entire group returns to Health room. Those trying out are to remain in the Health room until ALL groups have been seen- in the event of call backs you must be present.

Judges score sheets will be totaled and a combined score will be determined. Once all candidates have finished, the top scores will be determined and those will be our cheerleading squad members. Again, these results (names only) will be posted by 7 p.m. following tryout completions on the glass of the main school door. All candidates will remain in the Health room until tryouts are completed. This is done as a precaution in the event of a necessary call back or tied score. If you are involved in a tie situation and you have left the dressing room area, you will forfeit your right to participate in the tie breaker. The tie breaker, if necessary, will involve the candidates performing the CHANT AND CHEER in a group setting of various candidates selected by the sponsor. The judges will make their final decision from there. New score sheets will be used for the tie breaker. Once the scores have been tallied and no tie exists, you will be dismissed to meet your parents and leave the campus.

**SCORE SHEETS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

\*A COPY OF THE JUDGING FORM IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR REVIEW\*

**TEACHER EVALUATION (1)**

Cheer Team Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and Subject: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*This is a confidential evaluation.** Please return to either Coach Anderson or Long OR Kristi LaBorg in the main office at Gibbs Middle School. Feeder school teachers should place the evaluation in a sealed envelope for the team candidate to turn in or send to Caitlin Long & Shanda Anderson via school mail.

Please rate the student on a scale from 0-5 (5 being the best) on the following elements:

1. Respect of authority \_\_\_\_\_
2. Respect of Peers \_\_\_\_\_
3. Effort/Quality of work \_\_\_\_\_
4. Honesty and Integrity \_\_\_\_\_
5. On time & prepared for class \_\_\_\_\_
6. Turns in assignments on time \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Absences \_\_\_\_\_

In your professional opinion, how do you think this Cheer Team candidate will do on the Cheer Team? For example, will he/she bring positive energy, be able to support a team decision even if he/she disagrees with the decision, etc.

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**TEACHER EVALUATION (2)**

Cheer Team Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and Subject: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

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**TEACHER EVALUATION (3)**

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Teacher and Subject: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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