

## CHEER SELECTION PACKET

This packet is to inform you of the selection process and requirements for cheerleaders at Carter Middle School. When you have read the packet, please sign and return the attached permission slip to school by Friday, September 18, 2020. Physical forms must also be turned in by September 18, 2020, along with a copy of your medical insurance card. Physicals must be obtained after April 15, 2020. A copy of the Physical Form may be obtained on the Knox County Schools website.

Knox County eligibility rules are as follows;

1. A student shall have three consecutive years to participate from the date she is first enrolled in sixth grade.
2. No student shall be eligible to participate if she becomes fifteen on or before September 1.
3. A student shall have been promoted from the preceding year.

In preparation for try-outs, a mandatory clinic will be held to teach the cheers, chants, dance, and to give any additional information.

Attendance is mandatory for all students trying out. It will begin at 3:45 and end at 5:45. Arrangements should be made for transportation each day.

A panel of judges composed of experienced cheer coaches from other Knox County schools will choose the cheerleaders for Carter Middle School. Each judge will record a numerical score on a separate ballot for each contestant. These scores will be tabulated by a group of faculty members from CMS. An administrator will be present. The students with the highest scores will be chosen as cheerleaders. Each student will draw a number and will be known only by that number on try-out day. No personal names will be known or used.

When selected, the cheerleader will be required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and satisfactory conduct grades. They will be expected to attend all practices and games unless they are absent from school or have prior approval from Mrs. Mays or an administrator. A cheerleader must be at school the day of a game in order to cheer in that game. If any part of game day is missed, the cheerleader must have a written excuse from a doctor or dentist. We will have practice immediately after school until 5:30 at least two days a week. Each cheerleader must

have transportation home after each practice and game. Each cheerleader will be financially responsible for the cost of necessary purchases for cheerleading. If a cheerleader is a member of a competitive squad, cheering and practicing for Carter Middle School team MUST come first. Absence from a game or practice due to participation in the above will result in sitting out at least one game, and if more than one absence due to this, possible dismissal from the squad.

Carter Middle School cheerleaders represent Carter Middle School and Knox County. Therefore, their behavior in school or on a school-sponsored field trip must be in accordance with Knox County rules, as well as Carter Middle School rules. If any disciplinary reprimand is received from the cheerleader's teachers or administrators, then disciplinary action will result from the cheer squad. Carter Middle administrators and the cheer coach will determine what action is to be taken. Facebook or text messaging about any CMS game or practice or another athlete is forbidden. Necessary disciplinary action will be taken if this rule is broken.

I hope this information will help you understand the cheerleader selection process. It is a very difficult and stressful process, but every effort is made to be fair and to select the most deserving students.

Please sign and return the attached form, signifying you and your student have read the process and requirements, and giving your permission for your student to participate.

Thank You,

Mary Mays, Cheer Coach

Jack Owen, Principal  
Joey Ramsey, Athletic Director

My student and I have reviewed the cheer selection packet with rules and procedures for Carter Middle School. I am signing below, acknowledging that we have read and understand these procedures and will abide by them if my student becomes a member of the Carter Middle School Cheer Squad. This permission form is due by Friday, Sept.18 , 2020.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent of Guardian Signature

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Date

In compliance with the Knox County Covid regulations, the following procedures will be required.

Temperature will be taken upon arrival.

All participants must wear a mask.

Social distancing will be in place.

All participants must bring their own water bottle.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cheer Clinics : Monday, September 21, 2020

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Clinics will be from 3:45 until 5:45

Cheer Tryout: Thursday, September 24, 2020

Tryouts will begin at 4:00