



ORANGE GROVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Congratulations on your son's/daughter's decision to try out for the 2018 – 2019 Orange Grove Junior High School Cheerleading Squad. Cheerleaders/Mascot are the core of Bulldog Spirit and therefore have many responsibilities. These responsibilities involve leadership, excellence, and commitment.

Meeting: A mandatory student/parent/guardian meeting will be held on February 1, 2018 promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the JH Cafeteria. Please arrive early to have enough time to go over any papers or handouts. Late arrivals will not be able to attend the meeting. This meeting will be held to review the constitution, go over important dates, and to go over the instructions for tryouts including: dress code, arrival times, schedule of events, etc. Cheer candidates will also get their tryout packet at this time. Note: Completed tryout packets and Mascot tryout skits are due to the Junior High Office by February 16 2018 at 3:45 p.m. Packets/Skits will not be accepted after this time.

Cheer Clinic: Cheer Clinic practice sessions will be held on March 6, 2018 (mandatory) from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., March 7, 2018 (optional) from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and March 8, 2018 (optional) from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Junior High School Gymnasium. DVDs will be provided. Tryouts will be held on March 9, 2018 promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the Junior High School Gymnasium. Tryouts and Clinics are closed to everyone except the candidates, cheer sponsor, judges, and administrators.

Summer Camp: The 2018-2019 cheerleading squad will be attending a summer camp at Texas State University in San Marcos June 12-15, 2018. Attendance at this camp is mandatory.

Cheer Costs: Please be advised that the cost of being a cheerleader can be expensive. It is estimated that the cost of the uniform, cheer gear, and summer camp for each cheerleader will range from approximately \$800.00 to \$1600.00. A \$300.00 deposit is required to try out for the squad and is due by February 26, 2018 by the end of the school day, no exceptions. If your child does not make the squad, the school will issue you a refund check in the amount of \$300.00 after the week of OGISD scheduled Spring Break. Once tryout results have been finalized, squad members will be required to pay a second deposit of \$300.00 due on March 29, 2018. The third payment will be due on April 30, 2018. The remaining balance for camp and uniforms must be paid on or before May 31, 2018. All deposits/payments must be paid in cash or by money order. Cheerleaders may not pick up "cheer/camp gear" or attend summer camp until the remaining balance is paid in full. Cheerleaders who do not meet any and all of their financial obligations may be removed from the squad.

Uniform Fittings: Post-Tryout Meeting and Uniform fittings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 3:45 p.m. at the Jr. High School Cafeteria. One parent/guardian may attend the uniform fitting.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at zbates@ogisd.net.

Thank you,
Zada Bates
Junior High School Cheer Sponsor

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