

## SHS/HMS Cheering and Mascot Clinic and Tryout Information 2019 (Mascot for SHS only)

Mandatory parent meeting Wednesday, April 17th at 7pm in the Harding cafe.

For anyone interest in cheering/mascot for SHS or HMS a parent or guardian needs to be in attendance in order for their child to be able to tryout the following week. We will discuss the tryout process and what's involved, the rules, guidelines and breakdown of the following year for sideline and competition cheering and we will answer any questions you may have. Tryout permission slips will be signed and paper for the spirit signs will be handed out.

*Both clinic and tryouts will be in the Harding gym.*

### ***CLINIC- Tuesday, April 23 4:30-7:30***

*Tryout candidates will wear any red T-shirt and any colored athletic shorts with any type of tennis shoes. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail (hair bow optional) and no jewelry is allowed. They can bring water or Gatorade only. Please mark their names on their bottles with a sharpie.*

### ***CLINIC- Wednesday, April 24 4:30-7:30***

*Tryout candidates will wear any black T-shirt and any colored athletic shorts with any kind of tennis shoes. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail (hair bow optional) and no jewelry is allowed. They can bring water or Gatorade only. Please mark their names on their bottles with a sharpie.*

*TRYOUTS will be Sunday, April 28th starting at 4pm. The door will open at 3:40. Please do not be any earlier than this. Girls will be able to leave when they are finished with their tryout.*

*FOR TRYOUTS -White plain shirts (neck or T-shirt) and Plain black athletic shorts with any kind of tennis shoes and all WHITE SOCKS. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail with a hair bow. No jewelry (earring nose rings belly ring bracelets or necklaces etc. or visible tattoos- temporary or real) at cheering practices, tryouts or competitions) FYI- they are allowed small stud earring at games- no bigger than a pencil eraser in clear, black, or red only and only two holes at a time.*

(SHS girls are allowed acrylic nails for the tryout but they can't be too long. This is because of prom being the day before. Otherwise athletic length natural nails and no polish allowed.)

No cell phones are allowed to be used during clinic days but you will have the opportunity at the end of the clinic to video the material from your phone to practice with since they will have 3 days at home before tryouts.

*All potential candidates MUST be in attendance for at least 1 clinic day (both is recommended as different material will be taught each day) AND all candidates MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE for the actual tryout on Sunday, April 28th. No video tryouts will be allowed from this point forward.*

Results will be posted on the window near the doors to the cafe. The time will depend on the amount of candidates trying out and will be told to the girls the day of the last clinic. You can not wait outside of the windows before the result are posted. Please wait until the time we give them to get out of your cars and walk up to the windows to see then clear the area for the others to see.

Also, please take into consideration that not everyone makes cheering tryouts so please do not cause a scene one way or the other.

- Candidates will need to turn in two spirit signs (we will hand out specific paper at the meeting on April 17th and show a few examples). The signs must be on this paper because the poster board doesn't stay up on the school walls. They can be decorated using paint, markers, cut-out letters, etc. ABSOLUTELY NO GLITTER. (Glitter glue is acceptable because it doesn't shed) They will be disqualified if they use glitter because we won't be able to use their signs to decorate the halls. They must be completely dry before turning in. The top three winners of the signs (3 for SHS and 3 for HMS will receive 2 bonus points on their total score) if you do not make it you will not be given your sign back. All signs will be used to decorate the halls regardless of who makes it. Signs will be due by Wednesday, April 24th (if you will not be there because of track or the fine arts show you will still need to drop them off during clinic hours or bring them on Tuesday).
- Candidates will also be asked to donate to the Friendship Room downtown Steubenville. If you are not familiar with this organization you can look them up on Facebook. You can donate food (non perishable items), household items (cleaning supplies windex Clorox wipes broom mop pledge etc.), bathroom supplies (shampoo conditioner toothpaste mouthwash toothbrushes toilet paper razors soap wash rags towels etc.) kitchen supplies (dish soap sponges wrags hand towels paper plates cups or plastic utensils etc.) these are just some examples. You can donated whatever you choose. When you drop off your donations you will receive a receipt. You must turn this receipt in to Miranda, Emma or Stephanie by Wednesday, April 24th to be eligible to try out.
- Candidates must turn in one letter of recommendation from one CURRENT teacher. Failure to turn this in could result in being ineligible to tryout.

FYI- any transfer student interested in cheering/mascot for SHS or HMS must be completely enrolled through the main office for the 2019-2020 school year before the first clinic day in order to be eligible to tryout.

**For questions, please contact:**

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