MANNION MIDDLE SCHOOL Cheerleading Team Try-Out Packet 2018-2019

To be eligible to tryout and become a member of the Mannion Middle School Cheerleading Team, you must understand and adhere to the following information, rules, and regulations, as well as the rules and regulations outlined in the Cheer Team constitution (which you will receive if you make the team.)

To be eligible to try out for the team and remain on the team, all applicants **MUST**:

- have a minimum 2.0 GPA for each semester of the 2018-2019 school year
- have no "Unsatisfactory" marks in citizenship
- have no suspensions
- attend all required practices and performances

All students attending the tryout clinic **MUST** turn in the following, prior to participating in clinics:

- A signed parent permission slip (attached to this packet)
- A completed athletic packet (which you need to turn in to the Coach's office)

<u>Mandatory Try-out clinic</u>: This tryout clinic is mandatory for anyone trying out and will take place on, Tuesday September 11, Wednesday September 12, Thursday, September 13 and September 14. Times are 2:30pm–5pm. No late bus will be available.

<u>Parent Meeting</u>: If you plan on trying out, you and a parent must attend this informational meeting. The meeting will be held in the Theater Thursday, September 13 at 5pm.

Try-outs will take place on Friday, September 14th, 2:30 – complete.

- Clinic and tryouts are *closed* to friends and family members.
- Each candidate will be taught the routines they will need for tryouts.
- Each candidate may leave after they tryout.
- Results will be posted on the Mannion website, mannionmiddleschool.com under Athletics-Cheer.

<u>**Tryout Attire</u>**: Each applicant is **required** to wear a white t-shirt, black or dark blue shorts, tennis/cheer shoes, and his/her number each day of clinic and tryouts. No sheer blouses, or tank tops smaller than 3 fingers will be allowed. No jewelry may be worn. Your hair needs to be worn up out of your face and make-up should be in good taste. Applicants will be given identifying numbers to be worn on the front of their shirts during the clinic and tryouts.</u>

Judging: Each candidate will be judged on the following: cheer motions, voice, energy, performance appeal, spirit, jumps, dance execution, sharpness, timing, and tumbling. Members will be chosen based on their final tryout score and meeting all of the eligibility requirements noted in this packet.

Number of cheerleaders on the team: We will be accepting up to 20-25 members for the 2018-2019 cheerleading team.

If you are selected as a member of the 2018-2019 Cheer Squad:

<u>Practice</u>: Each member will be required to attend <u>ALL</u> scheduled practices in order to learn the routines for games, parades, and other events. As part of a team, your teammates are depending on your active participation – your absence affects the entire team. It is understood that students will sometimes miss school due to illness, but excessive absences, even in the event of illness, may result in being removed from the team. Per CCSD policy, if you are absent from school, you are not allowed to attend practice or performance for that day of the absence.

Practices will be held:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2:20-4:00pm or from 4:00pm-5:30 and may run later or days may change based on different activities.

**All practices are closed to friends and family members.

Practices will begin Monday, September 17. You will get a month-to-month practice, game, snack and volunteer calendar.

Additional required dates*:

Dates:		Choreography Camp at Mannion	Sept.22 and 23 8am-2pm
>		You must attend choreography camp. It will be on a SAT and SUN. It should be the only Sunday I ever schedule anything. If you have a last minute emergency/illness, and are unable to attend the choreography camp on either day, you will be choreographed out of the routine and will not perform with the group at half time. If your September payment has not been made, you will also not be allowed to participate in the camp and will have to learn the dance on your own.	
December:		Henderson Winter Parade	4:00-8:00 p.m. TBA
January-Apr	ril:	Basketball games	Dates/Times TBA

*There may be additional events that come up throughout the season. You will be given as much notice as possible. Games will be either at Mannion or at another school. CCSD will provide bus transportation for the team to get to the other school and back to Mannion. It is your responsibility to arrange transportation after the game from Mannion. Parents/rides must be on time. I will not wait for late rides.

* I will be using the REMIND app to communicate with the cheerleaders about different events, practices, etc...This will be set up on the first day of practice.

<u>Parent involvement</u>: To make this a successful year, the team needs parents to be involved. The following will be required of parents:

- Please make sure a ride is arranged to pick up your child ON TIME following practices, games, and any event.
- When events aren't immediately after school, please make sure you have your child dropped off on time (a few minutes early is always good!)
- During basketball season, cheer sells concessions at home games. We do this with the help of cheer parents. Each cheerleader will be assigned one game in which their parents will need to be available to come and work at the concession stand.
- Participate in the chocolate fundraiser, selling at least 2 boxes.
- Other fundraising to be announced.

<u>Cost</u>: Each member will be responsible for the following costs associated with being a part of the cheer team. Listed below are the *mandatory* costs for the 2018-2019 school year. These costs will be broken down into 3 payments. This is an estimate...

- Choreography Camp: \$80
- Cheer shoes, poms, briefs, liner, \$200 socks x 3, hair bow, shorts x 2, tee x 2—cheerleader keeps all of these items
- Warm up \$115 *required for new members and returning members
- Bag \$50 *required for new members *optional for returning members who need a new bag.

Total cost for new cheerleader: \$450.00 estimate

Total cost for returning cheerleader: \$300.00 estimate

(Speak with the coach if you need a new warm up or bag, the cost will be added into your dues, and you will receive a different payment breakdown.)

***Fundraiser money will be used for choreography during tryouts and choreography camp, it will also be used for bonding parties and the end of the year party.

Payment Due Dates: This is based on last year so it may vary this year. Payments will be due as follows: Estimate Only...

New Members	Returning Members
Sept. 21st - \$150	September 21st - \$100
October $23^{rd} - \$150$	October 23 – \$100
November 20 th – remaining balance	November 20 th – remaining balance

**The first payment is due right away during the first week of practice. If that payment isn't made you will not be able to attend Choreography Camp. Any member who misses payment deadlines will be benched until the missing payment is made or arrangements have been made with Coach April. If the member is benched for 3 consecutive weeks, then she/he will be dismissed from the team. If there is a financial difficulty, please contact the coach and private arrangements can be made.

Discipline:

DEMERITS: We will be using a demerit system as a discipline tool to keep the cheerleaders on the right path. All members will be expected to have the same classroom conduct during practices and games. The guidelines for the demerit system will be available in the Cheer Constitution and By Laws Packet available after our team has been selected, during the first parent meeting. The Coach and the Captain will be issuing demerits for discipline.

<u>BENCHING</u>: We will bench anyone who does not follow our discipline guidelines and anyone falling below grade point average or with a current F. When a cheerleader is benched, they will dress in the uniform and sit with the coach in the stands during the game.

*If your child does not make the team, please encourage them to try again next year or tryout for the school Mascot. Mascot tryouts will be shortly after Cheer Tryouts. The Mascots are very involved with the cheerleaders and are part of the team. I will also be looking for a cheer Manager to help me with the Concession stands and other things.

*If your child makes the team there will be additional information about everything in detail at the 1st parent meeting! The first Parent meeting will be Sept. 18th at 5pm.

The next page contains a paper that must be signed and returned by Sept.11th

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Coach April Perrucci via email at <u>perrua@nv.ccsd.net</u> or call 702-733-3020 ext. 4077

Cheer Team Tryout Application

Bring to the first day of try out clinic—<u>student will not be allowed to participate in the clinic</u> <u>without it.</u>

Student Name: _____

First

Last

Student Number

Grade Level: _____

Signed agreement to the Cheer Team Rules and Regulations

Parent Permission

I give my child permission to try out for the Mannion Middle School Cheerleading Team for the 2018-2019 school year.

I understand that the school and coaches assume no responsibility for any accident or injury that might occur during the week of tryouts. The coaches will teach safety rules and regulations to each candidate.

** Should my child be selected as a member of the Cheer Team at Mannion Middle School, my child and I will abide by all rules and regulations of the Mannion Middle School Cheer Team Constitution (to be handed out at the first practice) and the 2018-2019 Cheer Team tryout packet. I also understand that the parent/guardian shall be responsible for all transportation, unless otherwise instructed by coaches. If my child is removed from the team, through voluntary or involuntary action, I understand that there will be no refunds given for fees/costs paid to the cheer team for my child's merchandise.

Student Name (Print)	Signature	Date
Parent Name (Print)	Signature	Date

Parent Contact Numbers